

# JANUARY 2023

The Newsletter of Jones Chapel Church



“New Year’s Day is a good time to fix one’s eyes on the only One who knows what the year is to hold.”  
Elisabeth Elliot



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MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTION THIS YEAR IS TO DO THE THINGS I SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING LAST YEAR



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

Judy & Gene Webster	Evelyn Poteet
Angie Tuten	HD Studdard
Mallory Arp	Viola Underdown
Allen Dawson	Bill & Terry Aikens
Family of Tiny’s cousin	Hollie & Tucker
Todd & Kim Babb	Brianna Winters & Family
Maynard Wilson	Faye & Ray Ervin
Those Traveling	Marvel Jean Burris
Janet Woods	Family of Frank Farmer
Weir Family	Angie Tuten
Abby Hardin	Bo Shugart
Ruth Turner	Family of Milo Holznagel
Family of Mark Gradin	Family of Harry Larson
Family of Ken Carr	Family of Edith Hutsell
Louise Wattenbarger	Liam Brazier
Adam & Katie Wilson	Moffitt & McLain Families
Marty Hochertz	Jim & Pat Riden
Area Opioid Crisis	Delaney Clayton
Savannah Blair	Grace Trew
William Daughtry	Chuck Terry
Diann Gibson	Misty’s Husband
Jame’s neighbor’s daughter, Bailey	Laikly
Karen Christson family	Ann Clark
Sandy Lambert	Angie Moses
Disaffiliation & vote	Larry Rowland
Lost souls	Pickel Family
Beth Heaton	Roger Taylor
Shelly McAllister	Always pray for your Pastor
Unspoken requests	Beth
Clayton Clenden	Our Church/Israel
Amos & Dot Humphrey	Our Nation/Leaders/Military
Randy Rayburn	Successful surgeries & procedures
Ukraine war	Addie Williams
Stacey & Doug	Alberta Williams Family
Frank Clark	Wentworth Family
Berkley, Jenny, Charlie	Johnny Coe
Wanda Davis	

“Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”  
James 5:14

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Happy and Blessed New Year Jones Chapel. Our Wonderful and Gracious God has blessed us with another year to look forward to. May we all give thanks and praise for the many blessings God has shown us in this past year. I know some can say, my year wasn't all that great, and you might be right. For some maybe more month than money, others health not the best, others spirit just plain down or missing altogether.

All these may be true, but one thing I know, God is with us. He told the Israelites right before they entered the Promised Land and at Moses' handing over the leadership of the people to Joshua in ***Deuteronomy 31:6-Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.***"

While we go into this New Year may we remember God is with us when we are in need as well as in plenty. Just as a new day brings new possibilities so also does a new year. While we may not be able to put aside the old issues, we can make a renewed effort to bring them to God and let him shoulder the burden while we work through them.

This New Year also brings about new possibilities for our church. With the new possibilities we will face some new challenges and opportunities for people to step into. May we all come to God and let the Holy Spirit direct us into whatever role He wants for us to have in this new beginning for Jones Chapel.

I am excited for this New Year and what God has in store for me, and what He is doing in each one of our lives. I am also looking forward to the direction He is going to take the church come the pending vote in April. Please everyone seek God's guidance for the church and for our part in this new direction.

Happy New Year from Leslye and I, may God bless us all as we seek to honor and serve Him.

Pastor Bert



Of all persons the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings. He has dealt with life at its source. In Christ he has disposed of a thousand enemies that other men must face alone and unprepared. He can face his tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because yesterday he turned his feet into the ways of peace and today he lives in God. The man who has made God his dwelling place will always have a safe habitation.

A. W. Tozer

***17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!***  
*2 Corinthians 5:17*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

**6 Charlcia Baker**  
**12 Amos Humphrey**  
**21 Claude Bradford**

### January Church Notes:

- \* Sunday Eve. Worship starts at 6 PM in the Chapel.
- \* Wed. Night Bible Study 6 PM in the Chapel.
- \* Please remember to bring Blessing Box items anytime.
- \* 4th Qtr. Mission Offering-Miracle Lake.
- \* Thank you so much to everyone who helped raise money for \$50.00 gift cards for the Choctaw Children. They were so appreciative of the party we gave them and the cards.
- \* Thank you so much to everyone who has helped to raise much needed funds for the Disaffiliation. God bless you!
- \* Any church questions, Pastor Bert or Don Barker. Financial questions, Kim Farris.
- \* Any inspirational items you may have for the Newsletter, please give to Pastor Bert, Perry, or Leslye. Or text to Leslye at 423-506-4139. Text me your favorite Bible Verse, also. Thank you to those who have sent items.
- \* Please do not hesitate to call Pastor Bert if you need anything.

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## Devotion for January-New Beginnings Make New Endings

I recently saw this quote, "No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending" (Unknown). I really began to think about that statement. The conclusion was that we don't start over; but we begin again right where we are, making things better in our lives.

As a believer in Christ, it is not about saying I will do this and I won't do that and then dropping the idea or falling short. It is more about asking the Lord to help us each day, to fall deeper and deeper in love with Him. This way our focus will be set on the things of heaven and not on all this earthly stuff.

If I were to make a New Year resolution, it would be to have a deeper commitment, a deeper love, and a deeper worship for the Lord. In the beginning of this past year, He spoke to me in that still small voice in prayer and said, "I am more than enough. I am more than enough in every area of your life." He also said to tell others the same thing.

This year I am determined to make Him my all and all. He wants our undivided attention in spite of the distractions and temptations that lie waiting around the corner. He has to be our main focus.

How we will end this year will be determined by how we started it. Did we want to get more "INTIMATE" with the lover of our soul? I looked up the word intimacy and the meaning is to be close, familiar, very personal and private.

Do you want a new ending this year? How do you want the ending of your life? If you're not a Christian, please know that this could be the best New Year of your life. Your life can be filled with hope and peace. To know what the ending will be is an extra bonus. Why should every year be the same as the one before with nothing really changing? After all, the New Year resolutions may or may not get accomplished.

If you are a Christian and you feel stagnate in your relationship with the Lord, then now is the time to rekindle the love affair with Him. He calls us to Himself and says, "Come away my beloved." Can you hear Him? He is tugging at your heart. The real ending in our life will be when Jesus says well done my good and faithful servant. That statement will be for someone who took the time to get to know Him, love Him, and that obediently followed Him.





Our Christmas Party on Dec. 11 was fun. These are the only pictures we had taken.



“The Christmas Nativity” Cantata was very special and very good! Thank you, Choir!



The Choctaw Children and adults had a great time. We served a pizza dinner and had singing and gifts.



# January

2023

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1 Qtr. Mission Offering-Miracle Lake

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NEW YEAR'S DAY 1 11 Worship 5:15 Choir Practice 6 Eve. Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7
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More Notes: 10 AM Sunday School on each Sunday			FLC- Family Life Center			Prayer: O Lord, You are my hiding place!