

# JANUARY 2024

## Monday, January 8

9:00 a.m.—Mary Adkins Quilters

## Tuesday, January 9

9:30 a.m.—Al Anon Group  
1:30 p.m.—Al Anon Group

## Wednesday, January 10

5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner  
6:15 p.m.—Prayer Service

## Thursday, January 11

9:30 a.m.—Joyous Singers Rehearsal

## Saturday, January 13

9:00 a.m.—Korean School  
9:30 a.m.—Church Council

## Monday, January 15

OFFICE CLOSED

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY

## Tuesday, January 16

9:30 a.m.—Al Anon Group  
1:30 p.m.—Al Anon Group

## Wednesday, January 17

3:30 p.m.—Administrative Team  
5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner  
6:15 p.m.—Prayer Service

## Thursday, January 18

9:30 a.m.—Joyous Singers Rehearsal

## Saturday, January 20

9:00 a.m.—Korean School

## Monday, January 22

9:00 a.m.—Mary Adkins Quilters

## Tuesday, January 23

9:30 a.m.—Al Anon Group  
1:30 a.m.—Al Anon Group

## Wednesday, January 24

5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner  
6:30 p.m.—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

## Thursday, January 25

9:30a.m.—joyous Singers Rehearsal

## Saturday, January 27

9:00 a.m. Korean School  
9:30 a.m.—AARP Tax Aide Training

## Monday, January 29

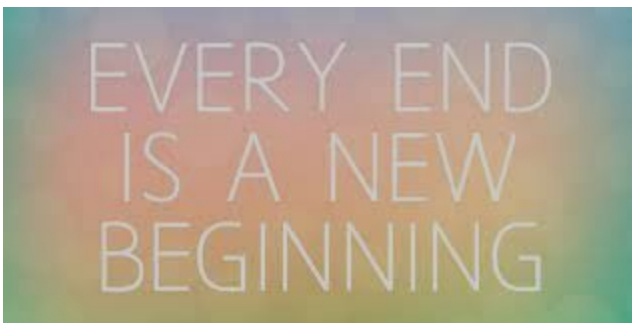
9:00 a.m.—Mary Adkins Quilters

## Tuesday, January 30

9:30 a.m.—Al Anon  
1:30 a.m.—Al Anon

## Wednesday, January 31

5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner  
6:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting



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Music

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Community Care

*Jiyoung Kim*  
Administrative  
Secretary

*Chris E. Palmer*  
Plant Manager

# The Carillon

Week of January 7, 2024



*Jim's Jottings*

*“When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” —Romans 6:3-5 NRSV*

What do you remember about your baptism?

I confess that I do not think about my baptism very often — it was a long time ago, March 5 1961 on a Sunday evening, to be precise. Rev. Lewis Brazzell was our pastor. He did not give those of us being baptized much instruction other than how to stand and hold on to his arms so that we would not fall into the water. Looking back I am assuming that he believed we got our basic teaching about baptism in Training Union.

I am grateful that the Christian Calendar is organized in such a way that we stop, on the first Sunday after Christmas, to reflect, not only on the baptism of Jesus, but on our own. This Sunday each year helps me to consider the significance of something the church did to me and with me nearly 63 years ago.

One of my earliest, and still most powerful understandings of baptism focused on the feeling of inclusion. After my baptism, I remember feeling like I was fully a part of the church; now I could take the Lord's Supper. I was added to the church roll, which meant I could not only go to Business Meeting, but I could vote on things.

As time went on, my understanding of this notion of inclusion would grow deeper and more expansive. I would come to realize that, not only was I included as a member of a local church, but I was included in the body of Christ.





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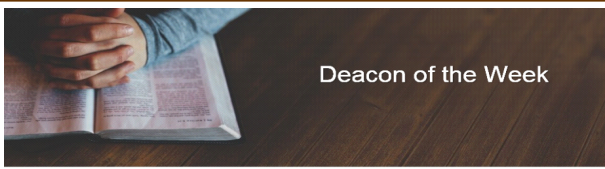
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Deacon of the Week

**Myshael Brownell**

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**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR HOLIDAY**

**January 15**



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

**January 18-25**



**SCRIPTURE  
READERS**

Jan 7

Ruth Holladay

Jan 14

Merri McDonald

Jan 21

Lindsey Harris

Jan 28

Gary Hicks



Anniversaries

HARRIS, Derek & Lindsey 01/14

Birthdays

EMBURY, Aya 01/10

HARRIS, Derek 01/15

TOGBA, Jermaine 01/19

POWELL, Ray 01/25

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I began to understand that being baptized into the body of Christ means more than being added to the roll of an organization or institution. In some way that is still a mystery, we are joined to Christ, so that a Paul writes, “. . . it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.” [Gal 2:20]

The words from the Apostle Paul at the head of this article are words I read at every funeral service. They are powerful words that express how our lives are intimately intertwined with the life of Jesus Christ. Every time I read those words, I am moved to the depth of my being.

