

DECEMBER 2024/JANUARY 2025

# HBC ALIVE!

Harrisonburg Baptist Church's Newsletter



## Prayer for a Village

PASTOR MATT WINTERS

As we enter the Christmas season, we're surrounded by the surprises of God—a virgin birth in a stable, Magi visitors, an escape to Egypt and angelic visitors. Jesus, as a grown man, is doubted as Christ/Messiah because he was from Nazareth. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Nathaniel asks Philip in John 1:46. Throughout the Bible, God has a penchant for doing surprising things, and using people from little known places to do amazing things. In truth, that’s the story of many of us.

However, as we think about the global culture we have, we're invited into a small, out of the way village in the vast island of Madagascar. In October, Todd and Deborah Hoskins joined us for worship, and Madagascar is their mission field. HBC has the special privilege to pray for the village of Ankazomena as they minister there. Currently, only one believer is present, and his name is Mana. The goal is to pray for the men and women of Ankazomena, that they may hear the word, feel the presence of the Holy Spirit, and receive Jesus Christ as Lord. In praying for this village, we'll also remember the call on our own lives to share the gospel message. I hope you'll commit to praying for this village on a regular basis. Todd and Deborah will keep us updated on this village as they continue to minister and serve.

Will you join me today in this prayer: “Dear God, we lift up

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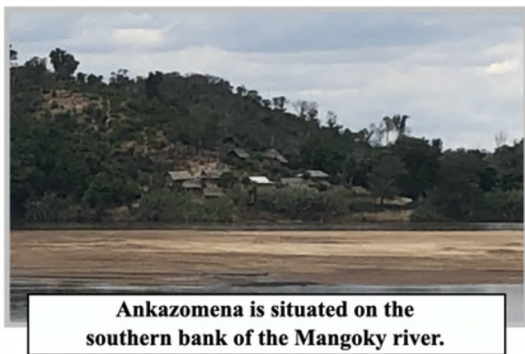
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the village of Ankazomena to you. May you safeguard it and spread your mantle over it keeping the families safe. In your presence, may they see you, feel you and know you. May you strengthen Mana, Todd and Deborah keeping them at your side. Give them your words and heart in every situation. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.”



**Ankazomena is situated on the southern bank of the Mangoky river.**

## Following Jesus

NICO NGUIMBI, DEACON

Jesus walking by the sea of Galilee saw two brothers Peter and Andrew casting a net into the sea for they were fishers, and he said unto them follow me and I will make you fishers of men, and they straightway left their nets and followed him & he also saw two brothers James and John mending their nets and he called them, they immediately left their ships and followed him.

In this way Jesus called his first disciples, his apostles who labored with him, testified of him, for the rest of their lives they didn't postpone or procrastinate, they dropped their nets, left their ships, and followed the

Lord in the words of the scriptures straightway - immediately.

Such a simple description could give the impression that the choice to leave everything and follow Jesus was simple but surely it wasn't. We could imagine Peter, Andrew, James, and John were relatively comfortable catching fish, they had been probably doing it for awhile and providing a living for their families; now they were to leave all of that to be fishers of men? What does that mean? They likely felt unprepared, inadequate, and yet when the call came, they answered with willing hearts without looking back.

Acting in faith despite uncertainty ahead, they followed Jesus Christ with difficulty and trial with hardships and heartache until the end of his mortal life, they continued to follow him sharing his message of faithfulness and devotion.

In a similar way Jesus calls you and me to follow him. He calls us to set aside our self-centered pursuits. He calls us to keep his commandments. He calls us to love and serve our neighbors. He calls us to strive and be more like him. He calls us to extend the same invitation to others. It will probably require leaving our nets those entangling things that hold us back and keep us away from the Lord in his higher holy ways.

We may feel unprepared and inadequate but that's when our Savior's mercy and grace comes in with gentleness and love he straighten us as we turn to him, yield our hearts to him straightway immediately follow Jesus.



## Advent Kits

If you are a family with young children, we will have Advent Kits available for your family beginning on Sunday, December 1. Be sure to pick one up in the foyer either before or after the worship service!

