

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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EPIPHANY CELEBRATION CHILI AND CORNBREAD COOK-OFF DINNER AND DEVOTIONAL JANUARY 11, 2026

Join us on Sunday evening, January 11, as we celebrate the visit of the Magi to the manger. The celebration starts at 5:30 p.m. in the FAB with a Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off Dinner. After the meal, there will be a short Epiphany devotional with the singing of *We Three Kings*.

There is a sheet in the Narthex to sign up to bring chili or cornbread for judging or a dessert to share.



H.U.G.S. COLLECTION

Dorcas Circle will be sponsoring H.U.G.S again this year. We will be collecting clothing like Hats, Underwear,

Gloves, and Socks, as well as other warm clothing for the men's and women's shelters in Columbia. Bring your donations to the Epiphany Celebration or place your donations in the box outside the Church Office near the Chapel. Volunteers will pack the items and deliver them to the shelters in January.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Each year on the Sunday after Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. The image many of us hold is a gentle, mild scene: Jesus is quietly dipped in the Jordan, a light shines through rent clouds, a gentle voice speaks words of approval, and a peaceful white dove descends.

But I imagine a different scene, one much more urgent and disturbing. John the Baptist was hardly a gentle figure; he wore strange clothes, ate strange foods, and screamed at the crowds, calling them a "brood of vipers." Moreover, the work he was doing—baptism—was anything but tender. Baptism is a powerful symbol of being drowned and raised to new life. Even John protested the idea of baptizing Jesus, suggesting their interaction there at the river began with an argument.

Matthew tells us the heavens were opened—a direct link between the divine and the earthly. But Mark uses an even more violent word: The heavens were literally ripped or torn apart in a great cosmic schism.

When I was in seminary, we discovered that the Greek word for "dove" can also mean "pigeon." While it sounds comical, imagine the frantic fluttering of wings that such an image calls to mind. Not a calm, well-mannered dove, but an urgent, active pigeon—the Spirit rushing down upon Jesus.

The point is this: Jesus' baptism was not merely a ceremony of affirmation. It was a cosmic event—John's fiery preaching, Jesus' insistence that this was necessary, the heavens being ripped open, and the rush of the Spirit—all signaled a monumental, urgent reality breaking into the world. The Spirit did not descend merely to approve Jesus, but to compel him forward in mission and ministry.

In your baptism and in mine, that same monumental and grave work was done. Your old self was drowned in the waters, and you were raised to new life. More than this, the Spirit was poured out onto you, and you were chosen, claimed, and sent to bring God's urgent, kingdom life to bear on the world.

I've shared the story of my own baptism before. I've been told (I was two months old, so I don't remember) that I cried through the whole service until the water was poured onto my head. The pastor turned to the congregation and proclaimed, "We just had to get the devil out of him." His joke reveals a profound truth: our baptism is the place where God stakes a claim over our life. You are loved, claimed, and sent to open the heavens to others, revealing God's love and urgent life to all.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew

GSLC CELEBRATES TWO STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

This month Good Shepherd celebrates the anniversary of Joey Allison as he begins his 33rd year of service as Sexton. Deborah Mitchell begins her 8th year as Parish Administrator and continues to serve as bookkeeper.

We acknowledge and give thanks for both of these staff members who are dedicated to their commitment to GSLC. They both have used their talents for the good of our congregation. Please take time to acknowledge and thank them for their outstanding service at Good Shepherd.



SIGN UP FOR 2026 FLOWERS



The Flower Calendar is available to sign up for the dates to offer either Altar Flowers, Narthex Flowers, or the Altar Rose for 2026.

The cost of flowers is as follows: Altar flowers \$85, Narthex Flowers \$55, and the Altar Rose is \$10.

Please call the church office or sign up in the Narthex on the 2026 Flower Chart posted on the **BULLETIN BOARD** if you want to offer flowers for a certain date next year.

**If you do not plan to take the flowers, please let Don Caughman or the office know.
Flowers not picked up by mid-day Monday will be taken to shut-ins.**



WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS



Alice Buckner – Alice has been a member of Good Shepherd since 2010. She has served on Evangelism Committee and Mutual Ministry. She is a retired RN from the VA. She looks forward to serving the congregation of Good Shepherd on the Social Ministry Committee.

