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To Our Church Family and Friends:

Time is the one facet in our lives that we cannot stop, pause, delay, or go back. It continues to move forward whether we are ready for it to happen or not. 2022 has come and almost gone and it is hard to believe. The term *Happy New Year* will be used many times over during the next few days. The word new is a word we all like. There is something about having something new in our lives.

As we approach and enter 2023, there is a new year filled with opportunities. With life there are always things we could and should have done better. Some joys and yet some sorrows have filled our lives this past year but as the calendar is changed to January, life has given us another chance. What we do with that chance is going to depend on us. How will we approach, not only the next week, month, or the next day is going to be the determining factor of just how different this year be from last year.

God's Word reminds us that we need to Redeem the Time! I pray that each of us will look on this new year with a determination to make our lives better. Better being led by the Holy Spirit of our Lord to help to make this world around us a better place. We may not be able to solve problems, or even make a dent on some things but we can make a difference in our lives and the lives of the people that God brings across the paths of life that we will take this new year.

So, in 2023 Be A Difference Maker!!

Thank you so much for all you do for our church and this community. This church is a difference maker, let's continue in this new year. May God bless each of you.

Leon and Cindy



THE WORLD OF THE END

By Dr. David Jeremiah

January 2023 Book Study

Our starting date is January 25th.

Chapter 1: The Prophecy, Matthew 24:1-3



Saturday, February 11th

5:00 PM

Sign up on Bulletin Board.

We will have a Christian Comedian.



Baptist Men's Day

January 22nd

Donna Pittman Toy Store Update

Dear Christian Friends, As we carry through this Christmas season sharing the word of God, I would like to tell you how awesome and amazing our GOD is! He not only showed up, but he showed out. Once again God allowed us to supply Christmas for 60+ families and over 200 children. He supplied volunteers throughout the week to help with setting up tables, shopping, and sorting toys and all the bikes for these families. Counselors to offer the Plan of Salvation for the parents. The Donna Pittman Toy would like to thank all the Churches of Union County that helped supply our needs. Without your help this day would not be possible, and Each family received a special gift at the end of their visit on Saturday also. We are blessed to have the opportunity to do this for 16 years. At the end of the day, we were able to pack boxes for a poverty-stricken area in West Virginia that will be leaving out on December 19th by another Union County Church. Once again, I would like to say thank you for everything, but most of all the prayers that have been said for this mission. I want to say thank you to the Association for always providing us a safe place to work out of and for the all the staff. I pray each and every one of you have a Blessed and very Merry Christmas, Keeping CHRIST as the center of Christmas.

Love in Christ, Teresa Polk,
Director of The Donna Pittman Toy Store



Date	Nursery	Children's Church
January 1	Carter & Laura Dermid	Barbara Simpson & Carolyn Smith
January 8	David & Megean Simpson	Christa & Brandon Love
January 15	Sandra Helms	Holly Morris, Katie & Mason C.
January 29	Beverly Napier	Debbie & Baylee Jordan
February 5	Christa & Brandon Love	Janel Griffin & Roger Haigler

**January Fellowship Hall Clean Up:
Prophecy Class**

The January issues of *Mature Living* and *Home Life* magazines are on the vestibule table for pick up.



Thank you to all who gave food to our Food Ministry during the month of December!

The following items are needed for our January food ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness in helping provide food for those in need. Your donations help tremendously.

January 1.....bag of dry beans such as pintos, navy beans, black beans

January 8.....15 oz. Can of corn

January 15....15 oz. Can of green beans

January 22....6 pack of individual cups of applesauce

January 29....15 oz. Can of pasta such as spaghetti with meatballs or any pasta

Please see Brenda Walker for any questions.

As always, thank you for helping provide food for needy children during the week ends.

Whether you shop at Food Lion, Aldi, HT, feel free to purchase their store brand.

Thank you!

Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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GOD ROCKS!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS
HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Brittany Crowe, Laura Ann Strickland, Shane Michael Jordan
- 5 Matthew Oster
- 6 Chris Guffey
- 8 Delane Bennett, Joseph Viers
- 9 Anna Edwards, Jacklyn Edwards, Eddie Rivers
- 10 Khoury Nassef, Kathy Hazelwood
- 11 Toni Riggins, Hunter Smith
- 12 Tommy Traywick
- 14 Barbara Faulkenberry
- 15 Pat Autry, Lindsey Faith Nassef, Sarah Williams
- 16 Asher Simpson
- 17 Teresa Hilton, Easton Strickland
- 18 Benjamin Collins, Lainey Preslar
- 19 Laikyn Nicole Newsome, Cary Preslar, Morgan Zambarda
- 21 Kaylan Haigler, Alexandria Miller
- 23 Sandra Helms, Jay Tiffany, Kris Tiffany
- 24 Brittany Edwards, Beverly Napier, Trent Strickland
- 25 Lisa Tarleton
- 26 Aidan Figueroa, Emily Oster, Michael Jordan
- 29 Amber Griffin
- 30 Pearl Wood
- 31 Cameron Williams

Happy FEBRUARY 1st WEEK Birthdays

- 1 Caleb Davis
- 2 Wes Stewart
- 5 Mary Deese, Kinley Grace Griffin, Helen Phifer
- 6 Andy Little
- 7 Harriet Smith



HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Long
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Hartis
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Baxter Jordan
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Walker
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. Cary Preslar
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Wade Haigler
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Don Post

NO FEBRUARY

1ST WEEK ANNIVERSARIES

Upcoming Youth/Children Events

If questions, call/text Vickie, Janel, Debbie, or Julia.



Wednesday Nights Bible Study
6:45 PM – 7:30 PM

Deacon Election on Sunday, January 8th

Gill Collins and Marty Stancil are our two candidates.

2023 CALENDAR

Our 2023 Calendar is up. If you write down your name on it, please notify Sheri in the office to reserve your date on the official church calendar. Thank you. 😊

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thank you for your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
Received to date: \$6,985.00