## Christmas Post Office

DEC 1 - 24

The youth group is sponsoring a “post office” for your Christmas cards as a fundraiser for Passport Camp next summer. Place your cards in the designated alphabetical boxes in the foyer starting on December 1. The Christmas Post Office will run through December 24. The suggested donation is \$0.25 per card. Please keep in mind that cards should only be sent to regular church attendees. The youth group is unable to mail cards and hand deliver cards outside of the church building.

## Christmas Carol Sing-Along

THURSDAY, DEC 5 @ 2PM

All are welcome to join the senior adults in singing some of our favorite Christmas hymns and songs. Let's add to the festivities by wearing our Christmas sweaters, whether crazy, ugly or classic.

After singing, we will fellowship in the foyer with some light refreshments.

## Christmas Cantata

SUNDAY, DEC 8 @ 10:30AM

The HBC Choir will present the cantata “Night of the Father’s Love” by Pepper Choplin during the morning worship service. They will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra. The cantata features readings and an opportunity for the congregation to sing along with the choir. Please plan to attend and invite your friends!

## Christmas Dinner & Children’s Pageant

WEDNESDAY, DEC 11 @ 5PM

Tickets for the Christmas Dinner are for sale in the foyer on Sundays after the worship service for \$10/person (max \$40 per family). December 8 will be your last chance to purchase tickets. Plan to stay after the dinner for our children’s Christmas Pageant!

## Stations of the Manger

SUNDAY, DEC 15 @ 6PM

Join us in the sanctuary for the Stations of the Manger prayer service where we will join together to acknowledge the grief and sadness that many of us carry into the holiday season. Christmas is not always a merry time for everyone and we want to acknowledge that as we also gather together to find pockets of hope, peace, and joy even when our hearts are so heavy. The prayer stations will be open from 5 to 6pm and



again following the service for some personal time of prayer and the stations will be set up in the sanctuary for the following week if you'd like to set up a time to come visit them at that time if you're unable to make the service. Know that we are praying for you and we also recognize our great need for one another in the times in our lives that are the hardest. Together, let us remind ourselves of the goodness of God.

## Christmas Caroling

WEDNESDAY, DEC 18 @ 5PM

We will again be caroling at the homes of some of our members as well as some the senior living facilities in the area, followed by treats and hot chocolate in the Fellowship Hall! Families are invited. Bells will be jingled. We will be sharing more details, but we will be dividing into teams so that we can reach all the people we want to reach. Contact Kathy Ritche if you are interested. ([gkcdrit@aol.com](mailto:gkcdrit@aol.com)) Come for a time of good fellowship and a heart-warming opportunity to share Christmas cheer and the good news of Christ's birth!

## Christmas Eve Service

TUESDAY, DEC 24 @ 5PM

The special offering for the Christmas Eve service will be collected for the Central Valley Habitat for Humanity. We are all too familiar with the housing needs throughout our country, and the local Habitat for Humanity office does great work. We are committed to doing our small part to address the housing needs in the city.

## Wonder Women

Our Wonder Women group will meet on Tuesday, December 10 at 6pm (and again on Tuesday, January 21) in B4. If you've joined us before we look forward to seeing you again. And if you have not yet been able to join us for an opportunity to remind each other to keep our eyes open to the wonder of God in this world (especially in this season), we would love to have you!

## Prayer and Story Circles

Our Prayer and Story Circles continue! If you would be interested in joining one or creating another one please reach out to me. There is room for you!

For the months of December and January, let me encourage you to think about some things together and continue to share the stories of your lives with one another. What do you enjoy most during the Advent season—not Christmas but the time leading up to Christmas—the time of waiting and expectation. And what is challenging about that season for you? And as you think of beginning another new year, consider what you hope this new year brings for someone you love and share that with your Prayer Circle when you meet.