Ben Haigh – Ben started attending GSLC in 1993 with Donna. Donna was already a member and had been confirmed at GSLC. They were married at GSLC in 1996 and raised their children primarily in GSLC. Both children were confirmed here. Ben is the Asst. Chief of EMS out at Fort Jackson and has been in EMS since 1995. Ben has enjoyed being a part of the ramp ministry and cooking Easter breakfast for several years. Ben looks forward to his term on council and serving the church and community on the Youth & Children committee.



Jan Haigler – Jan Haigler joined Good Shepherd in January 1970 with her mother and sister. She has served as an acolyte, crucifer, offering tabulator, and church council member, and is currently the treasurer for the congregation. She retired from the Army after 32 years and currently works for the Army as a civilian as the deputy chief of operations, plans, and training for 81st Readiness Division at Fort Jackson.

Lisa Sanchez – Lisa Sanchez (Learning Committee Chair) has been a member of Good Shepherd for over 20 years. She sings in the Choir, and has been involved in Children's Sunday School, VBS, Fun Fridays, God's Young Followers, and Youth of Good Shepherd. She is a Special Education Instructional Coach for Richland School District One.



Gaye Collins Tucker – Gaye has been a member of Good Shepherd since 1980. She has served on Council in the past on various committees. She is currently in the Senior Choir, active in WELCA and serves on Altar Guild.



Mike Weaver – Mike joined GSLC in 1994, and has participated in the following activities: Usher, greeter, lector, communion assistant, new member sponsor, played on the men's softball team (back in the day), chaperone for YOGS, HS Sunday school teacher, past council member, VBS volunteer, project "inasmuch" volunteer, Easter cook, property committee, member of parish life, supper club member, and work on the ramp team.



President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

2026 COUNCIL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS NAMED

At the December 2025 Council meeting, the following were elected Council officers and Committee chairs for 2026.

President	David Lucas
Vice President	Becky Shealy
Treasurer	Jan Haigler
Secretary	Karen Lucas

MEMBER	COMMITTEE	TERM ENDS
Kate Ferlauto	Communication	2026
Sid Havird	Gifts	2026
David Lucas	Finance	2026
Gaye Tucker	Evangelism	2027
Lisa Sanchez	Learning	2027
Deb Whitlow	Parish Life	2026
Mike Weaver	Property	2027
Mary Margaret Hoy & Alice Buckner	Social Ministry	2026
Becky Shealy	Social Ministry	2027
Becky Shealy	Worship Life	2026
Ben Haigh	Youth & Children	2027

A special word of thanks is extended to those whose terms expired at the end of 2025 – Don Caughman, Chris Herrmann, Richard Inman, and Barbara Nagy.



SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS

The Woodyard Fund is again the GSLC Social Ministry emphasis for January as is our tradition. Historically, the Woodyard Fund has been managed by The Salvation Army and has helped residents in crisis in Richland, Lexington, Newberry, Kershaw, and Fairfield counties pay utilities bills. The fund dates to 1816 when the Ladies

Benevolent Society provided firewood and coal to families in need in Columbia. Currently, The Salvation Army is revitalizing this historic fund with the community's support, expanding from utility assistance to a holistic approach that provides family stability. Each household is carefully screened, and eligible families receive vouchers for housing services, ensuring immediate, practical help when it's needed most. To assist with this effort that Good Shepherd has supported for many years, you may contribute any time during January by putting your donation in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or by sending it to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd and designated for The Woodyard Fund.

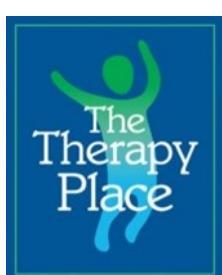


FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry provided food in November for 81 families serving 244 individuals.

SOCIAL MINISTRY GIVING UPDATE

Good Shepherd's generosity continues! In October and November, our congregation provided nearly \$4,000.00 to organizations in need of support. In October, the Social Ministry monthly emphasis was designated for The Therapy Place which received \$675.00 for their service to special needs children. In November, an awesome \$2,880.00 was collected for the VA food pantry to help feed veterans in need, and Pawmetto Lifeline was sent \$395.00 from the fifth Sunday noisy offering toward their work with homeless animals. Thank you, GSLC!



