

New You in 2022

What a wonderful season of Advent we just experienced! I want to say a very special “Thank you!” to everyone who helped make our sanctuary so beautiful again this Christmas—from our decorating committee to everyone who participated in the Hanging of the Green service. By the way, wasn't it wonderful to experience our Hanging of the Green service again after COVID kept us from having it last year? The sanctuary was absolutely stunning, and I loved the changes! Our adult choir, musicians, and drama folks led us in worship with two presentations of their Christmas musical, *Love Was Born a King*, on the twelfth. Both worship opportunities were very well attended. As one attendee commented to me, “That music and drama presentation was uplifting and joyful and the food and fellowship after the evening presentation were wonderful.” And didn't our children's choir do a beautiful job of leading us with their offering of worship, *The Brightest Star*, the morning of the nineteenth? Thanks also to everyone who participated in the Advent reading and candle lighting each Sunday! Each one of you who helped make all these possible played a significant role in helping this Advent season feel “normal” and special again. It was a wonderful visual reminder of how each part of the body works to complete and help make the body function.

Now here we are entering into another New Year filled with all kinds of hopes and possibilities. Could there be a “**new you in 2022**” waiting to be discovered? I certainly hope so. Have you considered a New Year's resolution for this year? Have you dreamed new dreams for this year or are you crawling into this New Year with deflated dreams just hoping something different happens? Maybe you feel more like the writer of Lamentations which if you have ever spent any time in that Old Testament book you know it is appropriately named. In the middle of Lamentations in chapter 3, we find one of the greatest confessions of faith found in the Bible. The prophet Jeremiah had been dwelling on his sorrows and the sorrows of the Israelites, but then he turns his eyes to the Lord and experiences a turning point in his life. During his sorrow and pain, he remembered the mercy of the Lord. I would encourage you to read the book of Lamentations and especially 3:21-24. It was here that Jeremiah became a new man when he remembered that God's compassions never fail and are new every morning. We may have failed God at times, but He cannot fail us. God's faithfulness is a tremendous encouragement when our hearts are failing because of fear and fear certainly has had its grip on a number of us. But as Jeremiah discovered when we turn to and build our lives on God, the Faithful One, we will be safe.

So, are you ready for a “**new you in 22?**” Have you, like Jeremiah, sunk low enough that you're ready to look to the Lord again? Even if you're in a good place in your life right now, let me encourage you to consider a few things that will help lift you, or continue to carry you, into this New Year.

- Make a plan to continue or to get more involved in Bible study and worship. There is a place for you no matter what your age in any of our Sunday School classes and, as of this month, we will have that completely covered. So come on and study and worship with us even if you haven't been back since pre-COVID.
- Determine to have a daily quiet time. That can look different for each of us, but it should always include Bible reading. Whether you have a devotional guide you enjoy or whatever your personal worship looks like make sure it includes the Word of God. I'll be doing a read through the Bible plan, and I enjoy it when others are reading and sharing what they're learning.
- Seek opportunities to serve others. It's amazing what happens when we decide to look past what we are going through and find ways and opportunities to serve. I'd like to have a conversation with you to help you with this if you're needing it.

Whatever you decide, you can become a “**new you in 22**” simply by seeking God and seeking to be a more obedient child this year than you were last year. I hope and pray you have a happy and blessed New Year!

Danny

Our Stewardship

8:30 Service Nursery Workers
 January 2 Pat Shotwell & Nancy Epperly
 January 9 Anne Simmons & Laura Epperly
 January 16 Kim Lawrence & Don Epperly
 January 23 Heather & Bella Gilliland
 January 30 Clara & Travis Holland

9:30 Sunday School Nursery
 January 2 Ned & Rene Jeter
 January 9 Sue Lee & Annette Shaw
 January 16 Debbie Rago & Kayla Anhold
 January 23 Ned & Rene Jeter
 January 30 Kayla Anhold & Annette Shaw

10:45 Service Nursery Workers
 January 2 Jennifer & Josh Simmons
 January 9 Susan Johnson & Cora Beth Akers
 January 16 Mary Bowser & Rachel Witt
 January 23 Sandra Kidd & Jess Hayden
 January 30 Melina Marshall & Ashleigh Marshall

10:45 Service Preschool Workers
 January 2 Luke Winand
 January 9 Rachel Witt
 January 16 Melanie Thacker
 January 23 Nikki Cook
 January 30 Laura Epperly

8:30 Greeters
 January 2 Eula Kanode, Pat Shotwell, Sue Lee
 January 9 Eula Kanode, Pat Shotwell, Sue Lee
 January 16 Eula Kanode, Vickie Martin, Don Epperly
 January 23 Eula Kanode, Mary Bowser, Don Epperly
 January 30 Eula Kanode, Vickie Martin, Melissa Peery

