



Philadelphia Baptist Church
5709 Philadelphia Church Road
Marshville, NC 28103

2022

AWANA NEWS

January 2nd: Awana Resumes
January 9th: ½ Book Completion Night
January 16th: Awana
January 23: Awana
January 30th: Western Night

Mission Friends

January 5th: Family Life Center with Mrs. Lisa
January 12th: Lesson-Lisa/Vanna; Snack- Ava
January 19th: Lesson-Morgan/Lisa; Snack-Vanna
January 26th: Lesson-Michelle/Lisa; Snack-Morgan

NURSERY WORKERS

January 2nd: Luisa Price & Jana Turner, Alyssa Brock
January 9th: Whitney Beard, Lexi Jenkins
January 16th: Kelly Gouch & Skyla Anderson, Lindsey Jenkins
January 23rd: Sheri Bradshaw & Ava Strawn, Kelsi Brock
January 30th: Jill Aldridge & Mindy Jenkins, Lindsey Jenkins
February 6th: Jana Turner & Sheri Bradshaw

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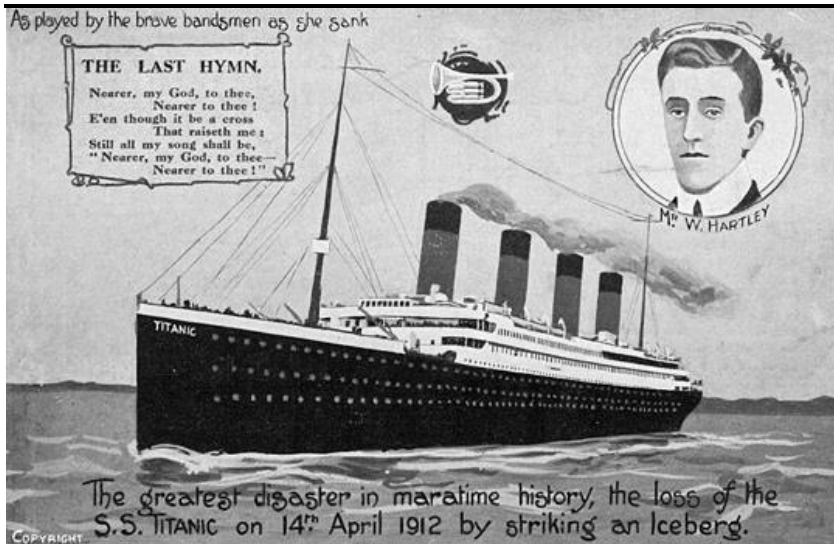
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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

On April 10, 1912, “the unsinkable ship”, the R.M.S. Titanic, set sail on a five-day journey across the North Atlantic from Southampton, England to New York City with 2240 passengers and crew aboard. Nicknamed the “Millionaire’s Special,” the ship was captained by Edward J. Smith who was known as the “Millionaire’s Captain” because of his popularity

with the wealthy passengers.

On April 14, after four days of uneventful sailing, Titanic received sporadic reports of ice from other ships, but she was sailing on calm waters under a moonless, clear sky. At about 11:30 p.m., a lookout saw an iceberg coming out of a slight haze dead ahead, then rang the warning bell and telephoned the bridge. The engines were quickly reversed, and the ship was turned sharply. Instead of making direct impact, Titanic seemed to graze along the side of the berg. It appeared that Titanic had avoided disaster. Unfortunately, the grazing of the iceberg cut a 300-foot long gash in the hull just below the waterline. From that moment, Titanic was destined to sink.

Earlier in the day, the crew of Titanic, seeing no real need for it, had canceled its scheduled lifeboat drill. That drill would have done little good however, since Titanic had only 20 lifeboats instead of the 48 that would have been needed to accommodate all the people onboard the ship. In all, more than 1500 perished in the icy waters that night.

The final moments of the Titanic produced many stirring tales of bravery and heroism: officers who stayed on deck to load and launch lifeboats until all the boats were safely away, engine room crew who worked well below decks to keep the power on and lights running as long as possible, passengers who gave up their seats on the lifeboats so others could be saved, and wireless operators who remained at their posts even after the captain released them from duty.

One of the most compelling of the tales of bravery that night strangely enough came from Titanic’s band. The band was not considered part of the crew and could have tried to find a place on the lifeboats. Instead, they played their music to the very end, doing what they could to help keep the passengers calm in the middle of the chaos. **(continued...)**

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None of the band members survived.

Although there is some disagreement, some eyewitnesses said that the last song the band played was, "*Nearer my God, to Thee.*" Although we don't have room here to print the lyrics, the song carries the theme that no matter what happens, our songs, our dreams, and our waking thoughts will always be of being nearer to God.

I am making this my theme for 2022. In the middle of my chaos, in the middle of political strife, in the middle of pandemics and economic uncertainty, my song, my dream, and my every waking thought will be trying to get nearer to my God. I hope you will join me in this. May our Father bless you today. It is joy to serve our Lord with you. RCA

A Note from Jenks

As I write this, we just concluded our live nativity scenes here at church. I can't say how much I appreciate all those that pitched in to help make it an incredible and treasured night. I can't speak for everyone, but I know I came away more blessed than I deserve.