For our prayer focus for this time let's join together in prayer asking God for a renewed commitment to his calling and purpose in this world for us as individuals and as a church. In the significant moments of this



new year, let's commit together to jump in the deep end of the pool of our faith and rededicate our lives to the one who came so that we might have life eternal. Share with your circle some specific steps that have helped you in the past to strengthen your relationship with God or new steps you'd like to take in 2025.

Many blessings on your holiday season,  
eli

## Senior Adult Birthday Celebration

**THURSDAY, JAN 2 @ 2PM  
AT SMILEY'S ICE CREAM STORE**

We'll start the year off by celebrating our birthdays together while enjoying Smiley's ice cream. Come prepared to fellowship with others born in your birth month.

## Founders' Day Service

**SUNDAY, JAN 19**

We will be celebrating 155 years as a congregation this year. Our speaker will be Nathan Taylor, Director of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society. We will have special music and review events in the life of the church from this past year.

P.S. We still have some beautiful HBC 150th Anniversary Christmas ornaments if you did not get yours the first time around. See Gary if you are interested.

## Children's Ministry Training

**SATURDAY, JAN 25, 9AM-3PM**

We welcome all of our current volunteers with our children's ministry to join us for a Children's Ministry Training Event with Dr. Sarah Boberg from the Divinity School at Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC. We will welcome other churches from the Augusta Baptist Association for the morning session (9am to noon), and then those of us from HBC will stay for lunch with Sarah and an afternoon session from 1 to 3pm on our own with her. Please sign up at the Info Desk starting in January if you plan to attend. It will be a great day for us to focus on how to better share the love of Jesus with the children of our church and our community!

## Passportkids!

Our children grades 3 through 6 are once again heading to Eagle Eyrie for Passportkids! this summer Wednesday, June 11 through Saturday, June 14. If your child would like to attend, a deposit of \$75 per student is due by Sunday, January 26 and the balance (depending on fundraising efforts but will be no more than \$100) will be due by Sunday, April 27. If you are interested in chaperoning this trip or if you have any questions at all, please reach out to Pastor Eli.



## December Youth Events

DEC 1

9:15am Sunday School  
No evening activities

DEC 8

9:15am Sunday School  
5:30-7:30pm Dinner & Bible Study

DEC 15

9:15am Sunday School  
5:30-7:30pm Dinner & Bible Study

DEC 18

6-8pm Clothes Closet

DEC 22

9:15am Sunday School  
5:00-8:00pm Christmas Party

## January Youth Events

JAN 5

9:15am Sunday School  
5:30-7:30pm Dinner & Bible Study

JAN 8

6-8pm Clothes Closet

JAN 12

9:15am Sunday School  
5:30-7:30pm Dinner & Bible Study

JAN 19

9:15am Sunday School  
5:30-7:30pm Dinner & Bible Study

JAN 26

9:15am Sunday School  
5:30-7:30pm Dinner & Bible Study

## Youth Update: Fall Happenings

REV. KATELYN BELCHER

It has been a busy and eventful fall for our youth group. We were really looking forward to attending CBFVA's Fall Retreat at the end of September, but that happened to be the weekend of record flooding, and the retreat had to be canceled.

In October, many of our youth group members attended HBC's Fall Festival and they really enjoyed the food, fellowship, and games during the intergenerational party. We also resumed our regular Sunday night meetings, and we have enjoyed dinner together, followed by meaningful Bible study time, and games.

We continue to serve at Clothes Closet every month, and we also serve as a Bag Lunch team throughout the year. We had both missions events during the same week in November. At the end of November, the youth group is looking forward to a Lock In! It has been a couple of years since our last Lock In and high attendance is expected. We plan to go skating at Funky's Skate Center and then we will be "locked in" the church for the night. We have many fun activities planned, including, an escape room designed by Pastor Matt, nerf wars, a late-night pizza party, and lots of games. We are excited to get everyone together for a night of screenless fellowship!





## How I Experienced a Miracle

DOUBTING THOMAS DON CUDE

After having five years of successful “EMPTY BOWLS” dinners and another five years of COVID shut downs, it seemed time to resurrect the event and give needy people in Kenya a well for safe drinking water.

