

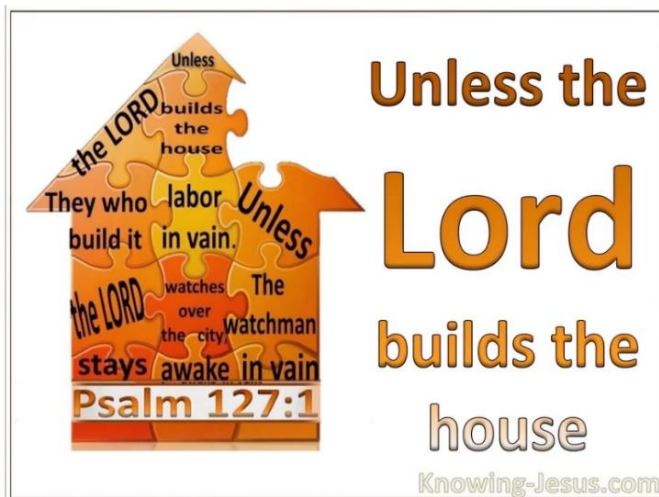


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**January Church Calendar**

- 01/01: 09:30 AM – Sunday School; 10:30 Main Service  
 Youth Mtg – after Main Service
- 01/07: 08:00 AM – Women’s Prayer @ Aunt B’s
- 01/08: 09:30 AM – Sunday School; 10:30 Main Service  
 Youth Mtg – after Main Service
- 01/15: 09:30 AM – Sunday School; 10:30 Main Service  
 Youth Mtg – after Main Service
- 01/22: 9:30 AM – Sunday School; 10:30 Main Service  
 Youth Mtg – after Main Service
- 01/29: 9:30 AM – Sunday School; 10:30 Glover Family  
 Lunch – after Main Service

## Monthly Memorization

**Psalm 127:1**  
**Our Church’s**  
**Verse of the Month -**  
**January 2023**



“Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving” –  
*Colossians 4:2*

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Bible is filled with reminders of how important it is for us to pray for one another. Jesus gave us the best example as He prayed for those who followed Him. Paul also left us prayers written for the churches he had visited over time. The truth that rings through all is this: “Ask, seek, knock” (Matthew 7:7), “Pray always” (Ephesians 6:18), “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Yes, it is really important.

In a world that is dark, and we know the end is drawing nearer, may we be found faithfully praying for one another until Christ’s return. Today, there are believers around the world who are persecuted and are even killed for their faith. Here in America, we are sheltered. In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, there were double the number of Christian martyrs than in all the previous 19 centuries put together. So, what should we do? Where can we go but to the Lord, for we can be sure of this: Satan is very aware of the power of our prayers. And he will do everything he can to render us ineffective and to silence our voices. May God help us to recognize his traps and do all we can to show God’s love and light in this world that so desperately needs Christ’s hope and healing as we begin 2023.

*Dear Lord God, we need Your power and Your strength; now more than ever before. I ask that you fill our church with the Spirit of love and unity. I ask for your help to set aside any differences that might be in this church body. Please help us to truly live out a life of love. We know that this is only possible through the power of the Holy Spirit, so I ask that You move in a mighty way, turning people to You, and drawing others to come to know Jesus as Saviour. We need your love to stir our hearts and give direction in 2023. We want your wisdom to guide us, and You to lead us, so that this church brings honor and glory to You. We thank you that you are always with us; and give us purpose and hope.*

*In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

*Pastor Mark Davis*