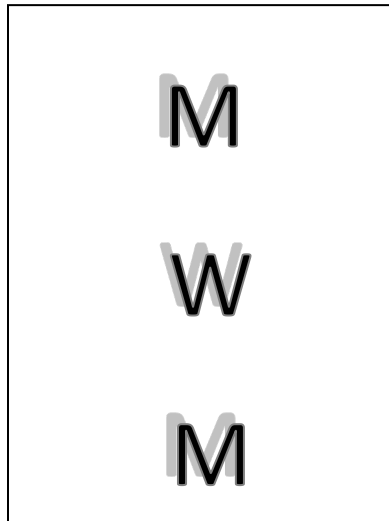


I am super excited about all the things happening in 2024 at Shiloh. We have new ministries in place and great new resources for spiritual growth and discipleship. Look for a special article in this newsletter about the new Outreach Ministry team and what is already going on with them.

For years we have had great Sunday school classes for all ages, men's groups, Women's Fellowship, various Bible study groups, and Student Ministries. This year we are working with some leaders for some new groups. The intention for the new groups is to build better relationships and improve spiritual growth, as well as serving the community. We have a new resource at our fingertips now, which will help all our groups as well as give individuals access to new study tools.



Shiloh now has unlimited access to RightNow Media—the world's largest streaming library of video Bible study resources. This extensive library has more than 20,000 videos taught by leaders like Francis Chan, Jennie Allen, J.D. Greear, Dr. Tony Evans, and many more. These Bible study videos can be used as part of a group study or for personal devotions, and many series include free discussion guides and handouts.

I believe that RightNow Media is a tool that can help you live out your faith in every area of your life—at home, at work, and in your community. In addition to series on books of the Bible, RightNow Media has videos for everyone in your family on a variety of topics like marriage, parenting, personal finances, mental health, and more. There's even a library just for kids with over 2,000 safe, entertaining videos. RightNow Media has a free app that's available on all major streaming devices so you and your family can access content anywhere, anytime.

You should have already received an email invitation for FREE access to RightNow Media. (If you haven't received it yet, be sure to check your spam or promotions folder, or check with the church office to update your email address.)

To get started, simply click the link in the email, create your free account, and start browsing more than 20,000 inspiring videos. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing to you and your family! We also hope you will share it with your friends. You can invite anyone to download the app and use the Rightnow Media resources.

Give it away to all your friends by inviting them to this link:



By scanning this QR Code:

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/sccllogansport>

Or by sending a text request: Text the code SCCLOGANSPORT to 49775 and they will receive a text back, welcoming them to RightNow Media and providing them with the invite link to register.

I'm looking forward to a great year with you in 2024!

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Pastor Mark

Sermons



A new sermon series for a new year. We are going to begin the year with the theme: "GOD IS IN CONTROL." We remind ourselves of this regularly, and lately the world seems to have spun out of control. So, in this series of sermons we will see examples of what God does and be reassured that God is always in control, even when we can't see it.

January 7	"Creation / God's Design" Genesis 1-2	Pastor Mark
January 14	"God Does the Impossible" Genesis 21:1-7	Pastor Nick
January 21	"Faithfulness" Ruth 1	Pastor Mark
January 28	"Provision" Ruth 2	Pastor Mark

If you miss a sermon, remember they are recorded on CD, or on Facebook at Shiloh Streaming Service, where you can watch live on Sunday morning or replay any time. You can view newsletters, weekly bulletins and more at gotoshiloh.org.

NewsLetter DEADLINE

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH: Articles for the February Shiloh News need to be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23. Please submit articles to Kathy Courtad at klcourtad@gmail.com or take to the church office.



Nursery Duty

Please look for your name on the list. If you are scheduled to work on a Sunday when you won't be at church, please check with others on the list and trade dates. If you would like to volunteer for Nursery duty, please see Paul Hutsell in the church office.

January 7 – Carolyn Hines & Deb Spencer
 January 14 – Austin & Ashley Harmon
 January 21 – Mark Sell & Christina Pifer
 January 28 – Gary & Sandra Shaffer

Children's Church Schedule

Date	ELEM Teacher	ELEM Helper	PRE K Teacher	PRE K Helper
1/7	Tracy F	Sarah F	Krista P	Gratia H
Q2 Lesson 5 – God Washes Us Clean				
1/14	Allison C	Janet G	Krista P	Alicia P
Q2 Lesson 6 – God Made and Knows Us				
1/21	Stacy F	Darlene R	Krista P	Sandra S
Q2 Lesson 7 – Jesus Calls Disciples				
1/28	Allison C	Jerry R	Teresa R	Lucy M
Q2 Lesson 8 – The Prodigal Son				



Every Sunday

9:00 to 9:30 A.M.

JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL EACH SUNDAY FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS. THERE ARE LOTS OF UNTOLD STORIES IN EACH CUP OF COFFEE! SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:30



Recap of the Month of December

This past month was productive for Shiloh Student Ministries! The first Sunday of December, we made quality Christmas cards for Hospitalized Kids! This was our second year participating with *Cards for Hospitalized Kids*. The second Sunday we had regular Middle School and High School Ministry. We started a short series with each ministry. The goal of each series was to articulate to the teens that Jesus is relatable and desires a relationship with each person. Many people, especially teens in today's climate, look at God as irrelevant, unrelatable, and distant. We brought the series to a head at the Ugly Christmas Sweater Party on the third Sunday of the month! This Christmas Party was student led and was a major success. Shout outs to Austin Brooke and Drew McKaig for their efforts! In my opinion, this was the best Christmas party for SSM in recent history. It was the highest attended one as well! The last Friday of 2023, the Student Ministries participated in a Lock-In with other area churches. Looking forward to a great second semester! – Pastor Nick



- Middle School Ministry (5th-8th Grade) meet on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month from 5:30-7PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Middle School Ministry Dates | January 14th, 28th, | 5:30-7PM
- High School Ministry Dates | January 7th, 21st, February 4th | 6:30-8PM
- HSM Event Only | February 17th | *Life Guardians* in Winona Lake, IN | 9a – 4:15PM
- *Gather Event* | *Late Nighter* | February 18th | 5:30- 10:30 PM | Fun Event for MSM & HSM

FACEBOOK GROUP: SHILOH STUDENT MINISTRIES | INSTAGRAM: @shilohccstudentministries

Want to support the Student Ministries all year long? We have an opportunity for you! RAISE RIGHT gift cards are an ongoing fundraiser for SSM! You purchase a full value gift card and a portion of the purchase price goes back to SSM. You can find the order sheet and the catalog of available gift cards at the Inspiration Station. See Pastor Nick for more details. **DISCLAIMER: The order sheet must have a minimum total of \$600 before Pastor Nick places gift card**



Uganda, Africa!

It has been nearly two month since my mission trip! I have worked through some reverse culture shock. I have had many conversations... some more impactful or worthwhile than others. I have found myself advocating for continued work in countries like Uganda and supporting ministries like *Forgotten Children Worldwide*. I have become more passionate about being the hands and feet of Christ! All of this to say, I've been greatly impacted by this experience! Yet, I am still processing it all and being changed.

I often find myself thinking about the faces of people I met and interacted with. I often find myself praying for all the strangers we passed by. I may not know them, but I find comfort in knowing that they are all known by God. All image-bearers of the King! It has also been reassuring to me that God is equipping His people to care for the poor and needy all over the world. Some larger or smaller by worldly standards, but God multiplies those efforts in ways we cannot even fathom. Prayers, financial gifts, boots on the ground, and much more! If you are interested in being a part of those efforts, please reach out!

One of the most impactful encounters I had was meeting Ronnie! I shared his story back in November of 2023 during the Sunday morning worship service. I have had numerous people ask about Ronnie and or comment about how they were affected by his story. Some have even stated that they were haunted by it. I still often think about Ronnie and wonder. I still weep for him, and feel anger about his situation! The reality is, Ronnie is just one example of the millions of children who have a similar story. So what do we do? I know that I

so badly wanted to pick up Ronnie and hug him, and then remove him from that situation. I am sure I am not alone in those feelings. Yet, what do we do when there are so many like Ronnie? Here are some thoughts on how you can make a difference in a sea of thousands of Ronnies!

