NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

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Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need.

May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith.

This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come. Amen.

Prayer by Billy Graham for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008

AS A NEW YEAR BEGINS.

In addition to Sunday school classes, we have weekly Bible Studies (schedule on back).

Our Women's Missionary Auxiliary
Meet on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays of the month.

GMAs, Sunbeams, and Galileans (PreK-Highschool) meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays

Men's Breakfast is on the first Saturday of the month (Oct-May)

Trailblazers (ages 50+)
meet for dinner on the 2nd Thursday

the Table fellowship (everyone is invited)
meets the first Tuesday of the month for a dinner and activity



EVENTS IN JANUARY

- 1 No Wednesday Night Activities
- 4 Men's Breakfast 8AM
- 7 Women's Missionary Auxiliary 10AM
- 7 the Table fellowship 6PM
- 9 Trailblazers 6PM at Logan's Biscuit Company
- 11 District WMA Meeting 10AM-12PM
- 12 GMAs, Sunbeams, and Galileans 4PM
- 26 GMAs, Sunbeams, and Galileans 4PM
- 26 Leadership Meeting 4:30PM
- 26 Church Business Meeting following the 6PM service
- 28 Nursing Home Birthday Party 2PM at Caraday of Mineola

MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

BUILDING UTILIZATION- JAN 2 & 16 AT 6:30PM CHAIR: DAVID CURRY

> TECHNOLOGY- JAN 13 AT 6:30PM CHAIR: STEVE TURNER

BUILDING & GROUNDS- JAN 12 AT 4:30PM CHAIR: SEAN RADNEY

> SAFETY- JAN 12 AT 5PM CHAIR: DAVID CURRY

DEACONS- JAN 19 AT 5PM CHAIR: RANDY OSBORNE

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

MON 6PM- EPHESIANS STUDY AT THE CURRY'S HOME
WED 6PM- ADULTS & CHILDRENS
WED 7PM- YOUTH

THURS 5PM- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: ACTS *RESUMES 1/9

To help in caring for the needs of the congregation, we have teams available.
Please feel free to reach out to our deacons, hospitality team, and helping hands:

Deacon: Sean Radney: 903-360-8770 Hospitality Team: Debbie Cantu: 409-718-8881 Helping Hands: Andy Hedlund: 806-438-8581

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Annalee McCallum

4 Judy Stine

5 Kim Sauceman

6 Larry Allbritton

7 Jay Williams

8 Michael Holland

11 Cavin Taylor

13 Andrew Asbell

15 Barbara Borrego

6 Mike DeLong

17 Pat Dulin

18 Tim Hubbard

19 Shana Kovic

21 Star Chreiman

21 Tommy Stephens

22 Emily Fortner

23 Debbie Scarberry

23 Phil Stephens

23 Gail DeLong

24 Versie Aycox

24 Mary Osborne

25 Wanda McGuire

25 Lincoln Davis

25 Lilah Davis

27 Jerry Coley

27 Angela Butler

28 Sherry Patterson

29 Joyce Willard

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 John & Lynita Beck
7 Tim & Vickie Williamson
11 Jim & Shara Hanson
11 Steve & Gail Turner
16 Jerry Bruce & Sheree Mize
16 Daniel & Kayla Taylor
19 George & Alayana Hutton
27 Claude & Judy Stine
28 Pat& Janice Dulin