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Happy New Year!!!

Reflection and Planning are two big words when approaching the end of the year.



These two concepts are not far from biblical practices for us as believers. We reflect or remember using our testimonies of grace when we came to faith in Christ. Peter states in 1Peter 3:15 - *"but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;"* or when we take communion at the Lord's Table to remember and reflect upon the death He died to save us from our sins and an eternity apart from Him. Paul quoting our Lord stated, in 1Co 11:24-25 - *"and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.'"*<sup>25</sup> *In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"*

We plan knowing God has all things in control. Young couples plan for their family's future by having kids even when the world seems fraught with chaos and uncertainty. All this planning is established in hope that God is involved and in control. When dealing with His people that He sent into exile to Babylon God did not abandon them but had a plan for them. Speaking through the prophet Jeremiah God stated: Jer 29:4-7 - *"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon, 'Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens and eat their produce. 'Take wives and become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not decrease. 'Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.'"*

As we move in to 2023 take time to reflect and remember but don't let the chaos of the world unsettle you. Plan for the future, go get the degree you've always been after, marry, have kids, buy a house, plant a garden but most of all seek the welfare of the city, land or wherever you reside and pray for that. God has you exactly where He wants you to use you for His kingdom. This New Year is so much more than just turning a page on a calendar it's His kingdom, His timing, and His glory. Welcome to the New Year!!!

May the Lord richly prosper you, your family, your church family and give you grace filled hope for the future.

For the Kingdom,

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### New In The Library

1. A Belmont Mansion, by Alexander  
#1 A Lasting Impression  
#3 A Note Yet Unsung
2. The Amish Classics Series by, Price  
#3 Second Chances
3. A Haven on Orchard Lane, by Blackwell
4. Promise Brides (3in1) by, Moore
5. The Moonlight School by, Fisher
6. Forever After in Apple Lake, by Beckstrand  
#3 Miriam's Quilt

Please make **sure you check out all books and videos** before you take them out of the Library (**adult or children**). Also try to bring them back on time. You may recheck out your books.

Your Librarian,

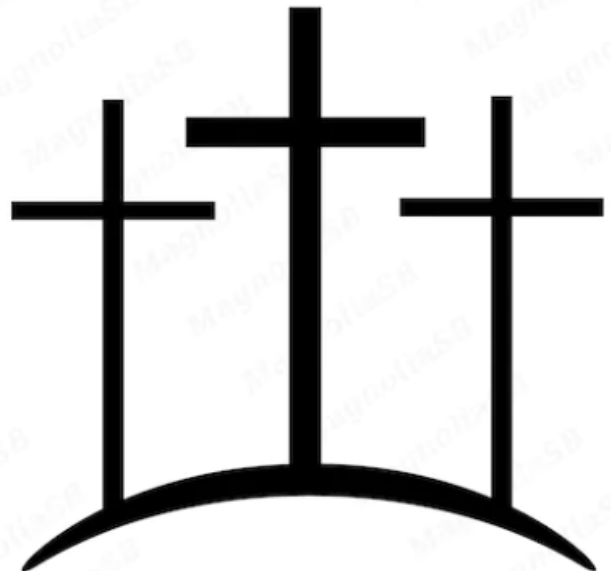
Peggy McClure

## Thank You!

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer quilt. I love it! Thank you even more for all of your prayers, God is Good!