- a) Prayer
- b) Consider adoption or foster care. Can be on a national or international scale.
- c) Support ministry organizations that do this type of work. Like *Forgotten Children Worldwide*.
- d) Share Ronnie's story!
- e) Go on a mission trip.
- f) Sponsor a child. \$38 a month is truly life changing!
- g) Pray some more! - Pastor Nick





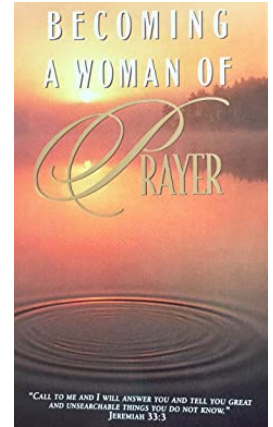
**Saturday,
Jan. 13
7:30 a.m.**

This is the perfect month for men to start a new habit on the second Saturday of the month at 7:30 a.m. Every month a group of Shiloh men who are interested in their own spiritual growth as well as encouraging the growth of others get together for breakfast and discussion. While we eat, the talk around the table ranges through anything guys like to talk about. Then we enjoy a guided discussion which is usually based on a video we watch together. Join us Saturday January 13th at 7:30 a.m. for a great breakfast and time with the guys.

Women's Fellowship

"It's me! It's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer!"

Women of Shiloh Church, do you have a desire to improve your prayer life? Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of most months this year – 2024 – to get to know some other women of the church. During our time together, we will hear snippets from Cynthia Heald's book "Becoming a Woman of Prayer." Contact Krystal Shaffer for more information.



God desires to have an intimate relationship with you!

Psalm 141:1-2 – I call to you, Lord, come quickly to me; hear me when I call to you. May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.



**January 20
9 a.m.**

To get the year started on the right foot, we are going to have a short meeting of the chair people and team leaders on January 20th at 9 a.m. If you are at the head of any group within the life of Shiloh, you are invited and encouraged to attend. This will help us all work with a common vision. If you are a leader and unable to attend, please ask a team member to be there to represent the group.



January 7

Immediately after Services

We need your assistance in taking down the Christmas decorations. Please plan to stay and help! For questions, see Christina Pifer.



**Attention,
Ladies who Like to Sing!**

Erin Campbell will be putting together a ladies' group to sing specials during the worship service. The first practice will be Thursday, **January 4** at 7 p.m. If you cannot make it but would still like to sing, please let Erin know.



By Teresa Rose

What is the outreach ministry? What will I have to do if I sign up?

These are questions I've been asked about for this new ministry.

My vision for an outreach ministry is one that takes the hands and feet of Jesus outside of the Shiloh building and into the community. We need to share the special communion of family that we have within our congregation to those who desperately need to feel the love of Christ outside of our family! Perhaps...just perhaps, others will want to join our Shiloh family and come to know the life-changing message of salvation!

So specifically, what does that look like?

It may be serving a meal at a ministry in the community, such as Emmaus Mission for the homeless; providing needed items for My Father's House or Birthright of Logansport; working with Habitat for Humanity in building a house. The possibilities are endless and only limited by our own imaginations! (What if we served "In the name of Christ cocoa" at an event?!)

Will I have to be involved with every ministry that is done?

No. The goal is to have a core committee that will organize different outreach opportunities and then pull in others from the congregation that are gifted or interested in the project. For example, if a ministry needs walls painted, people who enjoy painting would be asked if they could serve.

There are currently outreach programs in place at Shiloh! One has been around for some time - the Nehemiah Project. When someone other than a Shilohite needs assistance with a building issue, a team will pull together to meet that need. The other is a new ministry thru Josiah White's CarePortal. CarePortal is an on-line

platform that connects the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) with churches to provide tangible needs of local children and families in crisis. See the CarePortal page for additional information!

We may have one outreach project/ministry each month or may be called to a project that takes several months. The ultimate goal is to allow God to open doors of opportunity for those who say "yes!"

Josiah White's CarePortal

Shiloh has recently joined a community of local churches, including Lucerne Christian Church, Pisgah Christian Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Calvary Presbyterian Church to serve the needs of families in crisis in Cass County.

We have the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways, from meeting a one-time financial need to tangible needs (e.g.: \$200 contribution towards pest control, or providing a crib to a family that is taking in a newborn).

The core committee members are Teresa Rose, Vickie Bridge, Kathleen Kennell and both pastors. CarePortal requests will be emailed to the CarePortal contacts, and then disseminated to the core committee members to determine if/how we can respond to known needs.

This ministry is currently funded thru the Benevolence Committee with a startup commitment of \$2,000 for the year 2024.

YOU can help! Occasionally, requests will be sent to the larger Shiloh community, if that seems most appropriate or effective to meet the need.

