



Some time between now and the first part of January, many of will take a look at where we are financially. Part of this will be motivated by the need to get a handle on our holiday spending. Part of it will be driven by getting all the information ready to file our 2022 Tax Returns. For many of us, this financial checkup goes hand in hand with making resolutions for how we want to live our lives in the New Year.

Regardless of what motivates our end-of-the-year/first-of-the-year financial review and planning process, we hope a part of that process will be taking a look at the way we have been supporting God's work through your church.

When we receive our *Record of Contributions for 2022* early in January is a good time for each of us to take a look at our level of financial support for the life and ministry of our church. It is a good time to ask ourselves:

- ◆ Has the actual dollar amount of our giving stayed the same or decreased even though our income might have increased? Has our giving become stagnant? Are we helping our church keep up with inflation?
- ◆ What percentage of our income are we giving to the work of God through our church? Has that percentage modulated in recent years? Are we giving at least a tithe (10%)? Can we shuffle some of our priorities to allow us to give a higher percentage?

- ◆ Have we been giving regularly or sporadically to the life and ministry of our church? If only occasionally, why? What could we do to build regular support of our church a part of our family/personal budgeting process?

If we find that our giving, either as an actual dollar amount or percentage has remained the same for two or more years, now might be a good time to consider bumping our financial commitment up a notch or two.

Remember, the work of God in and through our church does not just happen. It depends upon each of us contributing our time, talents, and resources to its ministry.

At the beginning of the New Year is a good time to reflect and decide upon what part we are committed to playing in supporting and expanding the ministry of our church.

Are we able to expand our investment, personally and financially in the work we are seeking to do in are community and the world?

If we do not feel like we can begin to increase our investment right now, is it possible for us to plan to gradually increase that investment over the course of the year?

Perhaps our commitment for 2023 is to participate more regularly, both personally and financially in the life and work of our church. It is interesting that many non-profit organizations are seeking to direct their donors to regular monthly/weekly giving, rather than large donations once or twice a year. They call these donations, sustaining gifts, because they help the organization to plan its work better. If we are not in the habit of "sustained giving" to our church, maybe now is the time to start.

In this season of giving and exchanging gifts, it is good to remember that the best gift we can give to others is the love of God; and the best vehicle for giving that gift is the church.



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Week of December 25, 2022



One of members of the pastors' group that I meet with every Monday is from England. He was telling us that he was corrected multiple times over the past week for wishing members of his congregation a "Happy Christmas." Many of them told him, "It's not 'Happy Christmas!' it's 'Merry Christmas!'"

Knowing that he wasn't entirely crazy, he *Googled* 'Happy Christmas,' and found out that 'Happy Christmas' is the greeting preferred by the royal family and the upper classes in England. It supposedly reflects a more dignified and restrained expression of Christmas cheer.

'Merry Christmas' is used by the lower classes and supposedly reflects a more raucous way of celebrating the season.

Based on his research, he told his congregation that when he wished them a 'Happy Christmas' he was addressing them as royalty - perhaps a sign that they were children of the king.

I left our gathering mulling over this bit of our conversation, and had a couple of random thoughts. If the information my friend found is accurate, then it broadens my appreciation of Charles Dickens putting "Merry Christmas" on the lips of Ebenezer Scrooge. Indeed Scrooge goes from "Bah Humbug!" to "Merry Christmas!" skipping right over the more restrained and proper "Happy Christmas!" Further, by putting these words on Scrooge's lips, Dickens reflects the depth of Scrooge's transformation: he goes from being detached and greedy to identifying himself with the lower classes of society.

When I think about the life and ministry of Jesus, I am confronted with the fact that he preferred to spend his time with the poor, disenfranchised, and devalued persons of his day; and Jesus was so full of life that those in the upper echelons of his day accused him of being a drunkard and a party animal whose seeming lack of boundaries led him to hang around with the wrong kind of people.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are "Merry Christmas!" people. Our celebration of the coming of Jesus is unrestrained and raucous, and, like Jesus, we are more at home in the streets than in palaces.





Deacon of the Week

Judy Burton

244-9700



December 25

Camera– Ruth Holladay

Sound– Lindsey Harris

January 1

Camera– Ruth Holladay

Sound– Tim Vanderhoof



**CHURCH
ONLINE**

SUNDAY

10:45 a.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m.

