

Dear Church Family,

Welcome one and all to this brand-new year, A.D. 2024!

A.D.? What does that mean? Like a lot of phrases in our language it is from the Latin and is the abbreviation for "anno domini." In English it translates as "in the year of our Lord."

When our present-day calendar was set up over a thousand years ago, the decision was made to base it on the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. After all, He is the most important individual in all of world history, you know the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Have you ever thought about that? Even our calendar bears witness to our Lord and Savior.

It will come as no surprise that many in our culture see no need to imprint our calendars with the presence of Christ. The current trend—which is sadly progressing—is to substitute "anno domini" with the "common era," or C.E.

While our world is busy erasing Jesus from everywhere they can imagine, how are we doing? Well, you might be saying, "Pastor, I'm not using that CE nonsense and I'm a going to keep on saying AD." But that's not really what I'm talking about...

As people who wear His name, how are we at keeping Christ in our daily lives? Do we make sure to put Jesus Christ at the front and center of every day, or do we include Him only when it is convenient? Are we faithful in spending time communicating with our Lord, or do we find ourselves content to pray once a week? Do the pages of our Bibles appear worn from constant reading, or do we have to clear the dust from the covers? Are we excited to come together with God's Church each Lord's Day, or do we wake up on Sundays realizing we have not made it to worship for more than a month? Do we thankfully return the Lord's Tithe in gratitude, or are we satisfied with tipping the Lord on occasion? Can others see that our lives have been changed by our encounters with the Living Lord, or do we look and act like everyone else in the crowd?

At the beginning of the new year, it is a tradition to take stock of our lives and resolve to make needed changes. With the commencement of A.D. 2024, let us honestly examine our lives and recommit to putting Jesus Christ first and foremost. Our calendars should not be the only witness to our Lord, but our daily walk as well. Let's make 2024 truly the "Year of our Lord" as we, His people, are daily witnesses and servants to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

With God's Love for You All,

Pastor Tim.



Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Colossians 2:6-7



### 1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

4:12 Youth had a busy December. We went shopping for two gingerbread kids and did bell ringing for the Salvation Army twice. Several of us went Christmas Caroling at 12 different homes in our community. This was a great time and enjoyed by all! We also started a high school Bible study on discipleship. This study digs in deep for the older kids and teaches them how to be "Jesus People".

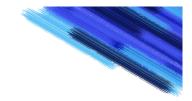
The highlight of our December was Bethlehem Lights at SBYCamp. We had 10 teens participate as the live nativity for the wonderful 2-night drive through lights display at the camp. The camp graciously let us stay in the retreat center and they had a lot of fun activities planned for us during the day on Saturday.

We're looking forward to our New Year's Eve lock-in. This is always a fun night for the teens. This year we'll be having a pancake bar! Who thinks we'll stay up all night?!?

As always, thank you so much for your prayers and support for 2023. It was a great year and we couldn't have done it without you! We're looking forward to a wonderful 2024 and can't wait to see what God is going to do in and through the teen's life this coming year.

Pastor Tyler & Leah

What will 2024 bring for you? Here we are closing the chapter on 2023 and opening a new one in 2024. This being an election year it's hard telling what this year can bring. We will get the privilege of being told how good or bad this or that candidate is, friendships can be tested depending on which side of politics you support. So if you are depending on the political, or human side of things I can't really say what 2024 may bring, however as a child of God I can tell you what I expect it to bring when you leave everything in his hands. I expect Peace that passes all understanding. As a child of God it doesn't matter what happens on the political scene, he is the King of Kings and he already knows election outcomes before our vote is even cast. I expect it to bring Joy. No matter what may happen I will choose to have joy in knowing that my Savior is the one in control and all I have to do is follow him. Lastly, I expect to be Blessed. As a child of God his blessings and mercies are new everyday, not just on a New Year. So no matter what this year may bring in your life, just remember to look out every day for the many blessings that God provides his children no matter how small. Love y'all. Perry Stainbrook



Upcoming for the 4:12 Youth in January is our annual trip to Winter Jam which will be in Louisville this year on the 20th.

We also will be going to FUSE on the 21st at Columbus First Baptist. We will leave following the morning worship.



- 2/2-3 Spiritual Retreat at SEBYCamp
- 2/04 4:12 Youth snowtubing at Paoli Peaks, 12-7 PM
- 2/5-12 Pastor Tim will be on vacation
- 2/06 CCA ABMen's Quarterly Mtg, at Underwood Baptist, 7 PM
- 2/07 High School Youth Small Group Mtg. at Pastor Tyler's, 3 PM
- 2/07 Family Meal, 5:30 PM
- 2/07 Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM
- 2/08 CCA Pastor's Mtg., Denny's, 8:30 am
- 2/09 Load truck for EMCC, 6 PM
- 2/10 Meet at Aldi's to shop for EMCC, 9:00 a.m. & deliver to EMCC afterwards
- 2/11 Deacon's Mtg., 11:45 a.m.
- 2/14 Family Meal, 5:30 PM
- 2/14 Business Mtg., 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM
- 2/16-17 Marriage Retreat at SEBYC, 5 PM
- 2/17 Shared Blessings, 10 a.m.-2 PM
- 2/18 Trustee's Mtg., 11:30 a.m.
- 2/18 4:12 Youth Pulled Pork Dinner, 12-1:30 PM followed by 4:12 youth gathering, 1:30-4 PM
- 2/20 March Newsletter articles due
- 2/21 High School Youth Small Group Mtg. At Pastor Tyler's, 3 PM
- 2/21 Family Meal, 5:30 PM
- 2/21 Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM
- 2/23-24 IGNITE at SEBYC, leave at 3 PM
  - 2/28 Family Meal, 5:30 PM
- 2/28 Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM

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#### **STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE**

	SS	MW		OFFERING		
Nov. 26	42	101	\$	2,100.00		
Dec. 03	41	82	\$	7,700.00		
Dec. 10	40	79	\$	2,200.00		
Dec. 17	40	121	\$	5,900.00		
Dec. 24	35	94	\$	3,900.00		
5 Wk. Total Received \$ 21,800.00						
5 Wk. Total Needed			\$	19,965.00		
3 Wk. Rec. Last Month				9,500.00		
2023-2024 YTD needed: \$ 67,881.00						
2023-2024 received: \$ 57,350.00						
(September 1, 2023-December 24, 2023)						

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#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ATTENDANCE

Nov./Dec.		29	06	13	20	27
Meal		21	20	18		23
Adult Bible Study		11	10	14	HBJ	12
4:12 Youth		10	10	0	party	12
Kingdom Kids		12	12	14		13
Totals		33	32	28	45	37
Avgs:	Meal - 20	) A	<b>BS</b> - 1	ا 12	/outh	- 10
KKids - 13 Total - 35						

#### ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, January 14, 2024, former pastor, Rev. Greg Huguley will be with us to preach. We are looking forward to seeing both him and his wife, Rebecca. They were here from December 1, 1996 until to April 21, 2002. There son, Sam, is now married.

Also, that day both CoMBaT and Lovely Ladies will have a cook-off. CoMBaT will have their Chili Cookoff and Lovely Ladies will have a dessert bake-off. Everyone will get to vote on both of these.

WHAT:	RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
WHEN:	TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024
TIME:	1:00-6:00 PM
WHERE:	KIMBERLIN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH in the
	FAMILY LIFE CENTER
WHO:	EVERYONE WHO IS ABLE TO GIVE BLOOD

We have a goal of at least 25 units of blood we need to collect. If you are able to give, we ask that you come and "GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE" that day.

## EDNA MARTIN CHRISTIAN CENTER CANNED GOODS COLLECTION MONTH

Our challenge for you this year is to give more that we gave last year. To remind you of our giving last year, we brought in 1,340 food items and \$960 in cash for a total of 2,300. We are just counting the cash as just 1 item per \$1. We really would like to reach a total of 2,500 items this year. Even though January is our giving month, the final Sunday to bring in items or cash this year is February 4th. They will then be delivered on February 10th.

If you would like to help with the delivery, there are 2 opportunities for you to do that. On Friday night, February 9th at 6:00 PM, we will be loading all the items that were delivered to Kimberlin Creek, into the truck that will be taking all donations to Edna Martin on Sat., the 10th. You can come help with that or you can go help on Saturday with shopping at Aldi's in Seymour at 9 a.m. You may also go with the group to Edna Martin in Indianapolis to unload the truck after everything is purchased. See Pastor Tyler if you are interested in helping with this in any way. LET'S REACH OUR GOAL!!

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MONTHLY DONATIONS NEEDED FOR AT LEAST 150 SHOE BOXES

JANUARY:	300 COMBS & 300 WASHCLOTHS
FEBRUARY:	300 TOOTHBRUSHES
MARCH:	150 IVORY BAR SOAP APRIL: 150 ACTIVITY BOOKS
MAY:	ACTIVITY BOOKS & SMALL TOYS
JUNE:	1800 PENCILS & 750 PENS
JULY:	150 BIG PENCIL SHARPENERS & 300 BIG ERASERS
AUGUST:	1800 SMALL ERASERS & 150 CRAYONS (24 CT.)
SEPTEMBER:	150 COLORED PENCILS & 300 GLUE STICKS
OCTOBER:	150 SCISSORS & ANY SCHOOL SUPPLIES
NOVEMBER:	150 SMALL PAPER TABLETS DECEMBER: 750 SMALL TOYS

Items may be brought during the month listed or anytime you have something available. They can be put in the box under the communion table in the sanctuary.



Mark 10:14-15

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

Happy New Year Church Family!

"Our "Happy Birthday Jesus " Party was lots of fun. We had 45 people at our party and we had a great time. It was a lot of fun and the "Photo Scavenger Hunt" was a success.

We will finally end our "Fruit of the Spirit" series and we will begin a "Snowflake" series in the next few weeks. We have plenty of room on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday evenings for you and your family.

Updated permission slips will be sent home, please fill out the entire packet. You may turn the packet back in to any Kingdom Kids Leader. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share the Gospel with your child!

As a reminder, we collect Operation Christmas Child items throughout the year! Thank you for supporting this Ministry, you are making a huge difference in a child's life.

As always, we greatly appreciate your continued prayers, love and support! Love, Ms. Angie A., Ms. Rita and Ms. Malina



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Carell & Barbara Braden, 1961
- 1 Stephen & Tonia Spicer, 2008
  - Lila Craig, Becky Robertson, Laura Bowling
- 3 George & Trudy Blair, 1964
- 5 Benjamin Julian
- 6 Asher James

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- 7 Keith Shaw
- 8 Kason Hardin
- 9 Andrea Blevins
- 10 Jace Kelley, Mary Basham
- 11 Bob Calder, Jennifer Bryant
- 12 Hazel West, Carla Gross, Luke Bledsoe
- 17 Parker Eldridge, Josh Riley, Ady Melton
- 18 Dorothy Gray
- 19 Jim & Pat Berna, 1980
- 20 Taren James
- 21 Mickey Hall
- 22 Edna Grubaugh, Chris Bowling
- 23 Chase Bautista
- 24 Sean Gregg, Donnie Towne
- 25 John & Rebecca Sims, 2003
- 26 Jim Fields
- 27 Preston Craig
- 29 Larry Fletcher
- 30 Jason Hines
- 31 Mary Williams

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