Ginger Bahruth



# January Birthdays

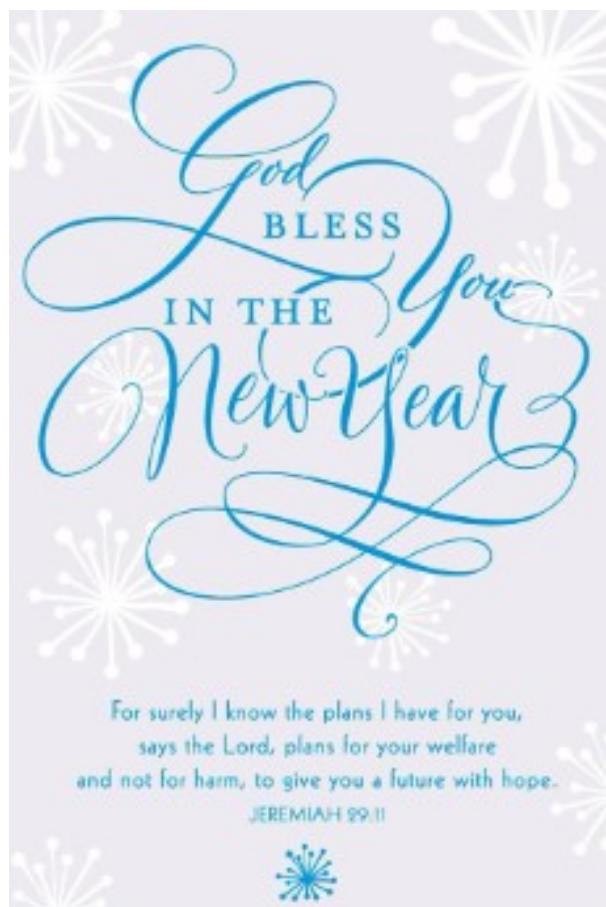
<i>Jan Miller</i>	<i>Donna Eastman</i>
<i>Mandi Grayum</i>	<i>Colton Trenary</i>
<i>Charlotte Gee</i>	<i>Shirley Adams</i>
<i>Curt Massey</i>	<i>Twyla Hawkins</i>
<i>Jake Giger</i>	<i>Kathy Glashower</i>
<i>Diana Williams</i>	<i>Adley Shrum</i>
<i>Nathan Niles</i>	<i>Joe Brown</i>
<i>Colin Taylor</i>	<i>Kathy Harris</i>
<i>Eva Oneilo</i>	<i>Jerry Johnson</i>

# Dial-A-Devotion

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1	Suzanne Moore	16	Susie Bolf
2	Larry Longshore	17	Pam Broce
3	Judy Reedy	18	Jan Miller
4	Kimberly McJunkin	19	Kathy Foust
5	Shawna Foust	20	Joyce Jordan
6	Twyla Hawkins	21	Larry Longshore
7	Dick Reedy	22	Suzanne Moore
8	Frankie Meek	23	Arthetta Kimmell
9	Janet Sparks	24	Judy Reedy
10	Dick Reedy	25	Doris Rouch
11	Jason Brewer	26	Jacque Ramirez
12	Lucy Stockton	27	Frankie Meek
13	Ernestine Kennelley	28	Susie Bolf
14	Richard Wamego	29	Mark McGuigan
15	Janet Sparks	30	Kathy Foust
		31	Richard Wamego





# WINTER

## Word Search



T E O G S V S N O W M A N B J  
H F S S S S W E A T E R P L F  
O R O L D N C O L D U R L A W  
T E A S O Q O A G E M X E N Q  
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### WORD LIST

BLANKET  
BLIZZARD  
COLD

EARMUFFS  
EGGNOG  
FREEZING

GLOVES  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
ICE

MITTENS  
SCARF  
SKATES

SNOW  
SNOWMAN  
SWEATER

# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	<b>2 OFFICE CLOSED!</b> 6:45am Ladies Walk & Pray 9:00am Manna Work 9:00am ABW Meeting 6:00pm Adult Volleyball	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Team Kid	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast
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# KID'S MINISTRIES

## *In The Nursery*

Jan 1	Spring Shrum
Jan 8	Paige Hale
Jan 15	Lori Virden
Jan 22	Lindsay Allen
Jan 29	JoLynn Warren

## *Kingdom Kids Volunteers*

Jan 1	NO Kingdom Kids
Jan 8	Tamen & Elise
Jan 15	Vickers
Jan 22	Morgan
Jan 29	Virden

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THE LIGHT OF  
CHRIST IN THE  
NEW YEAR!