Prayer Service on Facebook® & YouTube®

SCRIPTURE READERS



December 25

Dora Vanderhoof

January 1

Vera Ruwe

January 8

Gary Hicks

January 15

Merri McDonald

January 22

Addie Brownell

January 29

Sandy Hoover



December 29

Patricia & Fernandez Edwards

JANUARY

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



December 26: OFFICE CLOSED
 December 27: OFFICE CLOSED
 December 28: Office Open
 December 29: OFFICE CLOSED
 December 30: Office Open
 January 2: OFFICE CLOSED

Merry Christmas and 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



Celebrate and Stay Healthy

As we gather with family and friends during the Christmas season. We encourage everyone to do what we can to remain healthy. Covid, flu, and RSV are spreading throughout our community.

FYI:

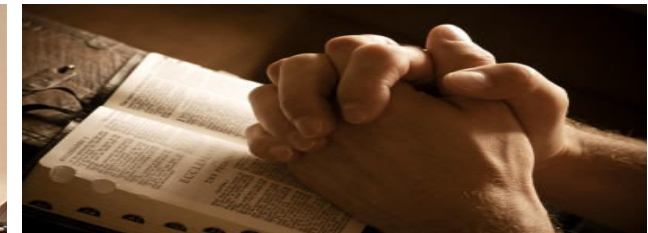
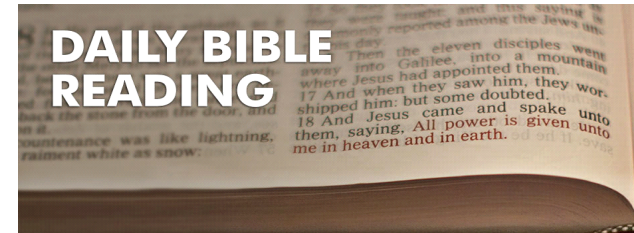
We have several boxes of masks available for anyone who wishes to take a few. Boxes of masks will be available outside of the Gathering Room and at the New LaGrange Road entrance to the building. Please take what you will use.

PRAYER GUIDE

December 25, 2022

CHRISTMAS DAY

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen



Scripture Readings

Monday – Psalm 148; Acts 7:59 – 8:8
Tuesday - Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:22 – 31; 1 John 5:1 – 12
Wednesday – Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:13 – 23; Matthew 18:1 – 4
Thursday – Psalm 20; Jeremiah 31:15 – 22; Luke 19:41 – 44
Friday – Psalm 20; Isaiah 26:1 – 9; 2 Corinthians 4:16 – 28
Saturday – **NEW YEARS EVE**
 Psalm 20; 1 Kings 3:5 – 14; John 8:12 – 19
Sunday – **NEW YEARS DAY**
 Psalm 8; Ecclesiastes 3:1 – 13; Revelation 21:1 – 6a; Matthew 25:31 – 46

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

New Prayers of the People Prayer Guide from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship are available. You are invited to use this resource as you pray throughout the year.

Pray for Gennady and Mina Podgaisky as they wait for the opportunity to return to Ukraine to provide a home for orphaned children.

Pray for Sue Smith, serving along the US – Mexican border, as she works with refugee families.

Pray for Chaouki Boulos in the work of refugee assistance, church planting, and orphanage support.

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

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Addie and Myshael Brownell

4228 Bayberry Drive, 40216

Cecile Cissell

Marvin Conn

1713 Millgate Road, 40223

Helen Contis

512 Cricket Court, Orange Park FL 32073

Dickie Cox

Forest Springs Care Center, Room 513
4120 Wooded Acre Lane, 40245

Donna Douglas

4003 Pacelli Place, 40245

Virginia Ford

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

Tim Hawkins

8001 New LaGrange Road, 40222

Liz Hornback

8484 Grand Trevi Drive, 40228

Pam Wright

3907 Yardley Court, 40299

Rannie Kelley

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

Gloria Landgrave

3612 Foxglove Lane, 40241

Allene McKinney

Hickory Creek Nursing Home
1945 Cragmont St., Madison, IN 47250

Gene Morris

3000 Curran Road, 40205

Doris Omerod

1706 Roosevelt Avenue, 40242

Noemi Parroco

Vitality, Room 112
4501 Springdale Road, 40241

Libby Reynolds

9808 Neuquay Circle, 40241

Maria Sturdevant

7623 Celebration Way, Crestwood, KY 40014

Barbara Whitley

11710 Robin Lynn Lane, 40243

Gail Wolfe

Episcopal Church Home, Room D-28
7504 Westport Road, 40222

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