As Paul goes on in Romans 6-8 to develop this theme of our being incorporated into the death and resurrection of Jesus, he comes to the powerful affirmations that:

- ◇ God’s Spirit bears witness in our spirit to God’s power to deliver us from temptation;
- ◇ God is always at work for good in our lives; and
- ◇ Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The power of Christ’s death and resurrection, while giving us hope in the time of death, also gives up hope, purpose, and strength to not only do the work that we are called to do each and every day of our lives. The power of Christ’s death and resurrection at work in us testifies that, as bad as things may be in this world, God’s love is stronger than hate and life trumps death.

When I was baptized, Rev. Brazzell held me by the back of my neck, pushed me under the water (and our church’s baptistry had the standard glass panel so that everyone could see that I got all the way under), and then pulled me up out of the water, all the while saying, “Upon your confession of faith in Christ Jesus, I baptize you Jimmy Holladay in the name of the Father, and

of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Buried with Christ in baptism, raised to walk in the newness of life.”

I remember walking out of our church’s baptistry thinking that I was a new person, who wanted to reflect the life of Christ in everything I said and did. Of course, that meant something very different for a nine-year old than it does today.

Over the years, the power of those baptismal words have challenged to ponder the message of the Gospel in different ways. For example, the way we often present the Gospel is to tell people that ‘Jesus died for your sins,’ i.e. Jesus died so you don’t have to.

For Paul, however, Jesus’ death and resurrection was not something that happened to Jesus only. It was not simply a transaction between God the Father and Jesus that results in great benefit for us. For Paul, Jesus’ death and resurrection seems much more participatory: in Jesus’ death, we die; in Jesus’ resurrection we are raised to new life; and the life we live right now is a Jesus-filled life by the power of the Spirit.

“ I have been crucified **with** Christ . . .”

“Buried **with** Christ in baptism, raised to walk in the newness of life.”

“For if we have been **united with** Christ in a death like his, we shall certainly be **united with** him in a resurrection like his.”

Though I did not understand the profundity of what I was doing, what was being done to me in my baptism, I knew from the moment I walked out of those waters, I was not the same person who had walked into them. Though, as Baptists, we don’t believe baptism per se saves us, we cannot escape the reality that our baptism is an abiding turning point in our lives.



# Fellowship Dinner Menu

## January 10

Meat Loaf  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli  
Salad

## January 17

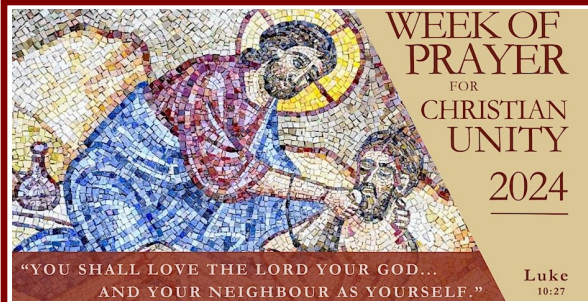
Chicken Fried Steak  
Green Beans  
Cheese Grits  
Cole Slaw

## January 24

Soup and Salad Meal  
(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

Please make or change your reservation by  
NOON on MONDAY  
so we can give the caterer an accurate count.

425-7150



## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service at Lyndon on January 24 at 6:30 p.m.**

After a three-year hiatus due to Covid, we are excited to resume our Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with St. Margaret Mary Catholic and Assumption Greek Orthodox Churches. The service will be at Lyndon at 6:30 p.m.

As we have in past years, we will gather for a soup and salad meal involving all three congregations. This offers a wonderful time of fellowship and informal sharing.

Following the meal, we will gather in the sanctuary for a prayer service focused on the theme: "You Shall Love The Lord Your God . . . And Your Neighbor as Yourself.."



## SUNDAY

10:45 a.m.

