



Baptist Life Lines

Special Points Of Interest

- Next Steps Classes 1/6 & 1/13
- Youth/Children Soup N Sandwich Fundraiser 1/13
- Quarterly Business Meeting 1/16
- Church Council 1/16
- Soup For Shut-Ins 1/26
- Baptist Men's Sunday 1/27

A Note From Pastor Brad



Wow! Christmas is over and the New Year has begun. Where did 2018 go? Time sure goes by fast. I am reminded of one word. It's a word that many people really don't like to hear. I suppose some people would even consider it a dirty word. You are probably exerting extra brain power trying to figure out what the word is, right? The word is *commitment*. *Commitment* is simply a pledge or promise. It is the act of committing, pledging, or engaging oneself. Why, then, is it a dirty word? Perhaps it is because commitment involves action. It involves responsibility. As an adult, you have many commitments. A job is the first thing that comes to mind. Most everyone has a job of some sort. You have pledged to your employer to uphold the job you have taken. With your job comes responsibility. With your job comes commitment. If your job requires you to arrive at 8:30 am, then that is what you do. You do everything in your power to be there on time! Why? Because you are committed to your job.

Should it be any different with our commitment to the Lord? Absolutely not! As a matter of fact, our commitment to the Lord should be first and foremost. Now this is where the word *commitment* becomes personal. If there is one thing which Christians should be ashamed of, it is our lack of commitment to serving God. Too many people believe that Christianity is a one-time thing, been there, done that. Some think that Christianity simply involves warming a pew every now and then. You know, when it's convenient, when I don't need extra sleep. When there is nothing else more important to do.

Dear friends, Christianity involves so much more. When you study the Scriptures, you find that Jesus displayed complete and total commitment to His heavenly Father. Jesus was committed to following His Father's will. Regardless of the cost, He made the sacrifice - the ultimate sacrifice. When you commit your life to following Jesus, it's a life-long commitment! God has blessed each one of us with gifts and talents and He expects us to use them for His honor and glory. Are you committed to Him today? Are you actively involved and serving Him? You may ask, how do I do this? Attending worship, Sunday school, Bible study, and discipleship classes is a great starting place! Christians need to immerse themselves in the teaching and study of God's Word. Your commitment to the Lord involves sacrifice.

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January Birthdays

- 1 - Richard Arthur
Jeffrey Leslie
- 2 - Sarah Stuckey
- 3 - Ronald Lawrence
- 5 - Mary Ann Sutton
- 7 - Jackson Holt
- 11 - Iris Sullivan
- 13 - Leslie Peedin
- 14 - Tammy Durham
- 18 - Molly Parker
Mackenzie Creech
- 26 - George Strickland
Jeannine Creech
- 27 - Samuel Lee
- 28 - Charity Pate
- 29 - Gerald Peedin

January Altar Flowers

- 6 - M/M Richard Durham
- 13 - M/M Ben Parker
- 20 - Lou Ann Leslie
- 27 - M/M Greg Thomas

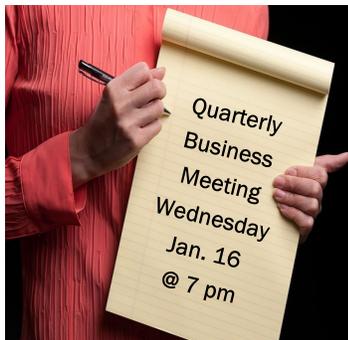
January Nursery Schedule

Sunday School Hour -

Debbie Strickland / Terry Pope

Church Hour - Nursery Toddler Room

- 6 - Carrie Moore / Amber Stuckey
- 13 - Cathy Edwards / Sherry Holloman
- 20 - Jeannine Creech / Jennifer Baker
- 27 - Terry Rose / Charity Pate



A Note From Pastor Brad (Continued)

Instead of making those silly New Year's resolutions that seem to only last a month or two, my prayer and challenge for 2019 is that each of us will recommit our lives to serving the Lord and focusing on Him. Why not make a resolution this year to recommit your life to Je-

sus Christ and digging into real truth, found only in the Bible? Rest assured, He will not break the commitment He has made to you. Jesus gave us His all, should we give Him any less?

If I can do anything for you or your family, please don't

hesitate to contact me. I look forward to the great things God has in store for Pine Level Missionary Baptist Church.

Pastor Brad

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Hebrews 12:2

Deacon News

Happy New Year to all.

I recently found the following prayer from Billy Graham. What an inspiration to each and every one who believes.

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us

not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year, we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen.

God Bless all as we begin our new year.