October first week — I began soliciting donations from local merchants. Soon I realized things had changed. I normally get 12 restaurants to donate 5 gallons of their specialty soups, equaling 60 gallons total, but eight restaurants either closed or could not afford to donate. I am praying for more.

October second week — I have 10 gallons of soup and 10 tickets sold. Knowing that GOD promises to bless us as we pursue His plan for our life, I continued seeking donations and began bathing all my thoughts in prayers for GOD’s provision.

October third week — I have 18 gallons of soup and 20 tickets sold. I continued seeking donations and began bathing all my thoughts in prayers for GOD’s provision.

October 24th — We were hoping for 50, but GOD sent 200 people! At the end we had enough soup and cookies for everyone and plenty to feed the homeless and needy people at our HBC Saturday luncheon (Like left-overs after Jesus feeding the 5,000). Our goal was to raise \$10,000 to drill a well. We raised \$15,494 which broke our record. Many volunteered to bake cookies or serve; others made gift baskets for the auction;

others gave monetary donations. A Bible study small group from Church of the Lamb, looking for a community outreach project, volunteered to serve in the kitchen and afterwards said, “This project was such a blessing because it brought everyone in our group closer together in such a meaningful way.” Thank you all for serving.

GOD says to communicate our NEEDS and within HIS plan He will provide.

NEED — A well for Entashata community of 2,000 and primary school that Nasaruni Academy is helping to develop. Women walk about 1 1/2 hours each way to obtain safe drinking water. That is 3 hours walking at 5 mph = 15 miles total. In church, when I am thirsty I walk one minute to the fountain and drink safe water. See how God continually blesses us.

GOD says to seek HIS BLESSINGS so that we can bless others by helping them. This is exactly what Pastor Matt teaches us every Sunday— to model JESUS by serving those less fortunate in our church (benevolent fund), community (Saturday luncheon), and world (Nasaruni Academy).

If you want to grow spiritually with GOD — open your eyes to the needs of others and do something to bless them. Then you will find your purpose in life in BLESSING GOD as you bless others. This will bring you great joy! So, whenever you eat soup from your souvenir Empty Bowl, remember - YOU participated in a MIRACLE.





## Missions Minute

JULIE AITTAMA

Thank you to all that packed an Operation Christmas Child box. We collected 40 boxes this year! These boxes will truly bless a needy child and spread the word and love of Jesus Christ. The Christmas Angel Tree had tags for needy families in our community. The gift tags were from Salvation Army, Spotswood Elementary and HBC. You have spread the joy and love at Christmas for those in need. We are blessed to have such giving people here at HBC.

## Trustees' Spotlight

ANGELA HAYES, TRUSTEE

Are you looking for a way to Bless HBC: Today, Tomorrow, and Beyond at year-end? If you are at least 70 ½ years old and still have remaining required minimum distributions (RMD) to make this year, consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to the HBC General Fund or the HBC Trustees Fund by year-end. Qualified Charitable Distributions count toward Required Minimum Distributions in the year they are distributed and may not be included in income, thereby lessening the taxable income and taxes from what they would be with just an RMD.

Qualified Charitable Distributions can be made from either a traditional or ROTH IRA. When certain rules are followed, Qualified

Charitable Distributions can reduce your taxable income, even if you are not able to take advantage of itemized deductions.

For example, if you had RMD's of \$50,000 and paid taxes of 20% (\$10,000), then you would only receive \$40,000 after taxes. If you then tithed/donated \$5,000 to HBC, you would have \$35,000 left.

However, if you would have made a QCD of \$5,000 directly to HBC from your IRA, then you would only have had \$45,000 taxable income and would only pay \$9,000 (\$45,000 X 20%) in taxes leaving you with \$36,000 – a tax savings of \$1,000.

To make a QCD, you must be at least 70 ½ years old. QCDs must transfer directly from the IRA to a qualified charity. For distributions to count for 2024, they must be received by December 31st.

Prayerfully consider blessing HBC with a QCD by year end or making QCDs to HBC next year for 2025. Note: the decision to make QCDs should be discussed with your tax or financial professional.

