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The Proclaimer

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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

There is an old story about a man who was somehow able to join the Emperor of China's orchestra, even though he could not play a note. Whenever the orchestra played, he would hold his flute against his lips, not daring even to blow softly, for fear he might cause discord. For his membership in the orchestra, he received a modest salary and was able to live comfortably.

However, one day, the emperor decided that he wanted to hear each musician play a solo for him. The flautist became desperate. He tried to take quick professional lessons, but to no avail. It seems this man had no natural ability and no ear for music. He pretended to be sick, but the Royal Physician who attended him knew better, and reported to the emperor, that he was indeed well enough to play.

On the day appointed for his solo appearance, the debunked musician took poison, and died because he was "unwilling to face the music."

The New Year always gives us a chance to "face the music" in our lives. It is a time when we reflect on the prior year to see those things we did well, and those things that need improvement. It is a time for us to look back at our calendar from the year before and see how we invested our time. It is a time for us to look back at our bank account and see how we invested our resources. It is a time for us to look at our faith to see if we have grown or if we have lost ground in our spiritual lives.

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But rather than “drinking in the poison of complacency,” let’s commit ourselves to doing better. Let’s commit to making sure we make the best of the time we have been given. Let’s invest our resources in those things that are eternal. And let’s make this the greatest year of spiritual growth we have ever experienced.

These things will not happen by accident. We must be intentional. Block off time on your calendar to spend with family. Make sure that each month, the first investment you make is in the Kingdom of God. Have a daily Bible reading and prayer time. And make sure that you make attending church services your highest priority.

“Face the music”, we are the instruments of God. Let’s all “make beautiful music” for our King this year.

May our Father bless you today. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you. RCA

Girlfriends in Christ

Wednesday Nights • 7:00 PM
at Pastor Carroll & Sherrie’s house.

Ladies’ Prayer Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, January 17th
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Beth’s Restaurant



Happy Birthday!

Maggie Altman	January 1
David Autry	January 1
Ava Glidewell	January 1
Jeffrey Hunter	January 1
Todd Nash	January 1
Ona Ruth Smith	January 1
Olivia Gathings	January 3
Hannah Turner	January 3
Whitney Beard	January 4
Brittany Ciucevich	January 6
Eddie Wallace	January 6
Brian Benton	January 7
Mark Hinson	January 7
Brent Vaughn	January 7
Avery Stutts	January 8
David Booth	January 9
Joshua Flowe	January 9
Tyler Stutts	January 9
Harper Felt	January 10
Candie Porter	January 11
Aurianna Price	January 11
Richard Kirkley	January 13
Chelsea Reitz	January 13

Mary Mills	January 14
Jessie Griffin Rabun	January 14
Brett Benton	January 16
Nancy Lowery	January 17
Chad Clay	January 18
Rhett Rollins	January 18
Randy Brock	January 19
Jonathan Mills	January 20
Mickey Lowery	January 21
Sybil Jordan	January 22
Gregory Outen	January 22
Hudson Felt	January 23
Dawn Benton	January 24
Phyllis Hunter	January 25
Ember McGriff	January 25
Michelle Phifer	January 25
Trent Severt	January 25
Tony Eudy	January 26
Chris Tucker	January 26
Remi Ratliff	January 28
Donna Altman	January 29
Tristan Blevins	January 29
Page Montane	January 29
Michelle Crain	January 30
Annette Rorie	January 30
Sawyer Burch	January 31
Taylor Phifer	January 31
Randy Ratliff	January 31

***75 PLUS* News**

This was our last meeting of 2022. It reminded us how fast life is. A good saying “Happiness looks for no one; we must find it for ourselves.” Our meetings brought a lot of smiles and joy.

We missed a lot of people because of sickness and appointments. We had a surprise visit from Mr. Hammond {our writer of our church history book.} Good to see him again. He’s looking for old youth programs or athletic programs of the past. If you have information to share, it’s time to do it.

Thanks to everyone that attended, each one that fixed food and especially all the happy faces. Hope to continue our meetings in the New Year, starting with our first meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 11:00 AM in the Family Life Center.

God bless you.

FOOD PANTRY
ITEM THIS MONTH:
Cleaning Supplies

CLOTHES CLOSET
We still need boy clothes sizes 8 and under.

February Birthdays (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.



“Let’s Keep God’s Love in Christmas”

Our Children’s Christmas Play 2022

Thank you to all who had a part! Everyone did a GREAT job!!

AWANA NEWS...Thank you so much for helping us carry the fire of faith to the next generation!

It has been encouraging to hear from churches experiencing growth in their Awana Club this year. How exciting it is to be able to disciple more children with the word of God. We see God's hand of blessing with changed lives against all odds as churches reach more and more children with the gospel.

