



The Beacon



“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.” – Is. 60:1

January 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR



The Hinshaw Sisters in Concert

Sunday, January 11th ~ 4:00pm

The Hinshaw Sisters consists of three sisters: Debbie, Sandy and Robin. They have sung gospel music together as long as they have been a family and are dedicated to sharing Jesus Christ through their music. The Hinshaws are from right here in our community and have sung throughout North Carolina and Virginia.

Join us for a night of gospel music with The Hinshaw Sisters!
Be sure to invite someone!

Baptist Men's Day

Sunday, January 18th at 8:45am & 11:00am

Invite your friends and neighbors to hear our All Men's Choir, special music and guest speaker.

See the importance of Baptist Men's ministry within the church, community, and beyond.



Night of Praise & Fellowship

Sunday, January 25th ~ 6:00 pm

Join us for a time of singing and special music from some of our Sunday morning soloist, duets, and groups.

Then stay for a time of fellowship and finger foods.
Sure to help you beat the winter time blues.

“SANCTIFICATION”

Friday, January 30th - Saturday, January 31st

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Cost is \$20 - Includes Dinner , Breakfast , and conference material. Event begins Friday Evening at 5:30pm and at 8am on Saturday.

All men are invited for a great time of Worship, Fellowship, and Bible Study.
A Sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center. Be sure to invite a friend.



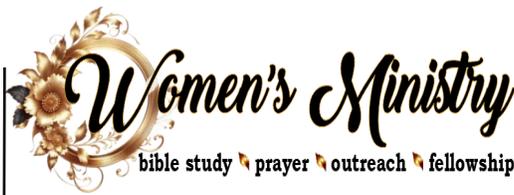


**Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month**

Happy New Year! As we enter 2026, many people look at the new year as a fresh start. Some may need a fresh start at work or in a relationship. Some may want a fresh start to eating healthy and exercising. You may want a fresh start in your relationship with the Lord. Maybe you need to make some changes in your life to live in such a way in 2026 that you are growing to become more Christ like. Thankfully, as Christians, God empowers and enables us to leave our sinful past behind and live out our new life in Christ. Paul wrote this in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." As you start 2026 remember that if you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are a new creation. Your sinful past no longer has a hold on you. You don't have to live that way anymore. It is in the past. Live as the new creation that you are. With the help of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, live in such a way that God is glorified and you are continually becoming more Christ like.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave



"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
1 Thess. 5:11

Women's Bible Study
Monday, Jan. 19th ~ 7:00p ~ FLC
'Forward' by Dr. David Jeremiah

Welcome
New Members

Jean McCorkle
Jayne Welch
Rhonda Welch
Zoey Welch
(by transfer of membership)

Xander Welch
Deklan Welch
(by profession of faith)



*We extend our sympathy
and prayers to:*

- ✂ Jarrett Brooks and his family in the death of his grandfather, Robert Brooks
- ✂ Beth Chambers and her family in the death of her aunt, Gladys Loftis
- ✂ Dorinda Laughinghouse and her family in the death of her mother, Ruby Parrish
- ✂ Jayme Welch and his family in the death of his grandmother, Dorothy Day

Congratulations to Crystal Watson

on the birth of her son Eli, who was born on December 17th.



Congratulations also to big sister Ava, grandparents Wally and Leigh Watson, and Aunt and Uncle Sammi and Jacob Huff.



"As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."
Proverbs 27:17

MEN OF IRON
Monday, Jan. 19th ~ 7:00p ~ Rm 109
'33 The Series -
A Man and His Fatherhood'

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
(AGES 18-30)
Thursday Nights at 7:00p Rm 109

**End-of-Year
Statements**



During the month of January, End-of-Year Statements of your tithes and offerings will be placed in the mailbox cubicle located in the Welcome Center.

Any Christmas cards remaining in the cubicles will be discarded.

Read through the bible in a year. Pick up a Reading Plan in the Church Foyer or Welcome Center. Here are some additional online printable plans:

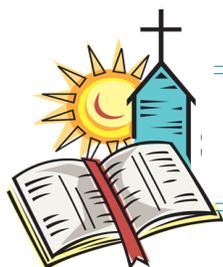
- [52-Week Plan](#)
- [Chronological Plan](#)
- [Redemptive-Historical Bible Plan](#)
- [2 Year Plan](#)



We Received a

Thank You Note From:

- ✂ **Bernard & Ann Day**
- ✂ **Joe & Joyce Glenn**



Join Us For...

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

10:00a - 10:45a

Grow closer to God, Grow closer to others.

Start the new year in Sunday School! It's a great opportunity for learning, social interaction and sharing life, and for spiritual growth.

We have children's classes from Nursery to 5th Grade.

Classes for Youth and College & Career,
and 4 Adult Classes from which to choose.

Something for everyone!