Our next Trustees' Spotlight will be on ways HBC has been blessed. Additionally, we are planning an in-person presentation covering the information from this series where further questions can be asked.



## New Members



**Vicki and Casey Alexander** joined with HBC on October 27, 2024. Vicki graduated from JMU with a degree in Psychology and Early Childhood Education, and worked for the Virginia Beach Public Schools for 34 years. She enjoyed singing in the choir, Baptist Student Folk Team at JMU, cooking, baking, tutoring 1st grade students, and gardening. Vicki passed away on November 4.

Casey graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Business Management and worked for the Department of Defense and US Navy for 35 years. He enjoys playing the accordion, coin collecting and fishing and boating.



**Cindy Watkins** became a member of HBC on October 6, 2024. Cindy is mother to two grown children and grandmother to six. She is employed as Information Systems Manager at Ellijay Telephone Company and plans to retire in December after 40 years of employment. She enjoys helping with her grandchildren (ages 3 and 1) and watercolor painting, walking, reading and exploring new areas. Cindy says, "I'm excited to begin my retirement life in Harrisonburg near my family here. I've lived in Ellijay, Georgia, for most of my life and moved here 2 years ago. I'm thankful that God has been with me and guided me during this transition."  
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**Gilbert Dara and Christina Numfor** joined with HBC on November 17, 2024. Gilbert and Christina have three children: Kellly-Keziah, Ethann, and Delma.



## Congrats, Gabrielle!

Gabrielle Schofield is graduating from JMU with a BFA in Art, concentration in Painting and Drawing and with an Art Education License.



## Disaster Response

In mid-October, HBC and the JMU BCM sent a team of nine persons to provide clean up from the Hurricane Helene damage. The group stayed in Damascus, VA, and worked in Konnarock, a small hamlet near Whitetop Mountain. We worked on a home damaged from 3 feet of water indoors. We cleared out moldy items, removed drywalls and cabinets, tore out the flooring and helped air out the home. Other churches then responded with a rebuild effort. The work in Damascus will be ongoing until the Spring, so if others would like to go, we can send another team.

## Pastor Eli Named 2nd VP of BGAV

Congratulations to our associate pastor, Eli Withers, for being elected the Second Vice President of the Baptist General Association of Virginia for the upcoming calendar year. The Second Vice President has responsibilities that include meeting with the Program Committee to plan next year's annual meeting for BGAV as well as regularly meeting with and working with the BGAV Executive Board throughout the year to help guide decisions made in Virginia Baptist Church life. One of our former pastors, Dr. Tom Reynolds, was also active in Virginia Baptist life and formerly served as the First Vice President of the BGAV while he was on staff at Blacksburg Baptist Church. Please be in prayer for Pastor Eli as she assumes the responsibility of this new role in our state convention.

Coincidentally, **Shirley Cobb** just retired from the BGAV Executive Board after serving on it for nine years! Congratulations Shirley! And thank you for your work with BGAV in helping the Kingdom of God to grow!

## Staff Recognition

Many thanks to our dedicated staff who are celebrating a work anniversary in January!

**Harold Bailey** has been our pianist for 5 years.

**Philip Northen** has served as our media ministry assistant for 4 years.

**Sarah Northen** has served in HBC's nursery for 8 years.



## Thank You's

Church Family,

We want to thank you so very much for being Jim's second family all these years, most recently providing such wonderful support and prayers for both of us during these difficult months of battling his cancer. He looked forward to coming to church to worship and to be ministered to and loved by you each week. You provided the smiles, words, hugs, and prayer support he needed. Thank you. This church provided him so many enriching opportunities over the years to minister to others, which was what he was all about, from singing with choir brothers and sisters, working with young people in youth and college groups, to relief opportunities and many others.

