

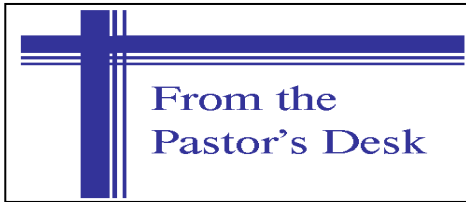


Discover A Place to Call Home

# THE MESSENGER

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The New Year is often a time for people to evaluate their life and assess where they are at and ultimately where they want to be. It often takes the form of a New Year's resolution or two. Most of the time those resolutions fade by February, and we go back to the way it used to be.

I was recently talking with someone who had a serious health diagnosis. He was telling me he had a conversation with his health care providers and was asked by them if he had changed his life; that often when people get a serious diagnosis like his, they often evaluate what they are doing and begin to do what they really want to do. He said his response was he hadn't changed because he is already doing what he wants to do with his life.

As I have studied through Paul's letter to the Church at Philippi, I believe this is where Paul is, not based on a new year beginning, but rather because his life was in peril of ending. He, too, was already doing what he wanted to do. He just did not have the freedom to do it where and when he wanted.

Paul knew ultimately one of two things was going to happen, either he would be released and allowed to freely continue his ministry, or he would be executed and go to be with Jesus. He puts it this way:

*"I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given me by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:19-21).*

Our friend Wes Bartlett used to put it this way when faced with a potential life or death situation: *"It's all good, a win – win. Either I get to stay here serving God and enjoying my family or I get to go home and be with the Lord."*

I think this is a biblical way of belief that should drive our behavior. Take January 2<sup>nd</sup>'s Sunday School lesson that Rick presented online dealing with Luke 2:25-32, and the man Simeon for example. Simeon could truly be considered a man who was "Spiritual and not religious!" He was described as one who was in a right relationship with God (righteous), and he faithfully put into practice what he believed (devout). And he was filled with the Holy Spirit (the Spirit was on upon him) who was both speaking to him and leading him to go and do what He wanted Simeon to do.

Ultimately, Simeon's life was grounded in the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He saw the significance of life extending far beyond his limited time on this earth and adjusted his life accordingly. He was prepared to "meet his maker" in true peace. God was who He said He was and had done what He said He would do.

We must live for two "days." One is today and the other is "That day," which is the day we meet the Lord in person, whether it is "in the air" when Christ returns or at the death of this body. How we view "That" day will drive how you live today.

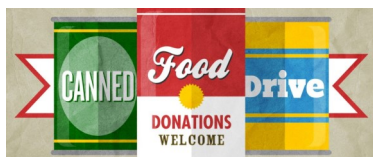
Did you know there are over two billion people on this planet right now who in some shape, form, or fashion claim the name of Jesus Christ? What would happen to this world if each one of us lived as Simeon did? How would it change the world?

Happy New Year!

I am happy to be your pastor!

God Bless you!

~Pastor Mark



Our 2021 Goal for Grace Ministries was 500 pounds of food. Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded that goal with 683 pounds, such a blessing for our community.

We also exceeded our goal of 90 blankets for hospice with 99! Thank you all for supporting this mission.

Thank you to everyone that gave a Merry Christmas to the residents of Evergreen. They enjoyed the children and adults that delivered gifts and sang to them.

Thank you all for supporting these local missions.

Thank you,  
Steve & Ida Jones



### Rathgeber House Report

Thank you Norah Bronaugh, Kathy Janeke, & Fran Koch for feeding guests at Rathgeber Hospitality House. Meals are always appreciated.

Please consider volunteering for a meal in 2022. It is always the third Tuesday of the month and is delivered by me.

Thank you,  
Fran Koch



### Prayer Walk

January 9th at 9:15am  
Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall

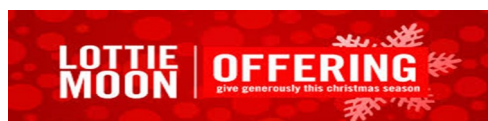


Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer  
Meal for Everyone at 5:20pm  
Adult class in Sanctuary at 6pm  
Youth & Team Kids class at 6pm

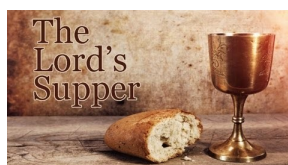


Family Business Meeting  
January 12th at 7pm

Church Council Meeting  
January 16th at 3pm



We collected a total of \$3,597.63 surpassing our goal of \$3,000. Thank you for your generous support!



Ordinance Sunday  
January 30th at 11am



Bluegrove Baptist Church has 5 more mission trips to the Del Rio/ Acuna area planned. Contact Rick Griffin if interested. Rick will be attending the April trip.  
Feb 18-21, Mar 14-18, Apr 3-6,  
May 1-4, & Jun 5-8



## MEETING MINUTES

Extra funds collected for Lottie Moon will not be transferred to Disaster Relief.

It was approved to give a love offering of \$650 for medical needs from our mission fund to JR & Rocio. This is a couple Rick Griffin met on his mission trip and the request was made by Rick .

It was approved for Jennifer Naas to be the 18 and Under Director. This includes Youth Group, Team Kids, & PreSchool/Nursery.

It was approved for teenagers to volunteer as helpers in the nursery with adult supervision.

Volunteers are needed as we resume Extended Session in the preschool/nursery at 11am on Sundays.

### PASTOR & DEACONS

Please feel free to call any of us at any time.

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# JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5 <div>  <p>MEAL @ 530 BIBLE STUDY &amp; PRAYER 6 PM KIDS &amp; YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7</p> </div>	6 <div>  <p>7:30 PM</p> </div>	7	8
9 <div>  <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP &amp; MESSAGE 11 AM</p> </div>	10	11 <div>  <p>LADIES PRAYER &amp; BLANKET GROUP</p> </div>	12 <div>  <p>MEAL @ 530 BIBLE STUDY &amp; PRAYER 6 PM KIDS &amp; YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7</p> </div>	13 <div>  <p>FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON JAN 12</p>  </div>	14	15
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### December 2021 Sunday School Attendance Record

December 5	40
December 12	47
December 19	54
December 26	40

*Average Attendance: 45*  
**Average based on 4 Sundays**

### December 2021 Financial Report

Tithes	\$12,751.67
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2021 - 2022	\$14,301.00
Designated	\$ 5,307.99



### January 2022 Deacon of the Week

Dec 27-Jan 2	John Naas
Jan 3-9	Robert Ritter
Jan 10-16	Rick Griffin
Jan 17-23	Bill Lindenborn
Jan 24-30	Marvin Maherg
Jan 31-Feb 6	John Naas

### Prayer Chain

If you have an e-mail address and desire to be on the prayer chain, please call the church office with your email information.

**Questions? Call Jennifer @ 569-1211**

We're on the web!

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### Jan Lee Baptist Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:45 AM
MORNING SERVICE	11:00 AM
ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE	Resumes in Fall

#### MIDWEEK RENEWAL SERVICE

MEAL	5:30 PM
PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY	6:00 PM
YOUTH & TEAM KIDS ACTIVITIES	6:00 PM



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