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, ...but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." – Hebrews 10:24-25

JANUARY 2026

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center">Memory Verse</p> <p align="center">“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”</p> <p align="center">2 Corinthians 5:17</p>				<p align="center">1</p>  <p align="center"><i>Ann Day Mike Duke</i></p>	<p align="center">2</p> <p align="center"><i>Gary Bowers</i></p>	<p align="center">3</p> <p align="center"><i>Matt Lynch Evan Shuler</i></p>
<p>4</p> <p>Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a</p> <p>Deacons Mtg 12:30p</p> <p><i>Bernard Day</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>Zacc Brack Dakota Day</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Wed. Night Service 7p</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Young Men’s Bible Study 7p</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Tonya Fuller Abby Perkins Aiden Walker</i></p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a</p> <p>Hinshaw Sisters Concert 4pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Kathy McFarland</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Chris Lynch</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>Missions Night 7pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Young Men’s Bible Study 7p</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Austin Hall</i></p>
<p>18</p> <p>Worship Service/ Baptist Men’s Day 8:45a & 11:00a</p> <p><i>Olivia Hall</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>Women’s & Men’s Bible Studies 7p</p> <p><i>Layne Bowers</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Gerry Moore</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>Business Mtg. 6:45p ----- Wed. Night Service 7p</p> <p><i>Wanda Howerton Cathy Taylor</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>Kristina Walker</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Kadin Brooks Lance Ellis Kristy Gresham Melissa Sands Jimmy Roberts</i></p>
<p>25</p> <p>Worship Service 8:45a & 11:00a</p> <p>Night of Praise & Fellowship 6p</p> <p><i>Barbara Walker</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>Ryan Hall</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Church Council 7p</p> <p><i>Donna Albert Barry Shuler</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>Wed. Night Service 7p</p> <p><i>Janet Stone</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Ethan Ellis</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>Men’s Conf. at Antioch 5:30pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Men’s Conf. at Antioch 8am</p> <p><i>Jacob Bowers</i></p>



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Address Correction Requested



Between the Years

By Johann Christoph Arnold

Since my childhood, the six days “between the years” – between Christmas and New Year’s Eve – have been, for me, the crowning of the year. My parents taught my sisters and me how vital it is for our spiritual life to use this season as a chance to step back from our daily work and immediate worries – to gather as family, slow down, and reflect on what is most important.

What better time to right old wrongs and heal old wounds? To leave regrets behind? To make peace with one another and enter the New Year with a clear conscience and a free heart?

Looking back over the year now coming to an end, my wife, Verena, and I see how much God has given us. Can we thank him for everything, the good and the bad? This year has been especially challenging, but through these trials, life has grown deeper and more poignant than ever.

This is also a time to look forward. I don’t mean New Year’s resolutions, which we all know are easily made and seldom kept. But what are our hopes and prayers for the New Year – for ourselves and our families, and for our world? What will the new year bring for Syrian refugees, for those devastated by wars, hurricanes and earthquakes? Faced with overwhelming suffering, so much of it man-made, we ask God to intervene in history. The age-old plea, “Thy kingdom come,” burns more urgently than ever in our hearts.

With each passing year, this time between the years grows more meaningful to me. As I near the end of my life, the view backward is broader and more richly textured. And stretching before me, I look forward not just to another year or decade, but to eternity.

All of us, whatever our age, should learn to live in the light of eternity. As Scripture hints, eternity is not about unending life as we know it; what we know here will soon be over. Eternity is a new life, free of death’s destructive powers, a fullness of life where love rules. The promise of everlasting life has less to do with duration of time and more to do with a certain kind of life – one of peace, fellowship and abundance. Such a life can begin now.

God wants to welcome all of us into his kingdom, but we

need to begin working toward that here in our earthly lives. Such an attitude, or way of life, could be called “living before eternity,” where our hearts and minds prepare for the next world, even as we physically exist in this world.

Living before eternity means not storing up treasures on earth, but storing up treasures in heaven ([Matt. 6:19–20](#)). Living before eternity means knowing that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God ([Matt. 4:4](#)), and it means knowing that Jesus gives us the living water: “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life” ([John 4:13–14](#)).

As we enter the twilight of our lives, my wife and I have often asked ourselves what is really important. Again and again, we have come to feel that it is to prepare, as best we can, for the moment when God calls us, and to help others when they face death; to stand at their side and help them to cross the bridge from this place to the next.

We would all do well to consider eternity, and it does not matter how old we are. Youth is one of the most wonderful times of life, yet its joys will only be truly complete when young people begin to concern themselves with eternity. The same goes for old age: it can be marked by pain, loneliness, and depression if we don’t realize that rather than facing mortality, we are nearing immortality.

Our lives would be very small indeed if they consisted only of what we experience, touch, and see; but eternity is immeasurable. If we live before eternity, we will see that it is much more real than anything in this visible world. As Paul writes, “Now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known” ([1 Cor. 13:12](#)).

God created each one of us for this world, but he also created us for eternity, and he has something in mind for each one of us. Living before eternity gives us an opportunity to conquer death now, even before we physically die. It can help us grasp how God is working in each of our lives, and give us the strength to follow his way in service, love, and forgiveness, so that we can prepare ourselves first for our death and ultimately for eternal life.

<https://www.plough.com/between-the-years>