10:45 Greeters
 January 2 Donna Mack, Judy Deel, Jean Minter
 January 9 Donna Mack, Cindy Markham, Patsy Potter
 January 16 Vickie Martin, Fred King, Bill Wagner
 January 23 Donna Mack, Mary Bowser, Sue Sweet
 January 30 Donna Mack, Bill Wagner, Melissa Peery

Our Kingdom Giving

	SS	8:30am Worship	10:45am Worship	Regular Offering	Building Fund
December 5	144	137	109	\$8,550.00	\$1,205.00
December 12	132	90	96	\$10,397.00	\$2,325.00
December 19	129	80	165	\$8,460.00	\$6,290.00
December 26	—	(10:00 unity)	130	\$17,620.00	\$3,890.00

World Hunger Offering Total to Date: \$1,750.35

Lottie Moon Offering Total to Date: \$7,604.50

Remember that we need a combined \$10,922/week in regular offering and building gifts to meet our budget needs.



Happy January Birthday!

- 1 Richard Gregory
Rachel Epperly
Curtis Parr
- 2 Lane Caldwell
- 4 Leigh Hamilton
- 6 Helen Hodges
- 7 Pam Morris
Marty Martin
- 8 Ellison Simmons
- 9 Mary Adkins Carr
Wayne Wertz
- 10 Haley Meadows Austin
Melissa Barnard
Judah Witt
- 11 JoAnne Humphries
- 13 Steve Hubbard
Les Mabe
Alex Strickler
Abigail Elkins
- 14 Cathy Downs
- 15 Tyson Abbott
- 16 Zach States
Luke Winand
Cherie Neighbors
- 17 Danny Quirin
Mary Bowser
Chris Rago
- 19 Dan Bowser
Katie Imron
Julia Spencer
- 20 Colin Cook
Noah States
- 21 Gino Arbogast
Emerson Kidd
- 22 Scott Boone
- 23 Jacob Simmons
- 24 Cindy Gibson
- 26 Gretchen Baker
- 28 Jamey Brugh
Ruth Fix
- 29 Justin Barnard
- 31 Jessica Mack



January Anniversary!

- 14 Fred & Pat King
- 25 Matt & Kate Peyton

MUSIC NOTES.....



Happy 2022! I am so grateful that we returned to “somewhat normal” times at Mill Creek in 2021. We started Adult Choir and Christmas Choir in September and it was so wonderful to get together again. God used this time to create a beautiful Christmas musical and drama. We were challenged to look at homelessness differently this year through the drama and music that was presented. Our job is to love and help people, not judge them. Thanks to everyone who participated in any way to make our 2021 Christmas season so special at MCBC.

Our Mighty Mill Creek Explorers Christmas Choir presented “The Brightest Star” Christmas play and songs on Sunday, December 19th. They worked very hard to present this program for the church. Also the Mini Mill Creek Explorers participated in the play as the stable animals. Thanks so much to Susan Plenge for helping me direct the kids and to Chloe Simpson for making new costumes. When we see the Christmas story through the eyes of kids, it is always special. I will continue meeting with the Mighty and Mini Mill Creek Explorers on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. The Lord is blessing us with more and more children each week. If you would be interested in helping with the music on Wednesday nights, please let me know!

Have you ever thought that you'd like to sing in the choir, but just not really sure what it's all about? Let me invite you to join the adult choir in 2022! I will keep everyone up to date as to when we will begin practicing again. We have a great time praising God through song and we welcome new members anytime. You don't have to be able to read music to join us.

Philip and I wish everyone at Mill Creek a happy, healthy New Year.

Psalm 96:1-2 “Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to Yahweh, praise His name; proclaim His salvation from day to day.”

For His Glory,
Cindie



Inclement Weather Policy

For Sunday services, decisions about canceling church are made by 7am. Cancellation notices will be emailed to the church email list, posted on Facebook and posted on WDBJ7. During the weekdays, when Botetourt County Schools close early or are closed for the day, all church activities for that day are canceled. Delayed school openings do not affect church schedules.

Leisure Time Group

The Leisure Time Group will be meeting at Pete's Deli for a breakfast meeting at 8:30am on Thursday, January 13. Please contact Janet Entsminger at 254-2050 or Pat Wertz at 520-5776 if you plan to attend. Happy New Year!

Memorial Service Sunday, January 2



Our annual Memorial Service will be Sunday, January 2. During the service, we will have a time of remembrance for members of our church who have died during the past year. Those being remembered will be: Anne Williamson Keene, Rebecca Towle, Gene Allen Strickler, Julia Helen Rader, Amanda Cameron and Theresa Stevens.



