

## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### What is your game face?

A joyful heart makes a face cheerful.  
(Proverbs 15:13a CSB)

From my earliest days playing organized athletics I have taken to the notion of the "game face." Intense and earnest about what I do, this concept fits my personality even beyond sports. But at times I have had to make wise corrections along the way. My first full-time ministry position was as a youth pastor. To be frank, it was for a congregation in which both the youth and their parents were not easy to please. So feeling a certain amount of pressure, I would head out of my office and down the basement stairs to face the Senior High Sunday School class. With the look of a defender guarding the goal, I would pass a group of the older ladies of our church as they congregated on the first floor near the stair railing. I can say with sincerity that I unintentionally would pass by them without speaking. The den of lions awaited after all!

Well, I can also say with gratitude to the Lord, they told the senior minister what they were observing as I passed them by each Lord's Day morning. It was sad to realize I was acting like I did not care about these dear ladies. The pastor understood my situation, but we both agreed on a simple

correction: a smile. I have never forgotten that lesson. And those ladies actually became a strengthening and encouraging force as I would attend to my Sunday morning challenges. I can remember their warm faces even now. I still try to head out into this wide world with a smile on my face.

Perhaps my experience may benefit you. I know I need to continue to apply the lesson I learned from the church ladies in my countenance in my own home. We do not always feel excited and thrilled with the tasks of the day before us. But I do think that in most day-to-day situations, a smile makes for a compelling game face. It helps build morale whether at home, school, or work and allows us to seem approachable to others. And I think that over time it even helps provide the needed environment for the truly sorrowful faces we encounter in our daily lives. If you need a little help finding a smile, you can turn to the happy occasion of Nehemiah 8. The reading of the law was bringing tears of weeping to the eyes of God's restored exiles. However Nehemiah kindly reminded them (and now us), *Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength (8:10).*



**PRAYER:** Dear Lord, thank you for the promise that you will never leave us nor forsake us. Thank you for your mercies that are new each morning—and new again in 2023. Please give me a joyful heart that will result in a cheerful face. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# JANUARY 2023

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1	2 <b>B-day:</b> Jonathan Cannon	3 <b>Anniv:</b> Billy & Ruth Symon	4 <b>B-day:</b> Carolyn Tipton	5	6 <b>B-day:</b> Kristy Atkins	7
8 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <b>Deacon Meeting</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>B-day:</b> Isaac Cannon	9 <b>Game/Fellowship</b> <b>Time:</b> 9:30am <b>B-day:</b> Marcie Coddington	10	11	12	13	14
15 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <b>Fellowship Potluck</b>	16 <b>Game/Fellowship</b> <b>Time:</b> 9:30am	17 <b>WM Circle Study:</b> 9:30am or 6:45pm	18 <b>Dessert Fellowship:</b> 6pm <b>Study/Prayer:</b> 6:15pm <b>Session Meeting:</b> 7pm <b>B-day:</b> Edith Gill	19	20	21
22 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <b>HOP:</b> 2pm	23 <b>Game/Fellowship</b> <b>Time:</b> 9:30am	24 <b>WM Circle Study:</b> 9:30am or 6:45pm	25 <b>Dessert Fellowship:</b> 6pm <b>Study/Prayer:</b> 6:15pm	26	27	28 <b>WP/WM Annual Meeting:</b> Trinity PCA, Tuscaloosa <b>B-day:</b> Ozzy Resto
29 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <b>Deacons Fund Offering</b>	30	31 <b>WM Circle Study:</b> 9:30am or 6:45pm				

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY

**DEACONS OF THE MONTH:** Mike Cork and Glenn Basinger

**FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH:** Joy Mackin

**RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:**

- Sunday School at 9:30 am.
- Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom.
- Monday, Game/Fellowship Time, 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday, Women’s Ministry Circle Study, 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall or 6:45 pm at Ann Resto’s home.
- Dessert Fellowship and Bible Study/Prayer Time, Wednesdays. Dessert fellowship at 6:00 pm and study with prayer time at 6:15pm.

<u>2022</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>2022 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 5,611.00	\$ 91,299.17
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 10,052.33	\$ 88,597.14
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (4,441.33)	\$ 2,702.03
<u>2021</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 5,225.00	\$ 88,442.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 4,520.71	\$ 68,777.04
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 704.29	\$ 19,664.96

**NOVEMBER AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:** 30

**DEACONS CLASS OF 2023:** David Coddington and Mike Cork

**DEACONS CLASS OF 2024:** Ray Evans and Joel Coddington

**DEACONS CLASS OF 2025:** Glenn Basinger and Trey Griffith

## JANUARY EVENTS

**January 8:**

- Communion,
- Deacon Meeting.

**January 15:** Monthly Fellowship Potluck. Setup/Clean-up Committee: Resto and Ward families.

**January 17:** Women’s Ministry Weekly Circle Study resumes. There will be a morning group who will meet at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and an evening group who will meet at 6:45 pm at Ann Resto’s house. Our study will be on the book *Blessed, Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation* by Nancy Guthrie. All ladies and guests are invited to join us. For more information, please contact Ann Resto or Karen Lashley.

**January 18:**

- The weekly Wednesday Dessert Fellowship, Study and Prayer time resumes. Fellowship begins at 6:00 pm and study/prayer time begins at 6:15 pm. We will resume our study of Psalm 139.
- Session Meeting, 7:00 pm.

