



Be Healthy and Happy in 2023

- ◆ Sleep well
- ◆ Be involved in your healthcare
- ◆ Manage stress
- ◆ Be physically active
- ◆ Be safe
- ◆ Eat wisely

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the Santa Claus narrative completely. Rather, the child/adult takes what they learn about the background story and symbols of the Santa Clause myth and reinterprets the story in such a way that it retains some degree of relevance and meaning even though the original understanding no longer holds.

Every year, at Midnight on December 31/January 1, we celebrate the passing of the old year and the coming of a New Year with raucous celebration and joy; as if the passing of time between these two days will change everything;



Thank you for supporting our mission personnel throughout 2023. The gifts our church receives for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (Global Mission Offering) and the International Mission Board (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) will be sent after January 15. We can participate in prayer each day this year as God has sent His presence to each of us.

as if we start over with a new slate on January 1 onto which we can write whatever story we want. Surely, the New Year will be better than the last. But experience teaches us that rarely is this true; the old year gets carried over into the New Year. The hope and good news of a new year pretty quickly crash on the rocks of reality.

So, how do the Gospel narrative and Ricouer's concept help us? I think both allow us to hold on to the message of hope, even in the middle of a messy and tragic world. Ricouer would remind us that, time is not automatically redeemed just because the calendar changes; but the hope that it can be redeemed remains. The Gospel narrative, if we read further, shows us that Herod cannot ultimately thwart God's work. The way to redemption may lead through pain, and will involve struggle, but the faithful will see God's salvation.



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Week of January 1, 2022



Jim's Jottings

HAPPY NEW YEAR?

This Sunday's Gospel Lesson begins with joy and celebration, but ends with slaughter and exile.

Wise men from the East have followed an unusual star, one they understood to mark the birth of the King of the Jews. Guided by the star and advice from Herod's sages, they come to Bethlehem. There they offer their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh while homage to the newly born king.

Warned by an angel not to go home by way of Herod's palace, they take an alternative route. When Herod learns they have not returned to report the location of Jesus' birth, he is infuriated and orders the murder of all the children in Bethlehem age two and under. Warned of Herod's treachery by an angel, Mary and Joseph take Jesus and flee to Egypt, where they live as refugees until Herod dies.

What kind of beginning is this to the story of God's redemptive ministry in Jesus Christ? The beginning of Matthew's Gospel is filled with hope and good news—God is coming! God will be with us! But then Herod, in a fit of rage, pushes God out of Promised Land, out of the midst of God's own people, and makes God an alien presence in a foreign land. What kind of good news story is this?

Paul Ricouer, in his three-volume work entitled *Time and Narrative*, outlines a theory he calls "the second naivete." Ricouer invites us to a reading of texts and events that causes us to move beyond our initial impressions or even beliefs. For example, a child is taught early on to believe in Santa Claus. The narrative of a jolly old man bringing gifts to good little boys and girls becomes a guiding narrative for many years. Then the child learns that Santa Claus is not a real person, and it is their parents that put the presents under the tree.

What does the child do? Ricouer argues that the child/adult need not dismiss

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Deacon of the Week

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January 1

Camera– Ruth Holladay

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January 8

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SCRIPTURE READERS

January 1

Vera Ruwe

January 8

Gary Hicks

January 15

Merri McDonald

January 22

Addie Brownell

January 29

Sandy Hoover



SUNDAY

10:45 a.m.

Morning Worship on Facebook®, YouTube®, & lyndonbaptist.org



Calendar of Events

Monday, January 2

OFFICE CLOSED -NewYears Day Observed

Tuesday, January 3

9:30 a.m. - Al Anon Group

1:30 p.m Al Anon Group

Wednesday, January 4

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service -In person & On Line

Monday, January 9

9:00 a.m. - Mary Adkins Quilters

Tuesday, January 10

9:30 a.m. - Al Anon Group

11:30 - Healing Friends

Jade Palace

1:30 p.m - Al Anon Group

7:00 p.m. - Health Ministries Team

Wednesday, January 11

5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service -In person & On Line

