



By the Cross We Care
One Person at a Time

Barcelona Banner

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RIGHT TO LIFE MONTH

JANUARY MEMORY VERSE

"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things that are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

(Philippians 3:13b-14, KJV)



From my heart to yours:

As we enter a new year, let's focus on the priority of prayer. The importance of prayer is seen in the life of Jesus. Our Lord on His knees is the greatest argument for prayer. Someone has affirmed, "God had only one son who lived without sin. But he has no sons (or daughters) who have lived without prayer." Jesus prayed constantly. He prayed before meals, before calling his disciples, before making important decisions, and sometimes all night long. He prayed as he endured the agony of Gethsemane and from the Cross as he was dying. His life was punctuated by prayer.



The disciples were impressed by Jesus' prayer life. They entreated, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). They had heard Jesus' wonderful words but never asked, "Lord, teach us to preach." They had witnessed his mighty miracles but never demanded, "Lord, teach us how to perform miracles." They recognized that the secret of his victorious life was communion with his Heavenly Father through prayer. That's why they said, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Jesus responded by giving his disciples and us the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

Consider some characteristics of the Lord's Prayer. First, the prayer is brief. Where did we get the notion that prayer has to be lengthy to be effective? Second, the prayer has a definite structure. It contains an address followed by six petitions: three related to God's glory and three related to our needs. How often we are tempted to reverse the order! If we put God first, however, our needs surely will be met. Third, it is an unselfish prayer. Jesus taught that we are not only to pray for ourselves but to remember others as well. We are to address God as "Our Father" and to offer petitions in terms of "our daily bread" and "our debts." Fourth, this is a prayer Jesus taught disciples to pray. Commitment to Christ is a requisite for praying it. For others, the words have little meaning. Finally, the prayer was not intended as a rigid formula. It is a pattern or guide for prayer, not an inflexible form. We are urged to pray "after this manner" (Matthew 6:9). I often pray the Lord's Prayer as a supplement to more spontaneous and personal praying.

Prayer is an expression of our inner restlessness, or our longing for God. Augustine, an early church leader, confessed, "Our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee." The Psalmist said the same thing: "As a deer longs for flowing springs, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God (Psalm 42:1-2). James Montgomery begins his poem "What is Prayer" in the following way: "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire uttered or unexpressed; the motion of a hidden fire, that trembles in the breast." We pray because we need power and direction we cannot provide for ourselves.

Prayer grows out of our relationship with God. It is simply our "conversation" with God, as Rosalind Rinker once put it. Just as we spend time talking with loved ones and close friends, we will want to spend time talking with God. We will want to listen as well. Frank Laubach spoke at a Baptist gathering of students years ago. He reminded us, "God is speaking all the time, all the time, all the time. We need to be listening all the time, all the time, all the time." Prayer works both ways.

How then shall we pray? Prayer begins with adoration, praise, and thanksgiving to God for who He is and what He has done. Prayer continues with confession of our sins. Prayer also focuses on petitions related to our needs. Prayer culminates with our intercession for others.

We should pray regularly. It is helpful to have a time and place for prayer, although we can pray at any time. Leslie Weatherhead, a great English preacher, advocated that prayer should be the last thing we do at night. God works through our unconscious state while we sleep. Cardinal Cushing contended: "You must seek him in the morning, if you want him through the day." Probably both times are needed!

Above all, let us pray.

Your Pastor,
Jon M. Stubblefield

Attendance & Finances

| | SS | Sun AM | Wed. |
|----------|-----|--------|------|
| 11/05/23 | 98 | 117 | 58 |
| 11/12/23 | 109 | 135 | 64 |
| 11/19/23 | 115 | 157 | - - |
| 11/26/23 | 102 | 128 | 80 |

NOV. BUDGET RECEIPTS: \$35,759.22



01—Nelda Shores
 04—Teresa Elam
 06—Kyra Allen
 07—Sue Farrow
 08—Christie McCluer
 09—Dan Iley
 10—Juel Zeiser
 15—Joey Hobbs
 16—Betty Jo LaFargue
 18—Rene Brumfield
 23—Rick Elam
 27—Betty Whittle
 28—Diane Mohn
 30—Frankie Kratz



11—Dennis and Vickie Russell
 20—Harley and Jo Burke
 27—Elton and Dottie Gray

**CHURCH
 OFFICE
 CLOSED**

NEW YEAR'S DAY



**Dr. Robert Hartsell
 December 10, 2023**

**Brenda Moore
 December 16, 2023**



**JANUARY 9
 (Note change-this month only)**

**CONFERENCE ROOM
 6:00 PM**



THIRD THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP/GAME DAY
JANUARY 18, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M.!
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP HALL

Covered Dish Supper



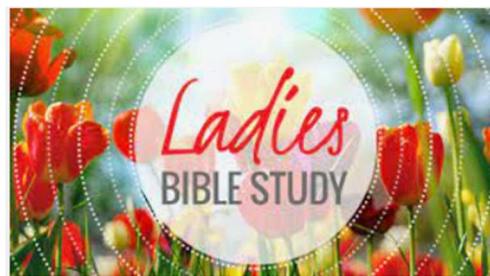
PLEASE JOIN US JANUARY 31
FOR OUR FIFTH WEDNESDAY
POTLUCK!