**January 22:** Hooked on Prayer (HOP) will meet at 2:00 pm at Eloise Harris’ home. Please see page 4 for more details on this activity. For more information, please contact Eloise Harris or Joy Mackin.

**January 28:** Warrior Presbytery Women’s Ministry will hold their Annual Meeting at Trinity, PCA in Tuscaloosa. This year’s speaker will be Connie Kay from Central/Pleasant Ridge PCA, and her topic will be, “My Favorite Things.” Registration will begin at 9:00 am and the program will begin at 9:30 am. Lunch will be included. A sign up sheet will be provided and RSVP is due to Patty Kirkpatrick on January 23, 2023 by 10:00 am.

**January 29:** Deacon’s Fund Special Offering is collected whenever there is a fifth Sunday of the month. This offering is used to provide limited financial assistance to those in need from our congregation and the community.

### UPCOMING: 2024 MISSIONS CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY

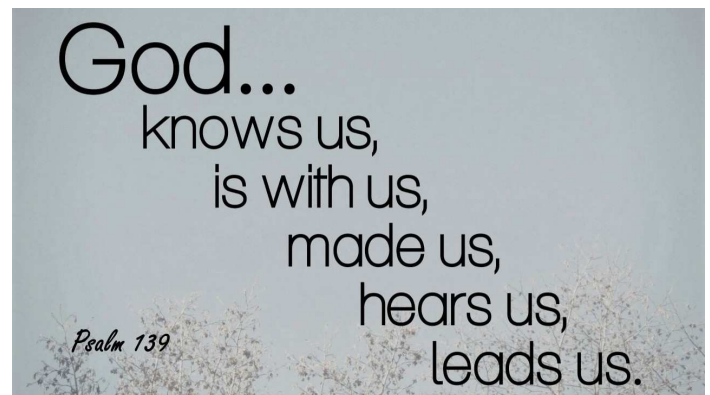
**Date:** February 18-19, 2023

**Theme:** Ancient Words - Guide Us Home

**Missionary Guests:**

- Andy and Bev Warren, Mission to the World—Ethiopia
- Robert and Lisa Stewart, Mission to the World—Japan
- Clete and Karen Hux, Apologetics Resource Center, Birmingham, AL

We hope you will support our event and our Faith Promise giving. Please watch for more information coming on this event.



# HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

JANUARY 2023

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Robert & Lisa Stewart	Mission to the World — Japan
Andy & Bev Warren	Mission to the World — Ethiopia
Doug McNutt	Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa
Aaron & Leticia Zapata	Mission to North America — Mexico
U.S. Military Chaplain Ministry	Mission to North America
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes	Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
Joy Ayabe	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Clete Hux	Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL
Jonah & Jennifer	Frontiers — Undisclosed Muslim Country
General Support	The Lighthouse Women's Center — Demopolis, AL
General Support	Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS

## HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

Abrams, Riddell	Hooks, Chesnee
Acton, Beth	Huizenga, Fran
Allinder, Kate	Hux, Karen
Bazuin, Caiden	Ivy, Kendall
Beale, Amy	Jennifer (Missionary)
Beard, Ronnie	Lane, Barbara
Beeler, Peggy	Lawson, Connie
Belcher, Samuel	Ligon, Brandon
Brantley, Maggie	Mackin, Jimmy
Bridges, Ida Lee	Mader, Rebecca
Brooker, Chrissy	McIntier, Jodie
Brooker, Jan	Morgan, Laura
Brown, Walt	Mutisya, Cecilia
Busby, Rhae	Parr, Higley
Bynum, Linda	Phillips, Ronnie
Craig, Noah	Plummer, Kaegan
Curry, Walter	Renner, Elizabeth
Davidson, Karen	Reynolds, Christy
DeWitt, Robert	Sakon, Ethan
Duncan, Conner	Sharp, Chris
Dyer, Doug	Sims, Anna Katherine
Emerson, Sandra	Telmont, Jose
Espy, Emily	Thornton, Alaina
Farst, Sharon	Tipton, Carolyn
Finley, Betty	Tulipan, Amelia
Griffith, Michelle	Tulipan, Hansen
Hall, Jimmy	Turner, Becky
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	VanderMolen, Popko
Haubert, Chloe Belle	Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Hayes, Betsy	Womble, Caleb
Headley, David	Zimmerman, Steve
Hocker, Jeannie	
Hoggle, Judy	

If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.

**If you have a heart to pray for the critically, chronically or terminally ill, HOP needs you.**

**Can you pray?  
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you knit or crochet?  
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you write note cards?  
WE NEED YOU!**

HOP is a prayer shawl ministry. We give shawls, throws, or blankets to the critically, chronically, or terminally ill to let them know we are praying for them. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet to be involved.

Any monetary gifts or donations of supplies, yarn, note cards and/or postage is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Eloise Harris or Joy Mackin for more information on how you can get involved.



### OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

**Cancer:**  
Luke (Jonah's son)  
Scott Kirkpatrick  
Jimmy Mackin  
Rick Wilson  
Kendall Ivy  
Jimmy Hall

**Illness:**  
Laura Morgan  
Neal Bules  
David Headley  
Linda Dunning

**Special Needs:**  
The Hutton Family  
Sharon Farst

**Other Needs:**  
Christina & Danny Addison  
Abigayle Kircharr  
Harry Jeong

**Military Personnel:**  
Chaplain William Broderick  
Sam Brasfield  
Steven Mackin  
Victor Resto  
Joseph Wilson  
Josh Tyson  
Blake Ivy  
Austin Griffith  
Kaleb Brown