

Our Church did a wonderful job this season of giving us each space to reflect on Christmases past. The people, the traditions, the places and things that molded us into who we are today and the whys of our own actions. We focused on the Gift given without measure—a baby that would grow up to save us from our sins. Moving into 2025 I challenge you to look beyond what God has saved you **from** (not discounting in the least the cost of our redemption) rather, looking toward what He saved us **for**. What He saved us **from** is our testimony, and is important to share with others as we relate to each other and build each other up with bonds of love. But God didn't save us just to sit around and talk about the past...He wants us to look toward, work toward what he saved us **for**!

How can you improve yourself to meet that future head-on? I can guarantee you that God has paths already prepared for your feet. He may close some doors. In the shutting, He always opens another and we have to choose whether we will follow His lead in Faith and walk through that door—or, whether we will go back and try to open that closed door...or, keep trying other doors that haven't been opened to us.

In order to follow His leading, we must prepare ourselves. Second Timothy 2:15 tells us to “*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*”

1. *Do your best:* be intentional and prioritize your spiritual growth.
2. *Present Yourself:* “...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable act of service” Romans 12:1 not just your body but your whole being—heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:30-31)
3. *Approved to God:* refers to being tested and found genuine. As metal is tested in the fire to purify it from all impurities, so we are tested to see if we're ready for the next challenge God sets before us. (I Peter 1: 7)
4. *Unashamed:* serving with competency and diligence—fulfilling responsibilities faithfully.
5. *Rightly handling:* sharing the Truth of the Gospel with reverence and accuracy.
6. *The Word of Truth:* The Message of The Gospel—the entirety of the unchanging Truth—the Scripture, without adding to or detracting from.

There are many plans, journals, and devotionals out there to help you in your quest to improve your spiritual growth by reading through the Bible. Our Sunday School class is beginning a study on Prayer in the New Year. Dennis has preached on using your gifts within the Church. The Elders are planning a study on Leadership. Make up your mind today and start 2025 with a plan for improvement! We can work together to provide accountability if you'd like! Reach out—God has a Blessing ready for You! Happy New Year Friends!



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10 Daniel Fink
11 Ben Duke
13 Becky Padden
14 Matt Arnold
18 Austin Chambers
28 Emily Riggle
Melanie Stewart



Christian Church

Sunday Services 8:00 & 10:45

Sunday School 9:30

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00

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Answers

1. Ezekiel
2. Peter
3. Some bread and lentil stew
4. Jericho
5. 3 times
6. Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy

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**Cards & Notes of Encouragement
Appreciated (if you'd like to add
someone, please tell Lisa)**

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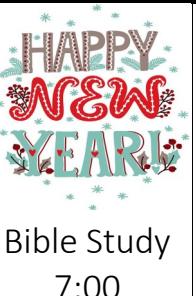


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Ainsley Olinksi	Curtis	Joe Vinka	Orien Hunter
Amber Wilds	Dale Sampson	Jordan McGee & Baby	Rachel Clampitt
Arden, Jill & Thomas	Dutch Fork Church	Kelly & John	Ron Thomas
Barb Moore	Erik Clements' Father	Kevin McGee	Sam Lantz
Becky Black	Ethel Scherrick	Laney	Sandy Griffith
Betty McKinley	Henry Hercules	Lori Grimes	Scott Shaw
Bob and Laura Greathouse	Hunter Means	Lori Roviey	Solomon-Bethany College
Bonnie Bonar	Hurricane Relief	Malawi Mission	Skylee
Bonnie Talbert	Jan Klenowski	Marco L.	Wellsburg Christian Church
Brendan & Erica Watkins	J.D. Reck	Maryann McCardle	Travelers
C.E. Schwertfeger	Jesse & Abbey Hollett	Matt Blair & Sister Rhonda	Unsaved
Carol S.	Jerome	Michelle Templin	Unspoken
Charlene Snyder	Jim Rinehart	Mike Romaine	USA—gov't & country



1. OT What prophet saw a vision of The Valley of Dry Bones?
2. NT Who prayed and raised Tabitha from the dead?
3. For what did Esau sell his birthright?
4. The good Samaritan helped a beaten man on the road to what city?
5. While the three disciples slept, how many times did Jesus go away and pray?
6. What is the fourth commandment?

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 <p>Game Night 6:00 @ Peggy's</p>	 <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR! Bible Study 7:00</p>	2	3	4
5 Building & Grounds 12:15 	6 Evangelistic 6:00 Lantz Home	7 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Choir 6:30	8 Bible Study 7:00	9 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00	10	11 Quarterly Planning 9:00 
12 Education 5:30	13	14 Choir 6:30	15 Bible Study 7:00	16 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00	17	18
19 Elders 12:30 Membership 6:00	20	21 Choir 6:30	22 Bible Study 7:00	23 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00	24	Frank Ferguson Fellowship Feast 5:00
26  Worship 3:00	27	28 Choir 6:30	29 Bible Study 7:00	30 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00	31	