2024 FLOWER CALENDAR



The flower calendar for the year 2024 is on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. If you would like to donate flowers, you may sign up there, or call the church office at 501-922-0692, or send an email to brbc3office@att.net.

Be sure to say who you would like to honor or remember, or if it's a special occasion such as birthday or anniversary.



Join us as we study the book of ACTS
Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30—Fellowship Hall
Led by Ruth Manweiler

Coffee and cookies are provided. The Book of Acts is a continuation of Luke's Gospel and follows the disciples as they spread the word of Jesus throughout the nations. Contact the church office for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Clip and place in your picture directory.



Carolyn McKinney
61 Alicante Way
501-545-0083

Carolyn has lived in the Village since 2004. She was born in Little Rock, moved several times, and then spent 47 years in Long Beach, CA, where she was a member of Bethany Baptist Church.

She had a long career as a grocery clerk, working for Safeway, Kroger, and Wal-Mart.

Carolyn is interested in crafts and loves to make wreaths. She is also a karaoke singer!

Carolyn is a member of Ruth Manweiler's JOY Sunday Class, and plans to join our Sanctuary Choir soon as a second soprano.

We welcome Carolyn to our church family!

**FAITH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP
DECEMBER 10, 2023**





2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| | 1 OFFICE CLOSED | 2 9:30 Ladies Bible Study | 3 1:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service | 8 3:30 Handbell Choir | 9 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Deacons Meeting | 10 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 5:00 Finance Comm. 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service | 15 MLK DAY 3:30 Handbell Choir | 16 9:30 Ladies Bible Study | 17 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 5:00 Church Council 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice | 18 10:00 Third Thursday Game Group | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/ Sanctity of Life Sunday | 22 3:30 Handbell Choir | 23 9:30 Ladies Bible Study | 24 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Business Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service | 29 3:30 Handbell Choir | 30 9:30 Ladies Bible Study | 31 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 4:45 Potluck 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice | | | |



Library News

How about some New Year's Resolutions regarding reading?

- **Read more books!** This goal is easy to customize to your situation, no matter how many books you currently read. For instance, if you only read one or two books a year right now, you can step up your game and try for more; perhaps even reading a book a month. Or, if you're an avid reader, you might want to go for 52 books a year (one a week) or perhaps something even more like 150.
- **Spend more time reading.** Either read a specific number of pages a day, or a specific amount of time each day. It's a great idea to use this resolution to set aside time for reading every day, whether that is only 15 minutes or an hour or more.
- **Read more diverse books/books you don't normally read.** You could choose to read a specific number of books from diverse authors throughout the year or a specific number of books from genres you don't normally read. Or you could set the resolution to read something from a diverse author/different genre once a month, or dedicate a whole month to reading just diverse authors or just different genres. The possibilities are endless!
- **Only read things you find interesting.** If you're reading a book and it's not enjoyable, then ditch it! Life's too short to read books you don't like. (Plus, this frees up your time to find an enjoyable new book to read!)
- **Make more reading friends.** Try joining book-related Facebook or NextDoor groups, or join a book club for some fun reading discussions and new bookish friends! Try searching for your favorite author on Facebook—there may be a FB group for that author, or even specific books, that you can join.
- **Track your reading.** Use either a reading journal or a reading tracking database. It is far easier to find a book you've forgotten when you have a list of titles you've read and some notes about them.

(Credit:: www.bonafidebookworm.com)



Our church library is a great place to start working on your resolutions! We have Christian fiction (Amish, mysteries, historical, contemporary, etc.), biographies, history, Christian living, cookbooks, end times studies, Bible studies, women's studies, westerns, and much more. We have a nice selection of DVDs. We also have a couple of shelves with FREE books!

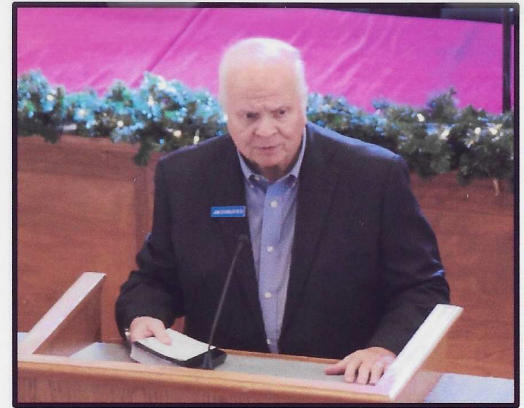
Kay Dierks, Librarian

Email me at brbc3office@att.net if you would like to suggest a book or DVD for the library.



