



Christmas Cards

Don't forget to pick up your Christmas cards from the tables near the church offices!

Wellspring Prep

Wellspring Preparatory School is starting their Spring semester on Monday, January 6th. Pray for Stephanie & the kids this semester!



Men's Prayer Night

January 14th @ 6:30 PM
Union Baptist Association
1744 Williams Rd, Monroe



All men are invited to a monthly prayer meeting to pray for our families, churches, community and nation. Locations will rotate among the churches involved and will be announced in advanced through the UBA.

Youth Lock-In

Youth, mark your calendars for Friday, January 17th. All active members of the youth group are invited to a lock in.



Saving Grace

We have formed a new ministry team, Saving Grace. Our desire is to help our congregation by meeting immediate needs. Food, meals, household goods, a listening ear and prayer. We are here. Please call or email the church office. All help will be confidential.



January 5, 2024



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Sunday, January 5 2025

Looking Forward with Expectation

Matthew 24:32-44

The Point: Jesus will return to bring us into His Kingdom.

The Bible Meets Life: What do dolphins, geese, and penguins have in common? It's true, they are so different. One flies, another lives in oceans, and still another on ice. But each of these animals have a unique and incredible gift. They each sleep with one eye open. Part of their brains shut down while the other remains alert. Each of them needs to stay awake, at least partially. The dolphin must surface for air, geese must sleep while migrating, and penguins must remain vigilant to avoid predators. We've all heard the phrase "sleep with one eye open." These animals actually do it!

As followers of Christ, we could learn a lot from these animals. Spiritually, we must continually, obediently live out our faith in our everyday existence while also expectantly keeping one eye open to the coming of Christ.

Live It Out: Read: Set aside time this week to read all of Matthew 24 and make notes about Jesus's return. **Meditate:** Read John 14:1-3 and meditate on these comforting words that remind us we don't need to be troubled by Jesus's absence but encouraged that He is coming again. He's encouraged that He is coming again. He's been preparing for our reunion for thousands of years. It must be an awesome new place for us all! **Share:** Get together with some friends and talk about what you discovered from your readings from Matthew 24 and John 14:1-3. Spend some time praying together for friends who need salvation.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

The Heart of Worship

Sunday, January 12 The Focus of Our Worship
(Isaiah 40:21-31)

Sunday, January 19 **Special Focus**
Treasuring Who God Treasures
(Exodus 1:16-17, 22; 2:1-10)

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Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, December 29

Indoor: 30

Online: 163



Wednesday, January 1

No Online

No Youth

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26



December Offering

To Date:

\$16,171.68

Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering

2024 Goal: \$2,000.00

LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING*

Received

to Date:

\$2,600.00

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump

Peggy Dean

John Efird

Cindy French

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Ray Greene

Rodney Johnson

Zack Little (MMS Counselor)

Richard Lovingood

Pam Majewski

Lorraine McClellan

Debbie McKnight

Richie Raines

Carolyn Street

David Welch (Irene's Son)



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