Thursday, January 12

9:30 a.m. - Joyous Singers-Sanctuary

Saturday, January 14

9:30 a.m. - Church Council

Monday, January 16

OFFICE CLOSED - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

9:00 a.m. - Mary Adkins Quilters

Tuesday, January 17

9:30 a.m. - Al Anon Group

1:30 p.m Al Anon Group

Wednesday, January 18

4:00 p.m. - Administrative Team

5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper

6:30 p.m. - Prayer Service- In person & On line

Thursday, January 19

9:30 a.m. - Joyous Singers - Sanctuary

Monday, January 23

9:00 a.m. - Mary Adkins Quilters

Tuesday, January 24

9:30 a.m.— Al Anon Group

10:00 a.m. - W.M.U.

1:30 p.m.— All Anon Group

Wednesday, January 25

5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper

6:30 p.m. - Prayer Service- In person & On line

Thursday, January 26

9:30 a.m. - Joyous Singers

Monday, January 30

9:00 a.m. - Mary Adkins Quilters

Tuesday, January 31

9:30 a.m. - Al Anon Group

1:30 p.m. - Al Anon Group



DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE.
(Isaiah 1:17)



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY— JANUARY 18-25

Annually, since 1908, between January 18-25, the World Council of Churches invites churches around the world to participate in the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. During this yearly observance, churches are encouraged to gather together across denominational lines (where possible) to pray for the healing of the divisions in the Christian world, divisions that hamper our witness to the reconciling ministry of Jesus in the world.

On Wednesday, January 18, our mid-week prayer service will focus on this world-wide call to prayer.



January 2: OFFICE CLOSED
Happy New Year

JANUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Jan. 2 - RUTH HOLLADAY

Jan. 3 - JAN RAPER

Jan. 5 - DICKIE COX

Jan. 6 - LINDA BALES

JOHN POLHILL

Jan. 10 - AYA EMBURY

Jan. 15 - DEREK HARRIS

Jan. 19 - JERMAINE TOGBA

Jan. 25 - RAY POWELL

Anniversaries

Jan. 14 - LINDSEY & DEREK HARRIS



On the first Sunday of every month, in addition to celebrating Communion, we take up a *Benevolence Offering* as we leave the sanctuary.

In our celebration of Communion, we have expressed our solidarity with Jesus Christ and the new covenant he has created through his life, death, and resurrection. As we gather around the Lord's Table, we also recognize our solidarity with one another as disciples of Jesus Christ, called to participate in his ministry of reconciling love.

The opportunity to contribute to the *Benevolence Offering* at the conclusion of this service is a tangible way that we commit ourselves to our participation in Christ's ministry. It is a way that we can express our solidarity with our neighbors who experience the need for food, medicine, shelter, clothing, etc.

As we give to this monthly offering, we are, in part, fulfilling one of our church's five *Missional Priorities*—"Service: to work together to address the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of persons in our community and around the world."

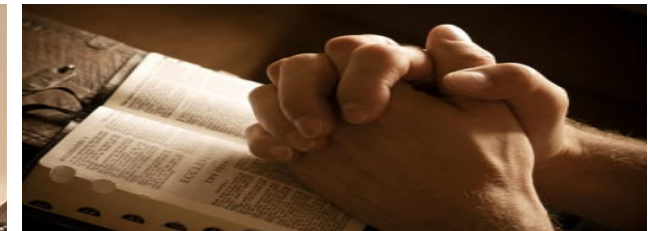
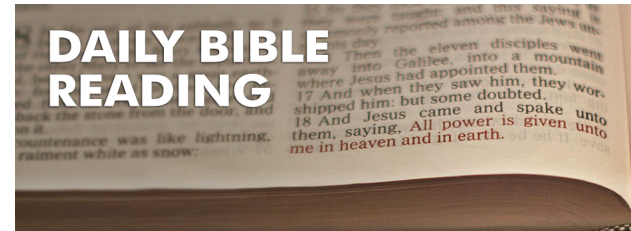
The availability of these funds allows us to address needs more quickly, and often more completely than other agencies with whom we work. Your generosity is needed now more than ever.