Impact Stories It was a pleasure to visit Bryan Gilbert at Fletcher First Baptist Church this year. During their 20th-year celebration, I enjoyed an ice cream sundae with the children. It was terrific to see Awana's impact on their children's ministry. This year, five former Awana clubbers, who have completed Cubbies through Journey, are serving in various roles in the club and continuing to make disciples in their church and surrounding communities.

Providence Baptist Church in Waxhaw started an Awana Club this year. Jeannie Robbins, the Awana Ministry Director, and her husband Chris have been involved in Awana at other churches and are excited to have the opportunity to disciple the children at Providence Baptist with Awana.

Ministry & Equipping Highlights During August, I had an opportunity to speak at five Connect Dinners. David Roach also spoke at the dinner at Liberty Baptist Church. We attended a post-ABO meeting at Pleasant Hills Baptist in Morganton and one at Providence Baptist Church in Waxhaw. Seeing their excitement and anticipation of making disciples through the power of the Gospel and the eternal truth of God's Word was encouraging. Six new churches in our area of ministry are starting Awana this year. These new clubs will be reaching over 350 more kids!

Family Update Our grandson Jaxson was baptized in August. His father, Jeremy, is a new pastor, and his son was the first baptism he performed.

The Fall Festival at Philadelphia Baptist Church was well attended. I enjoyed handing out candy and helping with games. It was such a blessing that all of my grandchildren could attend.

Prayer Requests For Trinity of Fairview Baptist Church as they adjust to staff changes in their Children's ministry. Our granddaughter Savannah broke her ankle and graduated with an ankle brace instead of a big boot. Also, please continue to pray for my granddaughter Kelsi; she was diagnosed with juvenile Diabetes this year. She hopes to receive her insulin pump soon.


Ministry Goals Provide encouragement and solutions to churches who are navigating through ministry challenges.

Reach out to churches that do not currently use the Awana ministry to talk to them about child discipleship. Continue meeting with people interested in becoming financial ministry partners so I can someday become fully funded. **Partner with us in Reaching More Children. missionary.awana.org/kathy-brock**

Kathy Brock

15 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Worship 4:00 PM: AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Office Closed	17 Ladies’ Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM at Beth’s Restaurant	18 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs, RAs in FLC, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	19	20	21
22 Baptist Men’s Day; Sanctity of Life Sunday 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Worship 4:00 PM: AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth	23	24	25 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth in FLC 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Worship Communion Special Guests: Wingate Praise Team 4:00 PM: AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth	30	31 Deacons’ Meeting 7:00 PM				

JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p>  <p><i>New Year's Day</i> WORSHIP SERVICE</p> <p>9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Worship 4:00 PM AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends in FLC, GAs, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Men's Dinner at Logan's Restaurant 6:30 PM</p>	6	7
<p>8 CHURCH CONFERENCE</p> <p>9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Worship 4:00 PM AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth</p>	9	<p>10 75 Plus meeting in FLC 11:00 AM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs in FLC, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice</p>	12	13	14

MISSION FRIENDS

January 4th: In FLC-Lesson-Lisa & Vanna; Snack-Lisa

January 11th: Lesson-Michelle Query & Lisa; Snack: Ava Strawn

January 18th: Lesson-Lisa & Vanna; Snack-Lisa Stutts

January 25th: Lesson-Chad & Lisa; Snack-Sara Clay

NURSERY WORKERS

January 1st: Ava & Kyle Strawn, Lindsey Jenkins

January 8th: Luisa Price & Lisa Stutts, Kelsi Brock

January 15th: Kelly Gouch & Skyla Anderson, Alyssa Brock

January 22nd: Whitney Beard & Mindy Jenkins

January 29th: Jana Turner & Sheri Bradshaw

February 5th: Ava & Kyle Strawn, Lindsey Jenkins

Children's Church

January 1st: Kyle & Whitney Beard

January 8th: Jeff & Mindy Jenkins

January 15th: Lauren & Chris Davis

January 22nd: Kathy Brock & Jill Aldridge

January 29th: Mary Katherine & Joshua Tarlton

February 5th: Luisa Price & Sara Clay



THANK YOU



Thank you to our Worship Choir for our beautiful Christmas musical,
"I Call Him Lord".



89th Baptist Men's Day

Sunday, January 23, 2022



All men and boys (and please bring a friend) are invited to join us for breakfast at 8:30 AM in the Family Life Center and also sing in the choir during Morning Worship at 10:30 AM. Dalton Price will be our speaker during Morning Worship.

Golden Age Group December Trip News



Golden Age Trip

We had a great trip! *The Billy Graham Library* was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Everyone enjoyed the newly designed exhibits. Eighteen attended this day trip. After our tour, we all ate a delicious meal at Cracker Barrel. Thank you, Deborah and Donald, for our meal...it was a sweet surprise!

Kay & Teresa



Golden Age
Soup Lunch

The Golden Age Group is planning a soup lunch for our January meeting.

Date to be announced later. Everyone 50 years and older welcome to attend 😊.