THANK YOU

Dear Good Shepherd,



Thank you so much for thinking of me this year during Spiritual Care Week. It was a delightful surprise! It truly lifted my spirit to be remembered and celebrated in the ministry I do in chaplaincy. I am frequently asked where I attend church, and I am proud to say that I am a member of this family of faith.

Thank you!

Deacon Barbara Rowell, MDiv, BCC

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Thank you for your prayers and cards during my recovery from surgery. It really meant a lot to me to have my church family think of me.



To my Dorcas sisters, thank you for your kindness. You came to my rescue since I couldn't use my right hand at all. It really meant a lot to me. Thank you! Thank you!

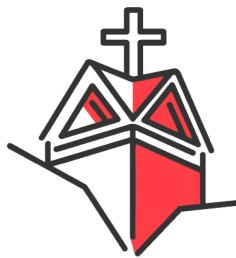
*Bless you all,
Frances Plyler*



Dear Good Shepherd Members,

The Advent and Christmas seasons remind us of God's greatest gift, and we felt that spirit of giving through your kindness this year. To everyone who reached out with a note, a gift, or a word of encouragement—thank you. We are deeply grateful for the generous Christmas bonus presented to the staff; your support makes us feel truly valued. We feel so blessed to walk alongside you in ministry. Wishing you a year ahead filled with God's peace and grace.

*Pastor Andrew Jim Johnson Susan Steckie
Deborah Mitchell Sue Johnson*



January



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream
 10:45 - 11:45 am Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor)
 10:45 - 11:45 am Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
 10:45 - 11:45 am Confirmation Class (E-112)
 10:45 - 11:25 am Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-113)
 11:05 - 11:25 am Preschool Music (E-115)
 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Choir (E-115)

Sun	Mon	Tue
4 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE	5	6 <i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i>
11 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE <i>5:30 pm Epiphany Celebration Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off Dinner and Devotional (FAB)</i>	12 <i>5:30 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Council meeting (Conf Rm)</i>	13 <i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm) 5:30 pm Social Ministry meeting (CL 2)</i>
18 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Food Pantry Sunday	19 <i>6:30 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Chapter meeting (Conf Rm)</i>	20 <i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm) 3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</i>
25 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE <i>6:30 pm Council Meeting (Conf Rm)</i>	26 <i>5:00 pm [private event] Quinine Hill HOA meeting (FAB)</i>	27 <i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i>

*Please see an updated church calendar
and the calendar for other months at
<http://www.gslc.com/>.
Click "See the Current Calendar" at the
bottom of the page.*

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Office Closed	2	3
7 8:15 am Virtual Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice	8 Mary Group meeting (off-site)	9	10
14 8:15 am Virtual Bible Study 5:30 pm Worship Life Committee meeting (CL 2) 7:00 pm Choir Practice	15 Newsletter Deadline 11:30 am Dorcas meeting (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar Group (off-site)	16	17
21 8:15 am Virtual Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice	22	23	24 9:00 am—12:00 noon Council Retreat (FAB)
28 8:15 am Virtual Bible Study 5:30 pm Evangelism Committee meeting (CL 2) 7:00 pm Choir Practice	29	30	31



Music Notes

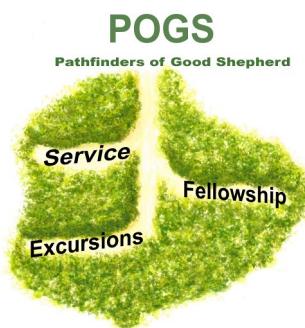
**SAVE THE DATE
MUSIC FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, APRIL 19
4:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

On the Sunday after Easter last spring the 75th anniversary committee sponsored a Music Festival featuring the performing talents of members of Good Shepherd. We had 11 performers and between 60 and 70 in attendance and it was both great fun and a great way to celebrate the 75th anniversary year. After many requests to repeat this event we have decided to have another Music Festival this coming April 19, 2026, 4:00 p.m. Whether you are a potential performer or an audience member please put this on your calendar now. Music Director, Jim Johnson, will be in contact with those who performed last year and potential new performers early in the new year. We have a lot of very talented musicians at Good Shepherd. We look forward to another musical celebration in April.



