

CARRILEA'S CORNER

Dear Grace,

Now that the Advent and Christmas season are over I wanted to give you a little heads up about what I'm going to be thinking about and preaching on for the next few weeks of January.

SALVATION, SIN, AND EVIL

I know, those are some loaded words right?!

While they are common terms in Christian circles— how we use them and what exactly they mean can vary widely. So this January, we're revisiting three foundational ideas at the heart of our faith. For some of us, we've thrown them out, or we are trying to salvage these words and make them make sense within our belief system. For others, we don't carry much baggage with them and simply want to understand what we mean when we use them.

Over the next three weeks, we'll ask:

What does it mean to be saved?

What is sin—and what does repentance actually look like?

What is evil, and where does it live?

What we think about these words and concepts shapes whether faith feels like freedom or fear, whether we respond to harm with shame or with healing, and whether we believe change is possible—or maybe inevitable.

I promise to do my best to keep this series grounded and accessible—not overly full of “churchy” language or abstract theology. I also know there will be a wide range of experiences, questions, and perspectives in the room, and I want to make space for that. As I've said before, the sermon is meant to start conversation, not end it. So over the next few weeks, I'll make time for some sermon talk-back and shared reflection.

This isn't a series about getting theology “right.” It's about discovering a faith that is life-giving, honest, and liberating—a faith that can hold complexity, name harm, and still proclaim hope.

Happy New Year

I hope to see you soon,

Carrilea

January 4-10, 2026

January Birthdays

- 1 - Aubrey Shoemaker
- 1 - Stephen Chesnut
- 5 - Chris Shuford
- 7 - Elijah Brown
- 9 - Maya Hall
- 12 - Tipton and Ezra Tosco
- 13 - Carole Hendrix
- 15 - Jack Corcoran
- 16 - Worth E Williams II
- 18 - Jon Christian Comer
- 26 - Bryan Starrette

Mark Your Calendars for:

Grace Annual Retreat

Friday, January 23rd. 6PM

If you would like to make soup or a dessert
let Neal know.

Cabinet Retreat

Saturday, January 24th. 9AM

ICM NEEDS CEREAL, RAMEN NOODLES, AND MAC-N-CHEESE. I ALSO WANTED TO PUT IT OUT THERE THAT WE ARE IN NEED OF A MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH CLIENT CHECK IN. THIS WOULD BE LEARNING A SIMPLE PROGRAM ON THE COMPUTER AND HELPING INSURE THAT THE DAYS VISITS GET PUT INTO OUR LINK2FEED SYSTEM.

BUDGET

Needed year to date: 2118.00

Received year to date: \$2183.81

OVER budget: \$65.81

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This Week's Offering: \$2183.81



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