In Christian love,
Tim Overbee

Deacon of the Month

Schedule of Events - January



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| 1 | New Year's Day—Church Office Closed | 16 | Christ Kids @ 5:45 pm
Choir Practice @ 6 pm
Quarterly Business @ 7 pm |
| 2 | Choir Practice @ 6 pm
Bible Study @ 7 pm
Deacon / Trustees @ 8 pm | 23 | Christ Kids @ 5:45 pm
Choir Practice @ 6 pm
Bible Study @ 6 pm |
| 5 | WMU Serving Lunch @ Hospice Food Needs to Be In Fellowship Hall By 10:30 am | 26 | WMU Sponsored Soup For Shut-Ins |
| 6 | Next Steps Class @ 9:45 am In the Conference Room | 27 | Baptist Men's Sunday Brotherhood Breakfast @ 8 am |
| 8 | WMU Council Meeting @ 9:30 am
WMU Meeting @ 7 pm in Lucile Oliver Classroom | 30 | Christ Kids @ 5:45 pm
Choir Practice @ 6 pm
Bible Study @ 7 pm |
| 9 | Christ Kids @ 5:45 pm
Choir Practice @ 6 pm
Bible Study @ 7 pm | | |
| 11 | Young Adults New Year's Party
Child Care Provided | | |
| 13 | Next Steps Class @ 9:45 am
Children/Youth Soup N Sandwich Fundraiser After Worship | | |





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*Our Church Desires to
 Serve God and People*

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2 Choir Practice @ 6 pm Bible Study @ 7 pm Deacony/Trustees @ 8 pm	3	4	5 WMU Serving Lunch @ Hospice House Food in Fellowship Hall by 10:30
6 Next Steps Class @ 9:45 am in Conference Room	7	8 WMU Council Mtg. @ 9:30 am WMU Mtg. @ 7 pm	9 Christ Kids @ 5:45 pm Choir Practice @ 6 pm Bible Study @ 7 pm	10	11 Young Adults New Years Party	12
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Thank You!

*During a time like this
we realize how much
our friends and relatives
really mean
to us...
Your expression
of sympathy will always
be remembered*

Thank you for your generous gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in memory of Thomas A. Collings, Sr. Your gift is a living memorial and provides a chance for salvation for people around the world. We also thank you for all the prayers on our behalf. Knowing we have Christian brothers and sisters lifting us up has given us comfort.

Love,
Tom and Delanie Collings

WMU News

Happy New Year from WMU!! Praying God will bless each and everyone with happiness and good health throughout the year. In addition, may you all be drawn closer to Him and His Word in 2019.

On Saturday, January 5th WMU will serve lunch at the Hospice House. All food needs to be placed in our Fellowship Hall by 10:30 am. Items needed will be

New Member



Our Church Family

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Jordan Thompson. Jordan resides in Pine Level with his parents, Jon and Valerie and brother, Jonathan.

We look forward to sharing many years of service and fellowship together.

emailed to all WMU members and those wanting to help can sign up on line. Those without an email will be contacted as well.

Our WMU Council will meet on a Tuesday morning, January 8th at 9:30am in the Lucille Oliver SS classroom. The regular WMU January meeting will be held that same evening beginning at 7pm in the same



room. WMU will spearhead a meal of soup with all the trimmings to our church shut ins on Saturday, January 26th.

We sincerely thank every church member who helps in any way when mission projects are planned. Your help is invaluable!

Sincerely,
Beth Thomas
WMU Director



Our **Next Steps Classes** will start on Sunday, January 6th at 9:45 am in the Conference Room. This class is designed to meet you where you are and answer any questions that you may have about faith, baptism, and what it means to be a Baptist or specific questions about our church. We will discuss our salvation, our purpose, our Baptist structure and beliefs. Please take a minute to register on line to be part of our 2 week **Next Steps Class**.

Windows Of Opportunity

Sunday -

9:45 am - Next Steps Class (6th & 13th)
9:45 am - Open Assembly
10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Morning Worship
11:00 am - Children's Church (1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays)

First Wednesday -

5:45 pm - Christ Kids
6:00 pm - Choir Practice
7:00 pm - Bible Study
8:00 pm - Deacon / Trustees

All Other Wednesdays -

5:45 pm - Christ Kids
6:00 pm - Choir Practice
7:00 pm - Bible Study

2nd Thursday - Van Pilgrims

First Impressions Team

Jan 6 - Anne Peedin / Becky Turner
Jan 13 - M/M Danny Casey
Jan 20 - M/M Richard Durham
Jan 27 - M/M Berry Godwin

Children / Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, Jan. 13
After Worship



Wednesday,
January 16
@ 8 pm

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