

January

2019

Subtitle

Winter is Here, Let it Snow !!!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Office Closed Phyllis Bryant Bessie Harrell	2 No Services	3 Vincent Anderson, Jr. Bob Warren	4	5
6 Communion	7 Kasara M. Lear	8 Mission Action 2pm	9 Dinner 6pm Worship Groups 7pm Choir 7:45	10 Agnes Joyner	11	12
13 Sunday School Leaders 8:am Dianne Futrell	14 Deacon Meeting 7:30 pm Jonathan Ellis	15 Wow 7pm	16 Worship Groups 7pm Choir 7:45	17	18 Myrna Tucker	19 Edwin Brett
20	21	22 Mary Jo Ellis Baptist Men 7pm	23 Worship Groups 7pm Men's Choir 7:45	24	25 John Loman	26 Grayson Revelle
27 Baptist Men's Day	28	29 James Joyner	30 Worship Groups 7pm Choir 7:45 Dennis Bennett Milton Vaughan	31		



From the Pastors Desk

Let's begin 2019 by thanking the Lord for the blessings of 2018 and the momentum we are carrying forward! We exceeded every ministry goal that we set in 2018; we established several local mission emphases, we saw membership increase, disciples strengthened, and we witnessed 10 glorious baptisms among many other wonderful things for the Kingdom of God! Now, as this momentum moves us into a new year, we set new goals though our focus remains the same.

We must maintain a strong commitment to strengthening disciples; helping individual Christians walk in genuine faith and obedience to the Gospel by promoting the **taking up of one's cross daily and being a living sacrifice.** Personal holiness must become paramount because we were bought at an unimaginable price for the cause of holiness.

We must dedicate ourselves to reaching the "lost sheep" who are far from God; therefore, our emphasis on "**Who is your one**" will remain a priority! Ask the Father to reveal to you your "one" who will hopefully become "one" of many that you help lead to the Lord.

We must wave the Sunday School banner much higher than ever before by **modeling cohesiveness, burden sharing, in-depth teaching, and laboring with love in local missions to our own community** for we exist to proclaim the Gospel to the nations, but that starts in our own homes and then to our next-door neighbors. This is a dual emphasis as we must also seek, work, and pray the same for our Wednesday night ministries!

Lastly, we must **humble ourselves and pray, though this should be firstly!**

And I believe when these things are our priority (in our church and in our homes) that we will see an even greater blessing on our church family and homes. Youth and children's ministries will thrive, adults (young and old) will find freedom from the snares of the world and perseverance in faith will be known by us all. Non-Gospel essentials will not corrode and disrupt unity as Satan seeks to hinder our relationships, faith, and our service to the Lord. Let us be people who speak words of abundant life and live in the joy of our salvation! Will you join me in making this our focus for every day in 2019!

Please spend some quiet time with these passages as they provide sound reasoning for our continued focus this year: *2 Chronicles 7:12-22, Psalm 66:16-20, 1 Peter 1:13-16, Psalm 105:1-5, Acts 1:1-8, Matthew 28:18-20, Isaiah 12, Matthew 5:1-16, Matthew 9:36-38, Luke 9:23-27, Romans 12:1-2, Proverbs 15, John 14:12-21, 2 Timothy 3, James 2, James 3* ...actually, just go ahead and read all of James ☺!

Praise the Lord for the Doering family who joined our Meherrin family on December 16 (more baptisms to come soon)!

May the Lord find us faithful,

Pastor John

Walking by faith





NURSERY WORKERS

Jan 6: Shirley Harrell, Mildred Wrenn
Garnet Phillips
Jan 13: Stephanie & Chris Conner, Ethel Knowles
Jan 20: Francis Martin, Leigh Anne Morris
Jan 27: Deborah Lane, Ann Bennett

TEAM KID

Jan 6: Emily & Patrick Terry
Jan 13: Frank & Joy Futrell
Jan 20: Dan & Judy Taylor
Jan 27: Brad & Leigh Anne Morris

USHERS:

Jan 6: Joe Rose, Charles Futrell, Brad Morris
James Joyner
Jan 13: Robert Bennett, Bob Warren
Nathan Pearce, John Timberlake
Jan 20: Dan Johnson, Frank Futrell
John Harrell, Henry Miller
Jan 27: Clinton Evans, Kevin Brown
Bryan Johnson, Raleigh Garris

Sympathy

Paul Pearce and Family at the death of Patricia Pearce
Marie Francis and Family at the death of Walter Francis

WELCOME WINTER



Welcome Doering family to the Meherrin Family.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as of Sunday
Dec 16th is \$7,538.00.



Baptist Men's Day is January 27th. All men are called to fill the choir and lift up a joyful noise to the Lord. We hope to see you for practice on wed. Jan. 23 at 7:45.



Update on Appalachian Christmas Outreach from Mark Abernathy. In 2018 the current total of backpacks received is 14,416. This is an increase of 3,061 over 2017. Thanks to all of you for giving to this ministry. We look forward to 2019.

"Who Is Your One?"

A church-wide initiative that challenges each of us to be faithful disciple makers.

December Offering

Dec 2	12,015.43
Dec 9	snow day
Dec 16	9714.51

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