HANDBELL CHOIR REORGANIZATION

A new model for a performing Handbell Choir is being considered at Good Shepherd. Instead of every week same time same place rehearsals the choir will select a Saturday and Sunday that everyone can attend and then select a rehearsal time on Saturday to learn the music to be played in church the next day. At the rehearsal everyone will have their calendars and select another Saturday/Sunday combination for the next rehearsal/performance dates. A number of people have expressed interest and Director of Music, Jim Johnson, will be in touch with them and a few more potential recruits early in the new year. Please contact Jim at jimhjohnson51@gmail.com; 803-609-2338 for more information.



PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS) NOT MEETING IN JANUARY

There will not be a POGS meetings in January.

The next meeting will be February 11 at 12 noon in the FAB.

More details will follow.



GOOD SHEPHERD CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

Walking in the Spirit—Pass it on!

Lutheridge Spring 2026

April 24-26, 2026

Registration forms are in the Narthex.

Mark your calendars!

A deposit of 1/2 will hold your spot and then you may divide your payments. You may pay online or put the form and money in the offering plate. If you pay online, you will still need to turn in a registration form.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR JANUARY

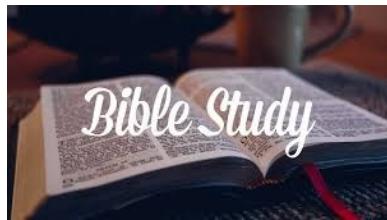
COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: DAVID LUCAS

DATE	1/4/26	1/11	1/18	1/25	2/1
GREETER	Pat Quattlebaum	Sue O'Cain	Mary Aitchison	Verna Sawyer	Debi Powell
USHERS	Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Rebecca Richardson, Mary Aitchison, Rod Kent	Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Rebecca Richardson, Mary Aitchison, Ben Haigh	Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Mary Aitchison, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent	Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Mary Aitchison, Rebecca Richardson, Ben Haigh	Chris Herrmann, Pat Quattlebaum, Alice Buckner, Marion Eargle, Marcia Woodward, Sid Havird, Matthew Herrmann
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Marcia Woodward	Lector & Communion Assistant: Stacy Gross	Lector & Communion Assistant: Amanda Snodgrass	Lector: Alice Buckner Communion Assistant: Gaye Tucker	Lector & Communion Assistant: Becky Shealy
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Savannah Gross	A: Callen Gilbert C: Mike Sanchez	A: James Isenhower C: Adam Ortiz	A: William Snodgrass C: Amanda Snodgrass	A: Jackson Nabors C: Blake Gross
ALTAR GUILD	Janet Lockhart, Donna Haigh	Janet Lockhart, Donna Haigh	Janet Lockhart, Donna Haigh	Janet Lockhart, Donna Haigh	Becky Shealy, Verna Sawyer
TABULATORS	Lavina Chandler, Rebecca Richardson	Karen Lucas, Mike Sanchez	Donna Foster, David Lucas	Mary Margaret Hoy, Steve Steck	Lavina Chandler, Becky Shealy

JANUARY 2026 MEETINGS

***Since some of the committee chairs were rotating off council,
committee meetings were not carried over to the new year. Please
call the church office to reserve a room for any upcoming meetings.***

- January 8 Mary Group (off-site)
- January 13 Social Ministry (5:30 p.m.)
- January 14 Worship Life Committee (5:30 p.m.)
- January 15 Dorcas Group (11:30 a.m.)
 Tamar Group (off-site)
- January 20 Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
- January 24 Council Retreat (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon)
- January 25 Council (6:30 p.m.)
- January 28 Evangelism Committee (5:30 p.m.)



TUESDAY IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY

Please join us Tuesday mornings at 11:30
in the Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Join us virtually on Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m.
for a Microsoft Teams meeting.
A link is sent in a weekly email on Tuesdays.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1 Rachel Richardson	11 Joey Allison	22 Brooke Grosh
1 Donna Haigh	12 Greg Sox	23 Phyllis Nilson
2 Susan Mills	16 Ansley Seay	23 Jamie Sanders
4 Chandler Ford	18 Kitty Howard	24 Matthew Herrmann
5 Eden Rowell	18 Adams Smith	26 Stacy Gross
6 Pat Quattlebaum	18 Michael Stallings	27 Kathie Aller
7 Penny Pedersen	19 Maddie Boozer	30 Rosemary Shuping
7 Shane Porter	19 Alycia Fortner	31 Bobbie Storey
7 John Allen	20 Preston Haigh	
11 Larry Robinson	20 John Van Duys	



LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 2026

January 4 – Second Sunday of Christmas

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:7-14

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.