PRAYER GUIDE

January 1, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Pray for the Podgaiskys as they work with their networks to provide evacuation information and connect Ukrainians to resources in the country such as transportation, relocation to safety, and contact information for medical advice and the location of food/shelter.

Pray for Mary van Rheenen, and Keith Holmes, as they serve in The Netherlands. She uses her networks to provide front-line emergency assistance to Ukrainians.

Pray that essential resources of food, shelter, and protection from the cold would be available to the people sheltering in their homes.

PRAY FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE CRISIS.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday – Psalm 20; Genesis 12:1 – 7; Hebrews 11:1 – 12

Tuesday - Psalm 72; Genesis 28:10 – 22; Hebrews 11:13 – 22

Wednesday – Psalm 72; Exodus 3:1 – 5; Hebrews 11:23 – 31

Thursday – Psalm 72; Joshua 1:1 – 9; Hebrews 11:32 – 12:2

Friday – **Epiphany of the Lord**

Psalm 72; Isaiah 60:1 – 6; Ephesians 3:1 – 12; Matthew 2:1 – 12;

Saturday – Psalm 72; 1 Kings 10:1 – 13; Ephesians 3:14 – 21

Sunday – **Baptism of Our Lord**

Psalm 29; Isaiah 42:1 – 9; Acts 10:34 – 43; Matthew 3:13 – 17

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

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Cecile Cissell

Marvin Conn

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Donna Douglas

4003 Pacelli Place, 40245

Virginia Ford

Glen Ridge Health Campus, Room 513
6415 Calm River Way, 40299

Liz Hornback

8484 Grand Trevi Drive, 40228

Rannie Kelley

Louisville East Post-Acute, Room 419
4200 Browns Lane, 40220

Gloria Landgrave

3612 Foxglove Lane, 40241

Allene McKinney

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1945 Cragmont St., Madison, IN 47250

Gene Morris

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Doris Omerod

1706 Roosevelt Avenue, 40242

Noemi Parroco

Vitality, Room 112
4501 Springdale Road, 40241

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9808 Neuquay Circle, 40241

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7623 Celebration Way, Crestwood, KY 40014

Barbara Whitley

11710 Robin Lynn Lane, 40243

Gail Wolfe

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7504 Westport Road, 40222

Pam Wright

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Prayer for Family and Friends

Liz Aulino

Friend of Lindsey Harris

John Biesel

Father of Lindsay Harris

David Brinkley

Nephew of Jane Hasty

Dave Burton

Husband of Judy Burton

Billy Compton

Son in Law of Dickie Cox

Alex Delano

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Waldo Dorton

Brother of Ken Dorton

Augusta Flemister

Mother of Odessa Flemister

Erin Ford

Friend of Lindsey Harris

David Brinkley

Nephew of Jane Hasty

Ronald Furguson

Father of Addie Brownell

Lisa Gilmore

Friend of Derek Harris

Nelson Gruppe

Cousin of Diana Flemister

Ray Hicks

Son of Gary and Victoria Hicks

Dr. Milton Horne

Brother of Raeburn Horne

Emily Janowik and Family

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Deb Jennings and Jordan Hahn

Family of Sandy Hahn

Gail Leyman

Member of the Quilters

Sara Beth Lowe

Friend of Derek and Lindsey Harris

Forrest Morehead

Brother-in-Law of Sharon Wood

Donna Prim

Friend of Gary and Victoria Hicks

Barry Rice

Son of Janis Rice

Richard Robinson

Friend of Jim and Ruth Holladay

Sean Ruwe

Son of Vera Ruwe

Mary Simpson

Aunt of Terry Burkhead and Barbara Whitley

Mark and Amy Snyder

Family of Sandy Hoover

Sean Stearman

Grandson of Jan Raper

Jessica Weisenfels

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Maggie Westwood

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Joseph Williams

Family of Tim and Dora Vanderhoof