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Overview

- ♦ Happy New Year!!
- ♦ Children's Church is starting Jan 7!
- ♦ The New Beginnings Luncheon will be Jan 12!
- ♦ Martin Luther King, Jr Day is Jan 15.
- ♦ Help brighten the new year for our First Responders by bringing fresh cookies by Jan 17!
- ♦ Need a place to serve? We're looking for A/V Booth volunteers.
- ♦ Have the same attitude as Jesus! Be humble, & compassionate. Be full of love, integrity, & honesty. Reflect God in all you say & do. Give God all the glory & praise!



Current
Weekly Schedule

Sundays

9:00 am—Bible Study

10:00 am—Worship

Wednesdays

6:30 pm—Prayer Meeting
& Bible Study

6:30 pm—TeamKID

6:30 pm—Youth Group

Thursdays

6:30 pm—High School
Small Group

Food Pantry Hours

Tuesdays: 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday:

9:00 am—2:00 pm

** Closed Fridays, thru Sundays **

Our Pastoral Staff & Deacons

Pastor: John Marsh

Youth Director: Joshua Jones

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 Deacons: James Allen; Allan Baker; Charles Calfee;  
 Sam Koser; Richard Meadows; Carlton Miller; Ken Miller;  
 David Reichenberg; Glenn Smith; Jerry Smith

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## **NEED TO KNOW**

- ♦ **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!** May God bless you as you seek to follow Him & become more like Him throughout the upcoming year.
- ♦ We now have **CHILDREN'S CHURCH!** Every Sunday, beginning on the 7th, at 10:00 am, everyone in grades K-5th is invited to join the service designed especially for them! Be sure to invite your elementary-aged friends & family to be a part of this wonderful program. Contact the church office for more info.
- ♦ **NEW BEGINNINGS** is having lunch at The Baker's Table in NSB on Friday, the 12th at 1:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway. Contact the church office, or Ella F., for more info.
- ♦ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Monday, the 15th.
- ♦ Our **FIRST RESPONDERS** need your cookies!! Help make the new year bright! Please bring lots of your favorite homemade cookies to the church by Wednesday, the 17th, so that they can be delivered to the devoted, hardworking people in the Police & Fire Departments of Edgewater & Oak Hill on Thursday morning, the 18th. For more info, please contact Kathy D. or the church office.
- ♦ **HELP WANTED!** Our **AUDIO/VISUAL** team is looking for volunteers! Come help out in the booth & be a part of the team that helps enhance our worship services with sound & video. No experience is necessary; we are happy to train you! There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway where you can specify your preferred area of service. Contact the church office for more info.
- ♦ Need assistance with some basic cleaning, yard work, or simple handyman projects? We may be able to help! Contact the church office for more info about our church's handyman team that is available free of charge to our members & guests.
- ♦ Please remember that you can submit any tithes & offerings on our website, in-person or through our PO Box.

## **Spotlight — Live Like Christ Jesus!**

"Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus," (Phil 2:5)

As each new year begins, we tend to make resolutions we believe will improve our lives. The question is: what is the motivation behind our resolutions? Are we trying to improve ourselves solely on the human, physical level? Or are we focusing on trying to make our bodies better temples for the Holy Spirit, & make our lives a better reflection of Christ?

If our motivation is the latter, we stand a much better chance of succeeding in our goal & becoming more like Him. And what's more, we won't even really care about the resolution itself, because our eyes will be focused on Jesus, the Author & Finisher of our faith.

As we start off 2024, let's set the goal of making ourselves, & our hearts, become more like Christ, & invest ourselves in living our lives like He did.

In Philippians 2, Paul encourages us to have the same attitude as Jesus, & he tells us how Christ was full of humility when He came to earth to sacrifice Himself for us. The gospels are full of examples of Jesus' love & compassion to everyone He encountered. The gospels also show us His integrity when put to the test, & His honesty when speaking. Jesus Christ was & is the living embodiment of God. Everything He said & did revealed God to the world, & He gave all the glory & praise to God the Father.

We need to do the same. We need to ask Him to help us be like Him. When we put our focus on God, we will start thinking of ourselves less, which will lead us to humility. When we truly seek to follow Him, we will start seeing others the way He did & we will start treating them the way He did — with selfless love & abounding compassion. We will be full of integrity & honesty, & people will start to see Jesus in what we say & do. And we will joyfully proclaim that all the glory & praise for everything belongs to God.

Jesus told us that we are the light of the world; let's start living like it. He showed us how — we just need to live like Jesus!

## **Other News**

- This month's **WOM** meeting is on Sunday, the 14th at 3 pm.
- Our **Food Pantry** is open on **Tuesdays** to assist those in need in our entire community. Contact the church for more info.

## **Family Happenings!**

*Here are a few things we are celebrating this month!*

### **Welcome!**

*A continued Welcome Back to our "snowbirds",  
& we are always glad to see everyone who is worshipping with us,  
both in person & online!*

**WELCOME** to our new deacon Jerry Smith!

### **Happy Anniversary to:**

*Wink & Betty (1/6), & everyone else who is celebrating this month!*