We thank Pastor Matt, Pastor Eli, Gary Ritcher, Heidi Ruiz and Kim Brubaker for their time, support, and providing a wonderful memorial service. We also want to thank Jim and Susan Kiser for the beautiful flowers, and the families who prepared / provided / served the lovely luncheon after his memorial service. Our families expressed so very much appreciation for that. I hope I will have the opportunity to help carry on that wonderful service to other families. Words just don't adequately express the value of being a part of a loving, supportive church family. May many more in our community have that in their lives, if only for such a time as this.

Sharon Wampler and Family

**Thank you** to all who are taking meals to Neil Showalter through the 'Take Them a Meal' program. Neil has enjoyed the food and especially loves to see us come to his home. The need is still there. As I expand the dates on the 'Take them a meal' calendar I hope you will continue to sign up. If you are not on my 'Take them a meal' contact list and would like to be just let Rosemary Lonberger know. She may be reached at 540-421-3712.

Neil has given so much to our church. This is a small way of saying "Thank you Neil" in his time of need.

### Do You Knit or Crochet?



Our HBC Prayer Shawl Ministry needs Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes. These shawls and lap robes bring much comfort to our friends who need a little love and reassurance that we are praying for them. With each shawl/robe we include a note asking our Lord to give them blessings, courage, strength, and healing. Mark 11:24

Prayer Shawls vary in size. We have found 23" x 60" work well to put around shoulders and Lap Robes 35" x 40". These are just estimate sizes. Whatever you are accustomed to making will work fine.

## Sept/Oct Stewardship Snapshot

Budget needs as of 10/31/24     \$ 516,344.00  
Budget receipts as of 10/31/24     \$ 487,329.68

### Non-Budget Designated Funds

- Lottie Moon     \$6.00
- Alma Hunt/VA State Missions     \$175.00
- World Hunger     \$25.00
- Global Missions     \$500.00
- The Farm Ministry     \$160.00
- Community Bag Lunch     \$475.00
- Love Fund     \$490.00
- Staff Christmas Fund     \$100.00

## Upcoming Financial Dates to Remember

**December 15** – 2025 envelope sets will be available in the church foyer. For those unable to pick them up, your envelopes will be mailed or delivered by our Visitation Team.

**December 31** – 2024 year-end stock and other donations to the church must be in the church office by December 31 or postmarked by December 31.

**January 5** – All 2024 invoices or requests for reimbursement must be dated by December 31 and delivered to the church office by January 6, 2025. Any 2024 items received after January 6 will be posted to the 2025 budget.

## Staff Christmas Fund

Express your appreciation to the staff at Christmas for their work throughout the year. Specially marked envelopes for your donations are available in the foyer, or you can donate online at [www.hbcalive.org/give](http://www.hbcalive.org/give). Please make your donation by December 15.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### HBC FAMILY

Carl Herring  
Judi Fields  
Faye Bland  
Dale Wright  
Terry Hughey  
Debbie Snyder  
Edy Cupp  
Diane Gray  
Sandy Cude  
Nancy Russell

### NURSING CARE/HOMEBOUND

Bryan Acker  
Chris Gamble  
Dennis Greene  
Wayne Hannah  
Sue Jones  
Wayne Robertson  
Constance Via

### EXTENDED FAMILY

Cynthia Shifflett  
(Joyce Deavers' daughter)  
Anne Kendrick (Judy Simmons' sister)  
Henry Simonson (Andree Griffin's father)  
Dennis Hamilton  
(Donna Downey's brother)  
Esther Ramey (Julie Aittama's sister)  
Robert & Sue Ann Withers  
(Pastor Eli's parents)

### SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathies to  
- Sharon Wampler and family upon the death of Jim Wampler  
- Casey Alexander upon the death of Vicki Alexander  
- Cassie Lowry upon the death of her brother, Adam Lowry  
- Cindy Mandigo upon the death of her mother, Rose

# DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 2pm Senior Adult Christmas Carol Sing-Along	6 7pm-9am Scouts Lock In	7 9:30am Cantata Rehearsal
8 10:30am Christmas Cantata  5:30pm Youth Dinner & Bible Study	9	10 6pm Wonder Women (B4)	11 5pm Christmas Dinner & Children's Pageant	12	13	14
15 5:30pm Youth Dinner & Bible Study 6pm Stations of the Manger Prayer Service	16	17	18 5pm Christmas Caroling 6-8pm Youth - Clothes Closet	19 11:30am Brookdale	20	21
22 5-8pm Youth Christmas Party	23	24 5pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Office Closed  2-6pm Kachin Church	26 Office Closed	27	28
29	30	31	Staff Out of Office Katelyn: Dec 28-Jan 4			

## DEC BIRTHDAYS

1 Steve Alvis  
 1 Diane Gray  
 1 Sue O'Byrne  
 6 Ralph Darling  
 6 Diego Paul  
 6 Joan Sanger  
 12 Sherri Chapman  
 13 Christian May  
 13 Erin Northen  
 14 Don Embrey  
 14 Pete Giordano  
 15 Wayne Robertson  
 18 Erin Waddell  
 22 Greg Versen  
 22 Eli Withers  
 23 Christina Numfor  
 23 Claudia Obenschain  
 26 Parker Webb  
 27 Eddie Mzingo  
 27 Sarah Webb  
 29 Marie Graham  
 29 Nancy Russell  
 30 Sarah Kopcinski  
 31 Scott Simmons

## WEEKLY REOCCURING EVENTS

**SUNDAY**  
 9:15am Sunday School  
 10:30am Community Worship  
 11:45am Children's Chime Group  
 11:45am College Lunch  
**MONDAY**  
 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mr J's)  
 1pm Staff Meeting (Parlor)  
 6:30pm Scouts  
**TUESDAY**  
 10:30am Tuesdays Together (B4)  
 4pm Jubellation  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 10am Ladies' Prayer Group (B4)  
 6pm Choir Practice  
**FRIDAY**  
 Office Closed  
**SATURDAY**  
 10:30am Community Bag Lunch

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

Dec 1 — Cathy Lawrence  
 Dec 8 — Randy Dail  
 Dec 15 — Laura Fly  
 Dec 22 — Nico Nguimbi  
 Dec 29 — Shirley Cobb

## COMMUNITY BAG LUNCH

Dec 7 — Heidi Ruiz  
 Dec 14 — Jeff Obenschain  
 Dec 21 — Emmanuel Episc  
 Dec 28 — Sharon Miller

# JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Staff Out of Office</b> Eli: Jan 9-10, 14			1 Office Closed 	2 2pm Senior Adult Birthday Celebration at Smiley's Ice Cream	3	4
5 5:30pm Youth Dinner & Bible Study	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 10:30am Deacon Installation Service 5:30pm Youth Dinner & Bible Study	13	14	15 6-8pm Youth - Clothes Closet	16	17	18
19 10:30am Founders Day Service 2-6pm Kachin Church 5:30pm Youth Dinner & Bible Study	20 Feb/Mar Newsletter Articles Due 6pm Leadership Team Mtg (B4)	21 6pm Wonder Women (B4)	22	23 11:30am Brookdale	24	25 9am Children's Ministry Training with Dr. Sarah Boberg
26 5:30pm Youth Dinner & Bible Study	27	28	29	30	31	

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- 4pm Jubellation

### WEDNESDAY

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- 6pm Choir Practice

### FRIDAY

- Office Closed

### SATURDAY

- 10:30am Community Bag Lunch

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

- Jan 5 — Dustyn Miller
- Jan 12 — Jeff Obenschain
- Jan 19 — Cathy Lawrence
- Jan 26 — Randy Dail

## COMMUNITY BAG LUNCH

January Schedule TBD

## JAN BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Katelyn Belcher
- 3 Jayden French
- 4 Genny Kline
- 4 Deb Propst
- 7 Char Turner
- 8 Kelly Anye
- 12 Quinn Belcher
- 13 David Downey
- 15 Kent Folsom
- 16 Matthew Mozingo
- 18 Sharon Clark
- 18 Andree Griffin
- 18 Carol Morrow
- 22 Caroline Hayes
- 30 Jackie Leonard
- 30 Samantha Winters

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