I hesitate to thank just one person because so many joined in and did what they had to do to make it all come together. If you were a part of it, we all know who to thank. If you were one that came through to view each scene, you to know who to thank.

I have the honor and privilege to be in the very last scene with some very talented people. We try to bring it to life as best we can and often find ourselves ad-libbing our way through it and change things up every time we perform it. We have never really used a script, but JESUS (Doug) usually spoke after I would say something to MARY (Crystal) and then again after one of Pilate's soldiers (Pudge) said a certain word. All three of these along with the other cast members are very good at what they do and bring to life their characters.

However, I almost busted out laughing during the 3rd or 4th time we did the scene when some went off script, so to speak, and added a few things in. It wasn't necessarily what they said but HOW they said it that got me to almost lose it.

I have told numerous people it is an emotionally, mentally, and physically challenging scene. While we want to make it as realistic and biblical as we can, it gets tough to continuously beat on, whip, push, mock and ridicule JESUS.

So, what exactly did they say or better yet HOW did they say it? Well, as we were standing Jesus up, I shouted out "HERE is your King!" to which someone yells out "He ain't my King" in an all too familiar tone. I am not going there in the political world but that is what crossed my mind as it was uttered.

The other phrase happened after Jesus said "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do". As he spoke those words, without missing a beat, Pudge (Centurion) shouts "We know what we are doing!"

Now I can't say whether either of those phrases or words were used back then, but the way they were used this night really came across in a funny way. The more I thought about the events of that day and the way our world has been since, I can't get past the idea that is exactly what and how we have responded as people throughout time. We all have had

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88th Baptist Men's Day - Sunday, January 30, 2022

"Hope for Tomorrow"

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." (KJV) Romans 15:13



January

Maggie Altman	January 1	Brett Benton	January 16
David Autry	January 1	Nancy Lowery	January 17
Jeffrey Hunter	January 1	Chad Clay	January 18
Todd Nash	January 1	Randy Brock	January 19
Corinne Rushing	January 1	Jonathan Mills	January 20
Ona Ruth Smith	January 1	Mickey Lowery	January 21
Olivia Davis	January 3	Sybil Jordan	January 22
Hannah Turner	January 3	Gregory Outen	January 22
Whitney Beard	January 4	Hudson Felt	January 23
Brittany Ciucevich	January 6	Dawn Benton	January 24
Eddie Wallace	January 6	Phyllis Hunter	January 25
Brian Benton	January 7	Ember McGriff	January 25
Mark Hinson	January 7	Michelle Phifer	January 25
Brent Vaughn	January 7	Trent Severt	January 25
Avery Stutts	January 8	Tony Eudy	January 26
David Booth	January 9	Chris Tucker	January 26
Joshua Flowe	January 9	Donna Altman	January 29
Tyler Stutts	January 9	Tristan Blevins	January 29
Harper Felt	January 10	Page Montane	January 29
Candie Porter	January 11	Michelle Crain	January 30
Aurianna Price	January 11	Annette Rorie	January 30
Richard Kirkley	January 13	Sawyer Burch	January 31
Chelsea Reitz	January 13	Taylor Phifer	January 31
Jessie Griffin Rabun	January 14	Randy Ratliff	January 31

February 1st Week

Jason Lowery	February 2
Tessa Flowe	February 3
Teresa Lowery	February 3
Kadie Rickard	February 3
Marion Lowery	February 4
Wanda Aldridge	February 7
Gracie Mills	February 7

Please contact Sheri at the church office to update the Birthday List. Thank you.

(A Note from Jenks, continued...)

moments where we denied that HE is our KING. Everyone at one point has been guilty of saying "we know what we are doing".

I think we performed that scene around 12 or 13 times that night. Each time I would walk back behind the building carrying my spear and the cross that I just shouted for Jesus "not to drop and to pick it up". A spear in one hand and the cross in the other. That is the choice we all have before us each day. Which will you choose daily?

I'll leave you with this story I heard told from a guy who read it somewhere. I am not sure what time it was from, but I believe it is just as relevant now as ever.

A boy got lost in a city and couldn't find anyone he recognized. Nothing looked familiar to him as he walked around. A police officer happened to see the boy wandering about and stopped to ask him if he was okay. The boy replied, "I am lost, and I don't recognize these streets." The officer asked him "what street he lived on?", to which the boy replied "I don't know."

