

ALLEN MEMORIAL

Baptist Church

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A new year is upon us!

Much is shared about a new start in a new year. Yet there is also the need for reflecting on what is most important in one's life. Through the holidays we have been reminded of the importance of family and friends. And, of course, our faith has been in the mix as we have thanked God for all His blessings at Thanksgiving and then celebrated the birth of a Savior at Christmas—the most wonderful gift we could receive at the most wonderful time of the year.

I would hope and pray for each of us that these things would rise to their proper place of importance. That the lesser things would not take over the most important things. Sadly, many have allowed some things to supersede the truly important. Family relationships are failing and in dire need of attention. Churches are declining as many chose to be in other places. The impact of people with a true relationship with God is no longer evident in the society around us. Secularism is more impactful than spirituality.

As God's people here in this community, we are called to put the most important things back in their proper place. God is to be first and foremost in our lives. He has loved us so greatly and done so much for us that we are forever indebted to Him. He calls us to love Him, love His church, and love the people He created. His Word is to be read and applied in our lives.

May God give us the eyes to see what He is doing and how we might be involved in His work, both in our church and community in the year ahead. May we join with Him—serving Him as we serve and show love to those around us. The great hope of the Gospel is ours to share. May we do so joyfully and faithfully in the year ahead and may God richly bless us as we give ourselves to Him.

Pastor Scott



COME JOIN US!

Each Sunday we have an opportunity to stay connected in worship by attending our Sunday service to enjoy to a shared message and study through scripture. Join us as we enjoy our worship and messages with Pastor Scott Burtis.

I encourage you, if you are able, to join us in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am and at 11:15 am for our in-person Sunday School. We are also live streaming on YouTube. Check our website at www.ambccandor.com for more details.



The Clarks in Papua New Guinea

The Clarks are excited to report that after a four-year hiatus (because of COVID and restrictions following COVID), VBS will return in January. They anticipate they will have eight churches participating and have trained 80 volunteers to be leaders, musicians, and actors/actresses.

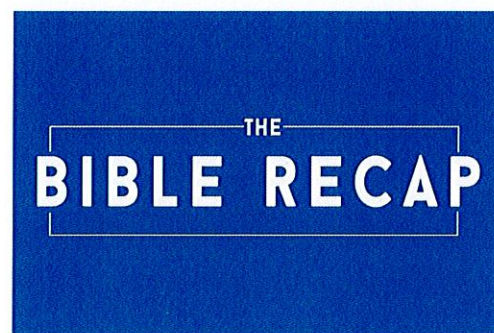
From the Clarks:

“The Clark 4 in PNG all have roles to play at this year’s VBS. Meanwhile, our son Nathan, currently on school break in Longview, TX, looks forward to another semester of co-leading the Backyard Bible Club in Arkadelphia, AK. His team of Ouachita Baptist University students has been seeing good fruit in the lives of the children who faithfully attend. It brings us great joy to see another generation of Clark/Woods kids involved in Gospel-centered children’s ministry.”

Please keep the Clarks and our other missionaries in your prayers as we start the new year.

Sue English (for the Missions Committee)

Book Suggestion for January



Announcements and articles for this newsletter should be received by Tammy Podufalski by the **23rd of the month prior to publication**. You can send your information to Tammy by email at ambcsecretary@hotmail.com, text at 607-280-4039 or by placing your announcement in the Secretary box in the hallway near the offices.

WAYS TO GIVE YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

In person—drop your check, cash or pew envelope in one of the boxes located in the Fellowship Hall or front of the church.

Online—www.ambecandor.com/give

Text—text your amount to 607-333-7858



Mark your Calendar

- January 6 7:30am Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
 7:30am Women's Coffee & Chat at Burtis' home
- January 9 6:00pm Deaconesses' Meeting
 6:30pm Trustees' Meeting
- January 11 3:00pm Deacons' Meeting
- January 21 Birthday Celebration during Fellowship
 Sanctity of Human Life Day

Every Sunday:

6:30pm Young Life Student Ministry

Every Thursday:

2:00pm Time of Prayer

Check out our missionary bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall to learn about all the exciting things happening in the missions field. The board changes weekly so take a look whenever you walk by.



Daily Bible Reading Plans:

For online reading and videos:

www.branchtogether.org

www.backtothebible.org

www.blueletterbible.org

www.biblegateway.com



Items needed for 2024 Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child for the Month of January :



**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS
CHILD**

Brushes, combs and hair ties for all ages and genders.



Can we pray for you? Go to our website and click on I NEED PRAYER.

If you are interested in joining a group of us who will be praying for online prayer requests that come in through our website, please contact Tammy Podufalski and she can add you to the email list.

December 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 2:00pm Time of Prayer	5	6 7:30am Men's Breakfast 7:30am Women's Coffee & Chat
7 6:30pm Young Life Youth in Gym B-Sue Baur	8 6:00pm Deaconesses' Meeting 6:30pm Trustees' Meeting	9	10	11 2:00pm Time of Prayer 3:00pm Deacons' Meeting B-Dolores Schoneman	12 B-Scott Burtis	13
14 6:30pm Young Life Youth in Gym	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17 A-Bob & Betty McGrew	18 2:00pm Time of Prayer	19	20
21 6:30pm Young Life Youth in Gym Birthday Celebration Sanctity of Human Life Day	22	23 B-Geoffrey Ragsdale	24	25 2:00pm Time of Prayer B-Esther Grennell	26	27
28 6:30pm Young Life Youth in Gym	29	30 B-Aaron Aman	31			
					<i>Regular Sunday Worship Schedule:</i>	9:45am Worship Service 9:45am Journey Kids 11:15am Sunday School 6:30pm Young Life Youth Ministry