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OPPORTUNITIES – Week of January 28, 2018

Sunday, January 28

9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Youth – Lunch Together
Following Worship

Tuesday, January 30

8:15 – 12:30 am CBS Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 31

5:45 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
6:20 – 7:15 pm Children’s Music & Missions
6:20 - 7:15 pm Youth Hang
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 3

Volunteers Preparing
for Souper Bowl

Rev. Dan Freeman, Intentional Interim Pastor
Rev. Pamela Phillips, Minister of Preschool and Children
Rev. Nick Clanton, Minister of Youth
Gene and Becky Bumgardner, Co-Directors of Music
Becky Bumgardner, Pianist
Jerry Fulham, Organist
Sharon Waters, Church Secretary
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VOLUNTEERS

BABIES & TODDLERS

PRESCHOOL

JANUARY 28

Cathy Brooks & Assistant Susan Herd & Dianne Duncan

FEBRUARY 4

Renee & Hannah Phillips Libby & Meredith McCraw

FEBRUARY 11

Linda Pettigrew & Livvie Richard Pam Phillips & Assistant

FEBRUARY 18

Cathy Brooks & Assistant Robin & Leeann Jacobs

FEBRUARY 25

Renee & Hannah Phillips Susan Herd & Dianne Duncan

JANUARY

DEACON

Bill Walters

BUILDING LOCK-UP

Randy Strider

USHERS

Men’s & Ladies’ Class

FEBRUARY

DEACON

Tony McCraw

BUILDING LOCK-UP

Wayne Ballenger

USHERS

In As Much Class

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Country Style Steak, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Beverage,
and BIRTHDAY CAKE



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

At the beginning of every act of faith, there is often a seed of fear. For great acts of faith are seldom born out of calm calculation.

-Max Lucado

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

“ . . . Pray for one another so you may be healed. The prayer from the heart of a man right with God has much power.”

James 5:16 NLV

Pam Buckner (Salvation for a Mother)
(Regina Elmore, Linda Bess’ sister)
(Mary Kerley) (Charlain Fitzgerald)
(Lena Marston – 4 years old – Cancer)
Betty Ammons, Friend of Family)
(Larry Marshall) (Ernie Smith)
The Pastor Search Committee



**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 4**

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a great way to enjoy a meal with your church family and to help fight hunger and poverty in the local community. Make plans to have lunch at Covenant following our morning worship February 4 and provide a donation that will help a local agency stock food for those in need.



We express our Christian sympathy to the family of George Martin in their loss of a loved one as well as our loss of a dear member. Please keep this family in prayer during this difficult time.

CHRISTMAS CARDS MISSION PROJECT

Used religious Christmas cards are being collected for a mission ministry. A basket has been placed in the narthex for the cards. We need only the front portion of the card.

Thank you.
Betty Ammons



ARE YOU A SUCCESS?

A young violinist was giving a concert one day in front of a large crowd. He ended his concert with a flourish, and all the people stood up and applauded, shouting, "Bravo! Bravo! What a performance!" But the young man put his head down. As the people continued to clap, his eyes began to fill with tears. There was no smile on his face.

All of a sudden as the applause began to die, an old man sitting up in the balcony stood up and began to clap. As soon as the violinist saw that, a smile came across his face. He wiped the tears from his eyes. He smiled and held up his violin and walked off the stage.

A man in the wings said, "How come you were sad when the people stood up, but when that old man stood up, you became glad?"

"Because the old man was my violin teacher," the young musician explained, "and unless he stood up, my concert would have been a failure, because he is the only one who knows . . . exactly how each piece is supposed to be played. It does not matter whether the people stand and applaud . . ."

My friend, unless God is standing and applauding, we really haven't done anything. Don't be fooled by people's applause. Make sure that Jesus Christ says, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

-Tony Evans *A Bright Tomorrow* devotional

***Blessings crown the head of the righteous.
Proverbs 10:6 NIV***

MISSION ACTION COUNCIL PROJECT FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

School Supplies for Gardner Park Elementary



BIRTHDAY PARTY --- YOU ARE INVITED!

Just a reminder to mail Mr. Pritchett's birthdays cards for his birthday, January 31. If you forget to mail the card, just bring it to Wednesday night fellowship and Bible Study and join with us as we have a party to celebrate his 90th birthday. There will be Birthday Cake! Mr. Pritchett is the father of Pam Bagwell and a veteran. Come, let's celebrate together including all of you who have January birthdays.

Brenda, Gail, & Fellowship Committee



THANK YOU
*Love is God
shining through you.
Love is the light
of the world.
Thanks for being such a
bright spot in my life.*

Dear Covenant:

Thank you for the cards, kind words, and memorial to Woodmont UMC (from the Koinonia Class) in memory of my father.

Love,
Lisa Taylor