"What business or store is near your house?", was answered in the same way, "I don't know." Finally, the officer decided to take the boy to the middle of town and show him the church elevated a little higher than the rest of the buildings. On top of the church was a steeple with a huge cross on it. As he asked the boy if he recognized it, the boy's face brightened and excitedly shouted, "**Yes! Take me to the cross and I can find my way back home.**"

As we start a new year and navigate our way through this life, we all carry a cross in one hand and a spear in the other. There will be days when the spear is being used more. In those times, I look to one of my favorite verses of scripture...you could call it my life verse. It is

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

I am THANKFUL that the CROSS is victorious over the spear because of JESUS' blood. We can drop our spear because of what HE did. That is more important than What We DO. **All we have to do is accept Him.**

Thanks again for everyone involved in our live nativity scenes and for making Philadelphia Baptist Church a continual lighthouse for our community, county, and state. *Jenks*



Because Hunger Doesn't End on Friday

Backpack Buddy Items Needed: Pop Tarts, Individual Cereal, Grits. Please drop off in the vestibule or outside the secretary's office. Thank you!

2022 Baby Bottle Campaign Sanctity of Life Sunday: January 23, 2022

The HELP Pregnancy Center is excited to kick-off another Baby Bottle Campaign season. Baby Bottles will be available soon! **What is Baby Bottle?** 1. It is an easy way for your church or organization to partner with HELP Pregnancy Center 2. It supports our ministry in helping to provide: Christian peer counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, needed clothing items and baby supplies (car seats, diapers, layettes, etc.) It is also an opportunity to take part in a larger effort to celebrate God gift of life.

Ladies' Bible Study

DATE: Monday, January 3rd **TIME:** 7:00 PM **PLACE:** Church

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, January 18th **TIME:** 9:00 AM **PLACE:** Beth's Restaurant



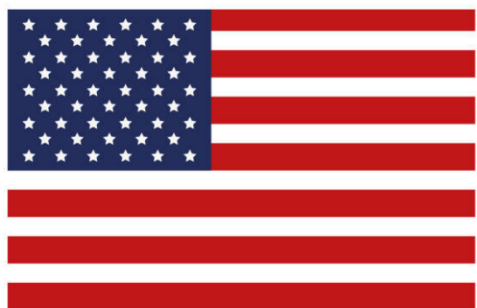
7th BBQ, Bake & Chili Cookoff

Saturday, January 29, 2022

6:00 PM

Invite your family and friends!

See Doug Anderson to sign up!



A gift was given to the Building Fund
**In Memory and In Honor of all the
Veterans from Philadelphia Baptist Church**
who have served in the
United States Military
by Ralph & Peggy Baker.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering card fund raiser. Also, a BIG thank you to everyone who helped sort cards and to Ralph Baker for cooking and providing our delicious lunch.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the seniors who joined us for the Senior Adult (65 & Older) Christmas Party and Fellowship. We had a total of 34. We love and appreciate each of you! Bonnie Oster

2022 Souper Bowl of Caring - Sunday, February 7, 2022

Let's all be bigger than the bowl and become a champion for our community to feed neighbors in need.

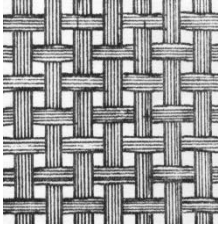
UBA WINTER SESSION

DATE: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

PLACE: El Buen Pastor. 111 East Old Hwy. 74, Monroe NC 28112

Doctrinal Sermon: Rev. Nate Martin (Hermon)

All visitors and messengers are invited to attend.



“REWOVEN 50-20” Genesis 50:20

The UBA Counseling Center is having an anxiety and depression support group meeting at the UBA on the first Tuesday of every month, starting on January 4, 2022, 6:30-8:30 pm. The UBA is located at 1744 Williams Road, Monroe, NC 28110.

Fruit of the Spirit Word Search

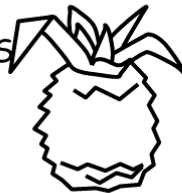
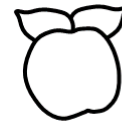
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS -DAY	FRI	SATURDAY
<i>January</i> 2022						1 Happy New Year!
2 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship; 4:30 – 6:00 PM: AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth	3 Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 PM	4	5 6:00 PM: Adult Bible Study streaming on Facebook; 7:00 PM: WMU, Mission Friends in FLC, GA's, RA's, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	6	7	8
9 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship; Church Conference 4:30 – 6:00 PM: AWANA ½ Book Completion Night 5:00 PM: Youth	10	11	12 7:00 PM: Mission Friends, GA's in FLC, RA's, Youth, Adult Bible Study live & streaming on Facebook 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	13	14	15
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23 Sanctity of Life 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship 4:30 – 6:00 PM: AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth	24 24 th – 29 th Pastor Caroll & Sherrie attending Synergize Conference in Orlando.	25 UBA Winter Session at El Buen Pastor 7:00 PM	26 7:00 PM: Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Youth in FLC, Adult Bible Study live & streaming on Facebook 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	27	28	29 A Blast from the Past Talent Night & BBQ, Bake & Chili Cookoff in FLC 6:00 PM
30 Baptist Men's Day 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship 4:30 – 6:00 PM: AWANA Western Night 5:00 PM: Youth	31	February 1	2	3	4	5 Bridal Shower for Holly Aldridge 1:00 PM in FLC