Psalm – Psalm 147:12-20

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)

Second Reading – Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

Gospel – John 1:1-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

January 11 – Baptism of Our Lord

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

First Reading – Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

Psalm – Psalm 29

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

Second Reading – Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Gospel – Matthew 3:13-17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

January 18 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

First Reading – Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

Psalm – Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel – John 1:29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

January 25 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

First Reading – Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

Psalm – Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

Gospel – Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

WITH PRAYER

Joey Allison	Dot Correll	Judy Hoy	Gloria Oakes
Gwen Barnes	Sylvia Anne Derrick	Sara Hydrick	Justine Parker
Trisha Benson	Marianne De Werd	Neal Inman	Frances Plyler
Grace Boozer	Lena Duncan	Billie Jones	Barbara Sutton
Steve Bowden	Larry Evans	Lisa Lehman	Terri Tokaz
Victoria Brown	Violet Fetner	Sara Loyd	Linda Van Duy
Alice Buckner	Bob Fortner	Mary Clare McAbee	Peter & Elaine Zornow
Charles Buckner	Bonnie Hammond	Joyce Mobley	
Lavina Chandler	Trisha Holman	Joann Nagy	
Cheryl Christian	Kitty Howard	Harry Oakes	



PLEASE UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

Those who have requested friends and loved ones to be included on the prayer list, please contact the church office at parishadmin@gslc.com or (803) 787-4413 to renew your request or add prayer concerns by the newsletter deadline of each month. You may call or email anytime to remove a name.

Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Shawna Ashton—friend of Bryson Palmer, Verna Sawyer's great grandson
 Brenda Bearden—friend
 Beckham Family—friends of Lawson-Nabors family
 Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush
 Ross Boheler—father of Ty Boheler
 Cameron Browder—grandson of Frances Plyler's friend
 Betty Cox—former member
 Vicky Crawford – family of Terri Tokaz
 Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass
 Burke Drew—cousin of Ben Haigh
 Idona Erwin—friend of member
 Susan Fisher—cousin of Penny Sox
 John Flitter—friend of Leigh Tondini
 Maxine Floyd – niece of Kappy Steck
 Harmon Family—friends of Anna Lawson
 Tracie Hendrix – granddaughter-in-law of Raymond & Julie Hendrix
 Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow
 David Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew
 Melodie Jerrell—friend of Pat Quattlebaum
 Steve Johnson—friend of Wade Wingard
 Shea Kautz—Amy Kemp's sister-in-law
 Naomi Lambert—sister of Laura Leigh Smith

Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman
 Chris Powell—husband of Debi Powell
 Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker and Joyce Mobley
 Helen Kleiber Rich – friend of Terri Tokaz
 Joe Roche – brother of Ronnie Roche
 Dick Sanders—father-in-law of Suzanne Sanders
 Sharon Schulze—friend of Sandy Gundlach
 Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Clare McAbee
 Caroline Crow Seymour – friend
 Smith Family—friends of the Lawson-Nabors Family
 Linda Stearns—friend of Frances Plyler
 Haidee Stith – friend of Terri Tokaz
 Ann Summer—sister of Verna Sawyer
 Leslie Taylor – friend of Terri Tokaz
 Vicki Tippins—friend of Marcia Woodward
 Joey Turner—college friend of Trisha Benson
 Tim Walker – friend of Frances Plyler
 Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Tondini
 Catherine Wheeler—family of Jason Fowler
 Zelma Winbourne – mother of Deb Whitlow
 Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow

SYMPATHY

Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass

Office Information

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January 1, 2026

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CALENDAR

JANUARY

**Sunday Schedule**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor)
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112)
- 10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-111)
- 11:05 – 11:25 a.m. Preschool Music (E-115)
- 11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Choir (E-115)

January 4

Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday Schedule above

January 7

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

January 11

Baptism of Our Lord

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January 14

5:30 p.m. Congregational Event—Epiphany Celebration
Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off Dinner and Devotional (FAB)

January 15

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

January 18

February Newsletter Deadline**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

January 21

Food Pantry Sunday

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January 25

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

January 28

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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7:00 p.m. Choir Practice