If you have a heart for serving others and loving on those less fortunate, you'll have an opportunity to sign up for the Outreach Ministry in February. You may sign up as a core committee member (praying and watching for opportunities to serve), a worker for projects of interest, or perhaps you'd like to contribute financially when needed.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me!

"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'"



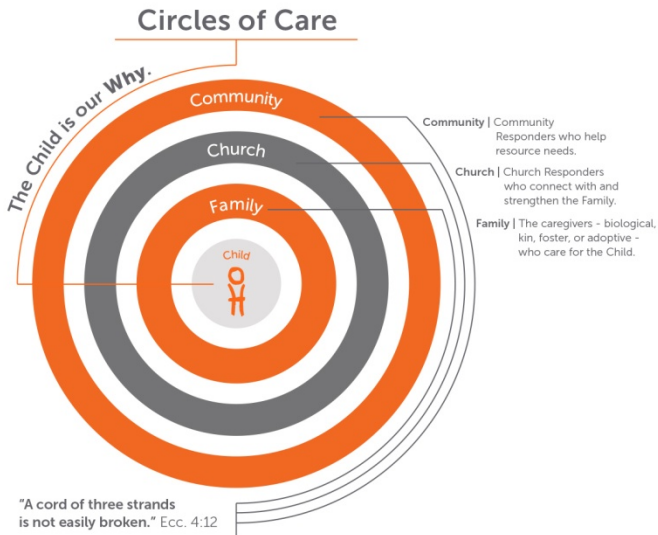
CarePortal

A technology platform connecting you to children and families in crisis



CARE FOR EVERY CHILD

CarePortal creates connections within the Circles of Care around the isolated child. Families, churches and communities are brought together to create a healthy approach to caring for kids. Because every child matters.



HOW CAREPORTAL WORKS

- Family in Need** is visited by

A caseworker identifies a high-impact need of a local child or family in crisis — like a crib for a new mom trying to reunify her family or a mentor for a youth transitioning out of foster care.
- Caseworker** types need into

They submit a request through CarePortal, which immediately notifies the closest local churches and community members who've joined the network.
- CarePortal** shares need with

Each church can respond directly back to the caseworker to meet the need, or they can engage other churches and community partners who want to help.
- Local Churches** ensure that the

Whether it's one church that responds, or a community of churches, businesses and individuals working together... CarePortal makes vital connections possible through an easy-to-use platform.
- Family is Helped**

Every request presents the opportunity for churches to make meaningful connections. Sometimes, connection means meeting one need at just the right moment. At other times, connection starts life-changing relationships.

MAKE A CONNECTION

When local churches step up to meet tangible needs of local children and families in crisis, the story is just beginning. The grid below provides a window to see the possibilities for supporting vulnerable children and families in crisis across the child welfare spectrum.

Church members using the CarePortal platform found it **increases awareness** of the needs of hurting children and families in their community, **increases action** by making it easier to assist families and **creates meaningful connections** with those they help*.

	Prevention	Foster Care	Adoption	Transition
TIER 1 Physical				
	Provide resources to stabilize the environment of children and their caregivers.			
TIER 2 Relational				
	Support children and families through time and relationship.			
TIER 3 Family				
	Open your home to children or families, temporarily or permanently.			

*According to a May 2020 survey completed by Brown School Evaluation Center at Washington University.



"When missions come right onto your doorstep, that's the best thing that can ever happen in the Church . . . it reestablishes what the Church is to society"

— Pastor Dennis Graham-Parker, NY

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU SERVE

Just-In-Time Training

Responders are equipped with quick training videos specific to each request. The platform brings relevant, best-in-class advice from leading experts to responders. This training guides them to prepare and debrief while making meaningful connections.

SERVING KIDS IS EASIER THAN EVER

Multilingual App

The CarePortal App empowers caseworkers and responders to collaborate even faster and easier to serve children and families in crisis.



WHAT YOU DO MATTERS

Together, we can collectively impact the lives of countless children and families in crisis. Caseworkers are overwhelmed daily by the needs of children and families in their communities. CarePortal connects children in need with people who want to help.

Whether you are a church, non-profit, child-serving agency, business, or a person who cares - there is an opportunity for you to make a difference by joining the movement to provide care for every child.



"Whatever you did for one of the least of these . . . you did for me."