Willard Zeiser, Associate Pastor

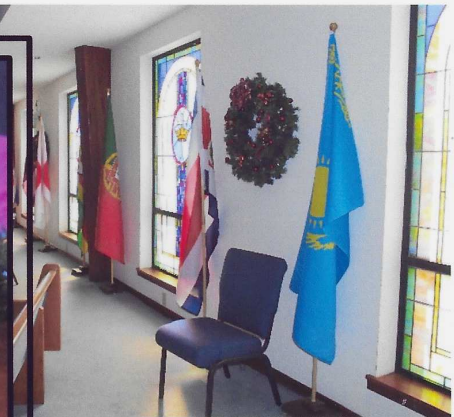
*International
Missions Day
December 3, 2023
Elton Gray
Former Assoc. Pastor
and Missionary in
Okinawa, Japan*



Dr. Jon Stubblefield, Pastor



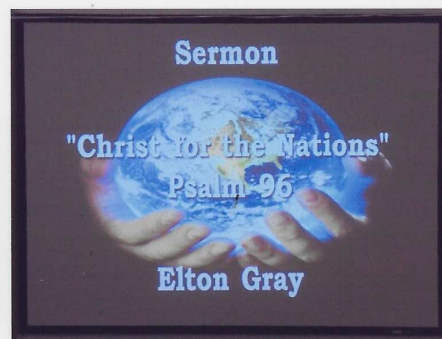
Flags of the Nations



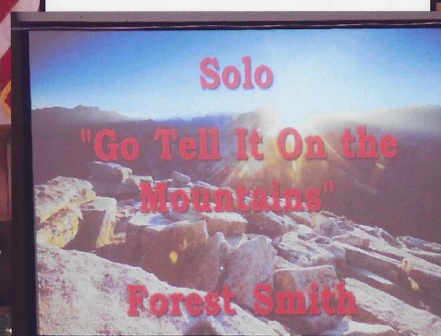
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BRBC Choir led by Benjie Harlan



*Elton explains Christmas Ornaments
to the Children*





*All Church Dinner following Sunday
Services on December 3, 2023
Emphasis on International Missions Day
and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings*



*Great food
with Chicken and Portk cooked by
Billy Ray Woolsey and
coordinated by
Rose Mary Dauber and many
helpers*



INTERNATIONAL CHURCHWIDE DINNER DECEMBER 3, 2023

The church would like to thank the following who worked so hard to prepare, serve, and make our event a huge success:

Planning committee:

*Sandra Gross
Carolyn Moffitt
Vicki Russell
Rose Mary Dauber*

Meat Preparation:

Billy Rae and Kristy Woolsey

Table Decorations:

Tom and Sharon Hensley

Workers (many worked in more than one capacity, including food prep, kitchen, servers, and cleanup)

*Teresa Elam
Marie Mason
Susan McCarty
Tracy and Sandra Gross
Doris Lenox
Shirley Hart
Barbara Powell
Carolyn McKinney
Ruth Manweiler
Ralph and Shelly Wagner
Shelvie Scales
Kendall Gilmer
Carolyn Moffitt
Tom and Sharon Hensley
Soundman*

2023 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Benjie Harlan—The
Trinity Chimes



Baptism of Christie McCluer



Ruth Manweiler and Benjie
Harlan—"God Rest Ye,
Merry Gentlemen"



Dale Clancy, Soloist—
"O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel"



The Barcelona Belles performed "Come to Christmas" and "Pat-a-Pan"



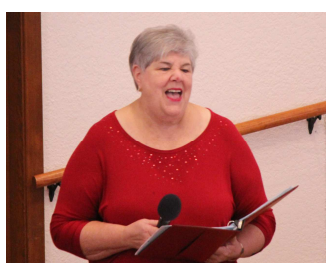
Rose Mary Dauber, Soloist—
"Jesus, What a Wonderful
Name"



Benjie and Ruth—"Ding! Dong!
Merrily on High"



The Sanctuary Choir



Shelly Wagner, Soloist—"Amen"



Pastor Jon Stubblefield—
"When the Work of Christmas
Begins"



The Sanctuary Choir concluded
the service with Christmas
carols in the foyer

"By the Cross We Care,
One Person At a Time"

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**Deadline for articles is the
fifteenth of each month.**

You may e-mail your articles to
brbc3office@att.net or bring to the
church office.

If you are moving, have an email or phone number change, please contact the church office so your records can be changed.

Schedule of Services:

Sunday Services:

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Sanctuary Worship Service - 10:30 AM

Wednesday Evening:

Children/Youth - 3:30 PM

(During school year)

Prayer Service - 6:00 PM

Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 PM

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