*Morning Worship* on Facebook®  
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& lyndonbaptist.org

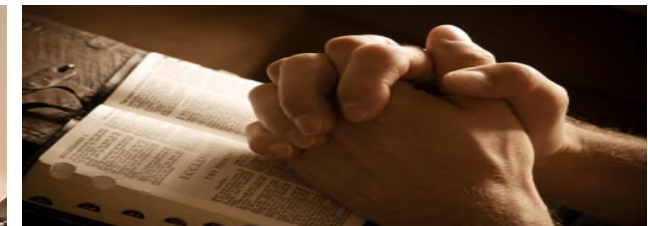
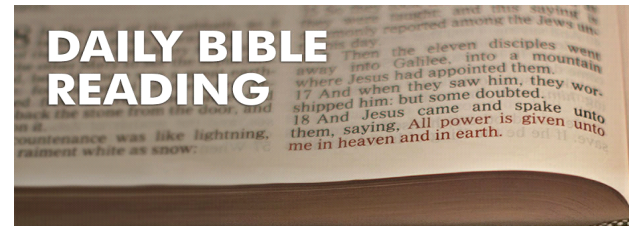
## **PRAYER GUIDE**

**January 7, 2024**

### **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters.

Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*



### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Monday** – Psalm 69:1 – 5, 30 – 36; Genesis 17:1 – 13; Romans 4:1 – 12

**Tuesday** – Psalm 69:1 – 5, 30 – 36; Exodus 30:22 – 38; Acts 22:2 – 16

**Wednesday** – Psalm 69:1 – 5, 30 – 36; Isaiah 41:14 – 20; John 1:29 – 34

**Thursday** – Psalm 139:1 – 6, 13 – 18; Judges 2:6 – 15; 2 Corinthians 10:1 – 11

**Friday** – Psalm 139:1 – 6, 13 – 18; Judges 2:6 – 15; Acts 13:16 – 25

**Saturday** – Psalm 139:1 – 6, 13 – 18; I Samuel 2:21 – 25; Matthew 25:1 – 13

**Sunday** – *Second Sunday of Epiphany*

Psalm 139:1 – 6, 13 – 18; I Samuel 3:1 – 10, I Corinthians 6:12 – 20;  
John 1:43 – 51

### **PRAYER FOR THE REFUGEE CRISIS**

In the past decade, the global refugee crisis has more than doubled in scope. In 2022, the United Nations announced that we surpassed the 100 million mark for total displacement, meaning that over 1.2% of the global population have been forced to leave their homes. By the end of 2022, the number of forcibly displaced persons had increased to 108 million.

- We give thanks for Baptists worldwide who are responding to the needs of refugees through prayer, support, and compassionate care.
- Pray for our sisters and brothers who are living with the daily challenges of life as refugees and internally displaced persons.
- Pray that our Baptist communities around the world will be places of refuge.

## PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

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## Prayer for Family and Friends

**Evelyn Adiputra**

Friend of Ruth Holladay

**Rylan Applegate**

Grandson of Steve and Ann  
Sturdevant

**Liz Aulino**

Friend of Lindsey Harris

**Kyp Bellinger**

Family of Jim and Ruth  
Holladay

**John Biesel**

Father of Lindsay Harris

**David Brinkley**

Nephew of Jane Hasty

**Brian Bullock**

Friend of Barbara Whitley

**Paul Christiansen**

Family of Madge Garwood and  
Merri McDonald

**Billy Compton**

Son in Law of Dickie Cox

**Alex Delano**

Friend of Lindsey Harris

**Erin Ford**

Friend of Lindsey Harris

**Randall Ford**

Family of Marty Hamilton

**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

**Family of Ben Hilbert**

Friend of Ruth Holladay

**Teresa Holsclaw**

Cousin of Connie Black

**Melvin Horne**

Brother of Raeburn Horne

**Emily Janowik and Family**

Friend of Lindsey Harris

**Deb Jennings and Jordan  
Hahn**

Family of Sandy Hahn

**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

**Sean Ruwe**

Son of Vera Ruwe

**Jenny Sidert**

Friend of Connie Black

**Gladys Smith**

Family of Addie Brownell

**Mark and Amy Snyder**

Family of Sandy Hoover

**Gloria Waltemyer**

Aunt of Shaunna Hoover Gragg

**Family of Carolyn Wathan**

Friends of Marty Hamilton

**John Taylor Webb**

Family of Becki Sikes

**Jessica Weisenfels**

Friend of Lindsey Harris

**Maggie Westwood**

Friend of Lindsey Harris