— Jesus | Matthew 25:40

EXPAND YOUR OUTREACH

CarePortal equips churches and ministries with a heart to help local children and families in crisis. Backed by CarePortal technology, training and support, each church in the CarePortal network commits to pray, give and serve. Churches can also identify and submit needs within their own church and community through the Church Entered Needs feature.



Churches have the option to use a CarePortal Card allowing their teams to directly receive funding from responders in their church and surrounding community to meet needs. CarePortal handles the donation and tax letters to keep the process simple.



Activate Your Church

Open up your ministry doors to receiving needs that support the most vulnerable members of your community. 89% of survey Responders agreed CarePortal made it easier to assist children/families in their community.*



Become a Community Champion

Your business or organization can gain access to vetted needs in your community and make a measurable impact.



Become a Requesting Agency

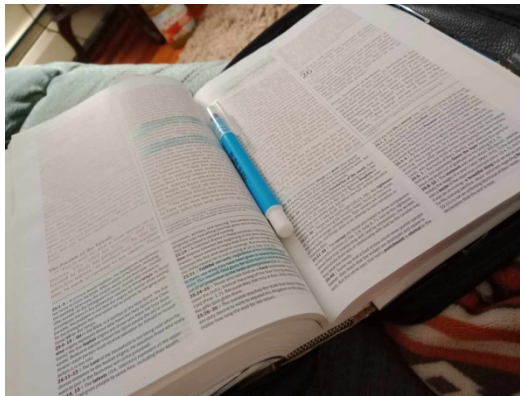
If you are a public or private agency engaging individuals in crisis, you can sign-up to request support. Child serving agencies of all types benefit from using CarePortal to serve more children, increase case worker morale and avoid costs.

Learn more at [CarePortal.org](https://www.CarePortal.org)

“Anticipation”...a Letter from Lucy

By the time you read this, Joanna, Bo, and Eliza will have been here and gone. Traveling for them is quite a chore. We are trying to alleviate some of that pressure by preparing things here at the house to be ready for their arrival. We are buying special groceries for them for Bo's low sodium diet and fun goodies for Eliza to enjoy while she is here. We are cleaning the house. We are moving the guest room upstairs to make it easier for Bo to do his dialysis. We are wrapping a few gifts for Eliza to open and play with here in our home. We are borrowing a few items to make our home safer for a little one. And we are letting others know that they will be here so they can fit in a quick visit as well. We are preparing for their arrival.

We are anticipating the hugs and smiles all around when we see them face to face. We are anticipating sharing meals with them. We are anticipating listening to the new words Eliza is learning. We are just anticipating spending time with them.



This new year, what are you anticipating? 2024 has some pretty big things in store. There's a presidential election. There are a couple of weddings coming up. There may be new jobs or new homes for some. Some may be graduating from high school or college. There are so many things to look forward to in the new year.

And we have to prepare for those big events. Parties are planned. Food is prepared. Gathering places are found. People are invited to join us!



My prayer for our church family is that we will anticipate Christ's arrival this year. Yes, He is coming back! It could be this year! But I really think there is more to it than that. He wants us to anticipate his arrival in our hearts. He wants to come and spend time with us. We prepare for that through

prayer and Bible study. We prepare through attending a local church and becoming active in the services they provide to the community. We



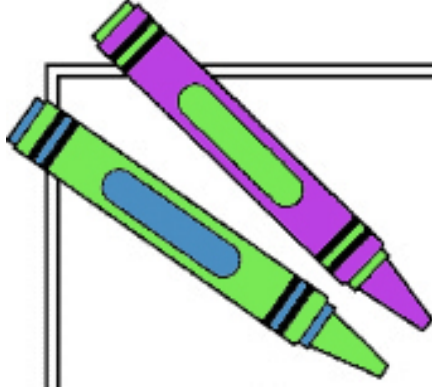
prepare for His arrival by "cleaning up" the cobwebs and dust in our lives. This includes getting rid of those things that keep us from spending time with him. It might mean joining a group that will challenge us to grow in our faith through study and action. And it means sharing with others about His

arrival and inviting them to come and see what He is doing in our lives, in our church, and in our community!

And yes, every day we anticipate His return to take His children home! All this preparation is leading to a final homecoming for us. As much as I am looking

forward to seeing Joanna, Bo, and Eliza, I know that the visit will end, and they will return home to Arizona. But with Jesus, I know that because I have invited Him to live in and through me, He will help me in my preparation for His final arrival. And that is the best kind of anticipation to have! One that will end in our homecoming in heaven!

