



Kindred Lines

Newsletter of the Alexandria Baptist Church

January 2024

Dear church family,

Happy New Year! The new year was first given while the Hebrews were slaves to Egypt. God had performed nine wonders in Egypt, and still Pharaoh refused to set them free. So God called Moses and Aaron together and told them there would be one more plague. And after this one, Pharaoh would let the Hebrews venture away to become the nation of Israel.

This was the conversation when God announced the Passover. They were to always remember that they were slaves in a foreign land until God set them free. This event was so important that God told them never to forget it. It signified to them - a new beginning.

He said in Exodus 12:2 - BSB - "This month is the beginning of months for you; it shall be the first month of your year.

As they left Egypt and headed to Israel, God gave them the laws they were to follow as God's people. From our standpoint, they were free. But they weren't "free." The only way they could be truly free, apart from faith, was to keep every part of the law perfectly, which of course no man could do.

God knew that of course. And He already had a plan in place. He would institute a second Passover in essence.

When Jesus sat at the last supper, He gave the 11 remaining Apostles the New Covenant. From that day forward no longer were God's people to remember when they were set free from Egypt, but when they were set free from the bondage of sin.

As we face the New year for ourselves, let's remember that Jesus set us free. Let's remember what it cost Him. And let's live free in Jesus, the One who alone is worthy to be celebrated.

Happy New Year.

Jesus loves you,
Pastor Brian

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*The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord
make His face shine upon you, And be
gracious to you; The Lord lift up His
countenance upon you, And give you peace.*

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January 21st following church

Church Family Meeting

Make plans to attend this meeting to participate in the workings of the church. We will be approving the budget for 2024 and filling positions for all the boards. Then stay for Food & Fellowship Potluck. Meat is provided. Bring a covered dish and a dessert to share. Drinks and table service is provided!



First QUARTER MISSION 2024

**Christian Jewish Foundation
and the
HeartCry Missionary Society**

Goal \$1000

First Quarter Mission giving will be divided between CJF Ministries and HeartCry Missionary Society. CJS Ministries (www.cjfm.org) exists to make the Good News of Jesus, the messiah known to the Jewish people first and then to the nations.

They employ radio, missionaries and publications to reach people with the Gospel, equip the Body of Christ and educate the local church about its Jewish roots. Eric Chabot is a local missionary affiliated with CJF Ministries. Eric specializes in apologetics training as a teacher, author and evangelist, working with students at Columbus State and The Ohio State University. HeartCry Missionary Society was founded by Paul Washer in 1998 while he was serving as a missionary in Peru.

According to their website heartcrymissionary.com, "The goal of our ministry is to glorify God, and bring the greatest possible good to the humankind through the preaching of the gospel and the establishment of biblical churches throughout the world by means of equipping and mobilizing, indigenous churches and missionaries. They equip and mobilize 245 missionaries in 45 different countries.



January – February Mini Missions

Shepherd Church of Johnstown Johnstown Northridge Community Food Pantry

Goal \$100, Canned Goods and Supplies

The Board of Christian Education decided this year instead of having a monthly mini mission that we would run the mini missions over a two month period.

For January and February. We will be collecting for the Johnstown Northridge community food pantry that is organized by the Shepherd Church of Johnstown formally known as Faith Fellowship. The food pantry serves both Johnstown and Northridge school district areas in fighting hunger. If you wish to donate money, make checks out to the church and put on memo line “food pantry“. The food pantry can purchase perishable items such as milk, bread, fresh fruit, and vegetables with the money. Or you can donate non-perishable food items.

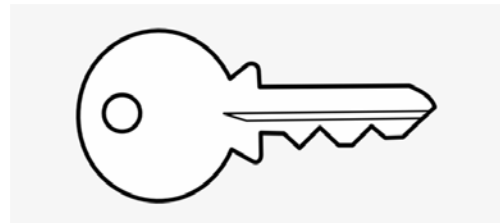
Some suggestions are canned chunky soups/mixed fruit/pears/peaches/mixed vegetables, bread/cake/brownie mixes, after school snacks, juice boxes, individual containers of fruit/beefaroni/anything like that, chips, toilet paper, paper towels, and personal care items such as toothpaste, shampoos, body wash, and deodorant.

Plastic tubs will be in the fellowship hall for the non-perishable items.



Birthday Card Shower for HELEN BURGOON

Helen's birthday is January 21st!
Let's brighten her day with lots and lots of
love and CARDS!!



Updating file information for anyone who has a key to the church building. Please look at your key and locate the engraved number located on the bow of the key. Once you find that number, please text me your name and the number you found. Txt number 740-817-0711. If you do not have texting capabilities please email me at pbstamps@gmail.com.

Thank you,

John P. chairman, Board of Trustees



November/December Mini Mission 2023 Alexandria Family Christmas Tree

I can only say WOW! The Lord's lovingkindness truly showed within this congregation in its giving this year. As you know we adopted an Alexandria family that suffered a tragedy earlier this year. We gifted the whole family of 5 children and mother. All the children received the gifts they put on their wish lists. You may have noticed all the gifts that were under the big Christmas tree Cantata Sunday. The mother was gifted Kroger and gas cards and a Bible that she'll be able to use in the Bible study that she has recently joined. The monies donated totaled \$1163 where \$50 was used for one of the girls' gift cards that was still outstanding and the rest was for the mother in Kroger card, Visa gift cards so she could pay utilities bills with and then some cash. I'm sure the family felt the love and compassion our congregation has for them and know they're in our prayers. A Big Thank You! Bless all of you!

Fourth Quarter Mission 2023 Shiloh Military Ministries Goal \$1,000

As of December 24th, givings for this ministry totaled \$970.
We have one more Sunday so we still have a chance to meet our goal.
Shiloh was a new mission for us so again thank you for your generous support.



LIFEWISE ACADEMY



Share the news with anyone you know in the Northridge School District. Northridge students in grades K-5 are invited to LifeWise Northridge to join your classmates for a fun-filled, Bible-based character lesson every week during the school day! Play games and do fun activities!

It's free! The class meets at Harmony Church. They must have parent or guardian permission to attend. To enroll a student, or get more info about LifeWise, visit

lifewise.org/Licking-Northridge

Students must be Enrolled by January 6th for the winter quarter!

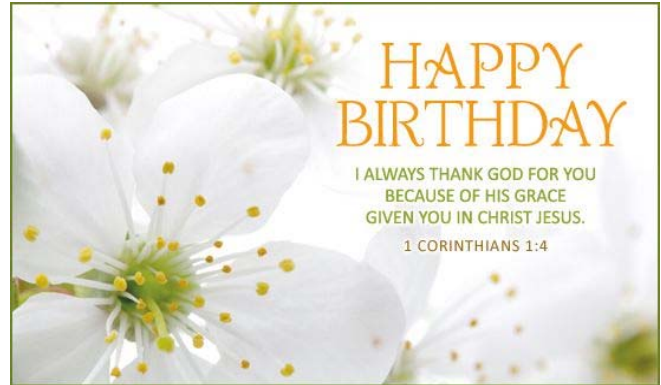


UPDATING

CHRISTMAS CARD LIST

There are many people who wish to no longer send Christmas cards. The list is in the fellowship room on the small table outside the doors. SO, if you want your name removed from the list put a line through your name.

THANKS!



Newsletter BIRTHDAY Dates

I try to acknowledge Birthdays in our monthly newsletter calendar. I have placed a list of current names in our family fellowship on the small table in the Fellowship Hall. If you want your date included, I will you add your birthdate. If you do not want your birthday listed just put a line through your name.

THANKS!