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom...and five were wise...the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps...The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut...Watch, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."--Matthew 25:1-13 (It was too long to share the whole scripture here, but you can go and read on your own how they prepared for the bridegroom.) "O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."--Micah 6:8



“A New Year – A New You”

Find the words from 2 Corinthians 5:17.



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**Daily Bible
Reading for
January 2024**



The Bible reading plan in this newsletter is a daily reading plan which will have you read the entire Bible in four years. Some readings are repeated because the reading is broken into categories: Psalms and Wisdom Literature, Pentateuch and History of Israel, Chronicles and Prophets, and Gospels and Epistles. In 2024 the readings are from Chronicles and Prophets. As you begin with the Chronicles, choose a name you know or a name you don't know and learn something new about that person. God bless you as you READ the WORD!

January 1	1 Chronicles 1
January 2	1 Chronicles 2
January 3	1 Chronicles 3
January 4	1 Chronicles 4
January 5	1 Chronicles 5
January 6	1 Chronicles 6
January 7	1 Chronicles 7
January 8	1 Chronicles 8
January 9	1 Chronicles 9
January 10	1 Chronicles 10
January 11	1 Chronicles 11
January 12	1 Chronicles 12
January 13	1 Chronicles 13
January 14	1 Chronicles 14
January 15	1 Chronicles 15:1-16:3
January 16	1 Chronicles 16:4-43
January 17	1 Chronicles 17
January 18	1 Chronicles 18-20
January 19	1 Chronicles 21:1-17
January 20	1 Chronicles 21:18-22:19
January 21	1 Chronicles 23-24
January 22	1 Chronicles 25
January 23	1 Chronicles 26
January 24	1 Chronicles 27
January 25	1 Chronicles 28
January 26	1 Chronicles 29:1-22a
January 27	1 Chronicles 29:22b-30
January 28	2 Chronicles 1
January 29	2 Chronicles 2
January 30	2 Chronicles 3
January 31	2 Chronicles 4

January 1	Paul & Diana Ross
January 3	Krystal Shaffer Charity Musselman
January 7	Amelia Gordon
January 8	Dawn Harmon
January 11	Susan Aldridge
January 12	Chase Farrer Jaden McFarland
January 15	Carol Sue Hayworth
January 17	Lucy Marshall
January 18	Darren McKaig
January 20	Carol Gaumer John Spencer
January 25	Merle Nice
January 26	Alicia Pifer
January 27	George Courtad
January 29	Jeff McLean

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear on our birthday/anniversary list (and it's in January), please contact Paul at the church office.



Chelsy Roller reads "The Legend of the Candy Cane" to children attending the Dec. 3 Sharing Program

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2024

Sunday Mornings:
Coffee & Donuts – 9 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 31	1 Office Closed HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 7 pm - Bible Study	3 6 am – Men's Bible study	4 Pastor Nick's OFF 7 pm – Women's Choir Callout	5 Pastor Mark's OFF	6
7 Christmas décor Take-Down IAC 2-4 pm-Amelia's 1 st Birthday Party  6:30-8 pm-HS Ministry	8 Noon – Prayer	9 7 pm – Bible Study	10 6 am – Men's Bible study 6 pm-Women's Fellowship	11 Pastor Nick's OFF	12 Pastor Mark's OFF	13 7:30 am  9:30 am – Benevolence Committee Meeting
14 Raise Right orders due 5:30-7pm-MS Ministry	15 Noon – Prayer 7 pm-Board meeting	16 7 pm – Bible Study	17 6 am – Men's Bible study	18 Pastor Nick's OFF	19 Pastor Mark's OFF	20 9 am-Ministry Leader Collaborative
21 Raise Right pickup 6:30-8 pm-HS Ministry	22 Noon - Prayer 6 pm-Deacons Mtg 7 pm- Elders & Deacons	23 7 pm - Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 6 am – Men's Bible study 7 pm – VBS Formational Committee Meeting	25 Pastor Nick's OFF	26 Pastor Mark's OFF	27
28 5:30-7pm-MS Ministry	29 Noon - Prayer	30 7 pm – Bible Study	31 6 am – Men's Bible study	Feb. 1 Pastor Nick's OFF	Feb. 2 Pastor Mark's OFF	Feb. 3