New Beginnings

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of 2021! The beginning of a new year is always a great opportunity to reflect and set new goals for the coming year. As I ponder this past year, I can say with much joy that our students have made an impact for God's kingdom here in the valley! This year we impacted a widow's life in southeast Roanoke. As we made repairs to her home, she was stunned that someone would care about her enough to spend time helping her. As we served with Solomon's Mission this past month, individuals saw that students would take a Saturday to wake up and serve others. In this project, we even had the fortuity to see God work as an individual came to saving faith. As we reflect on these events, we should rejoice because as we have labored God has been faithful to allow fruit to grow from our labor.



And as I reflect on my ministry goals for 2022, one goal stands out. As we transition into the new year, I am working in partnership with students, parents, and volunteers to develop a Youth Council. The goal of the Youth Council is to give students, parents, and other leaders an opportunity to help plan and take ownership of the events/ missions' efforts. In Ephesians 4, Paul uses the illustration of a body to refer to the church. He rightly pointed out that a body is made up of many different parts such as eyes, ears, legs, kidneys, etc. All of these parts have a vital function to a healthy, growing body. My hope is the youth council will help highlight the healthy body of a church committed to Christ.

Similarly, when the body of Christ works properly, believers grow in their fellowship with one another and God as they seek to reach the lost around them. As we seek to reach our community, my goal as a pastor is to empower parents, students, and other leaders to use their spiritual gifts to help us do effective ministry. The Youth Council will provide the opportunity for individuals to use their gifts to serve as we seek to grow in our faith and be missional. As we develop this council, please partner with us by praying that the Lord would provide us wisdom, unity, and a clear vision for the future.

During the month of January, we will resume our Wednesday Night Bible study on January 5th. In addition, on January 14th, the Mill Creek Youth will be headed to Gatlinburg, Tennessee for "The Edge Conference." The aim of this trip is to provide our students with an opportunity to grow in their personal faith while also providing an opportunity for fellowship.

In Christ,
Joel Elmore



An offering for those who find themselves without a home and living on the streets was collected following each cantata performance. A total of \$747 was given by those in attendance. This offering was designated for The Least of These Ministry. Our monetary gifts will assist them in providing for the homeless in Roanoke.

From the Deacons' Desk

Happy New Year!!

It's 2022!

I hope each of you had a memorable Christmas and look forward with anticipation, joy and eagerness to what lies ahead. There will be opportunities that have yet to unfold with blessings we can't begin to imagine.



There were two incredible sermon series this past year that had quite a profound impact on me. "Get Focused" and "The TRUTH About Christmas". I know I need a lot of work on staying focused. If we allow it, the "things" in our life can distract us to the point that nothing will satisfy our true longings. When our relationship with God is on track and our desire to follow Him and love one another as He loves us becomes clearer, our lives can become all He intends for us.

The TRUTH About Christmas.... I was among the large percentage of people that could have told you the basics about the events surrounding the birth of Christ, but nothing more. So many beautiful details get lost among the rubble of assumptions and the story being retold over time.

What will YOU focus on this year? What TRUTHS will you cling to? My prayer is that each of us will strive to become more like Christ as we seek His will for our lives and draw closer to Him.

In Him,
Tony Holdren

Philly Christmas Trip 2021

On Friday, December 3, Dawn and Leonard Montgomery and Sandy and Tommy Moore from Mill Creek left the church parking lot bound for Pennsylvania with a van load of presents and clothes for children and women there. (This was the 26th year of taking presents to Philly and the first year the Entsmingers were not able to go as Bubby was on the mend. But Bubby's red sweater, which he had worn each of the previous 25 years, went with Leonard wearing it well in Bubby's stead!) We had made contact with Angela Leedie, the director of the Women's Shelter at the Acts of the Apostles Church (which is several blocks north of Trinity Baptist Church), and arranged to meet between Lancaster and Philadelphia to transfer the "goodies" to a U-Haul van she had borrowed. There are currently 65 women and over 110 children staying at the shelter along with several complete families. Each child received an age appropriate gift along with a wrapped "toilet paper holder" filled with candy and clothes (gloves, hats, etc) and boots and shoes which had been sent with us. The ladies shopped (for free) from the clothes (children and women's) for items for themselves and their children They are always so appreciative to receive gently used and new items that have been donated by many (a big thank you goes out to Josephine and Solomon's Mission for many donations). We were warmly greeted and thanked by Angie who conveyed her and their appreciation to all who sent presents! Angie and the pastor of the church (and maybe others) hope to come to our church again and speak about the work there in Philly with the women and children! Omari Baye (who has visited and spoke at Mill Creek), former director of the shelter is now working with a number of shelters in the Philadelphia area coordinating services.

Thank you for your generosity in supplying presents (and clothes, shoes, etc) for children who probably would not have a present to open on Christmas morning, if not for your care and concern. May God bless you and you and you and you.....!

Tom Moore

Prayer Ministry

Experiencing
God's Power
Through Prayer

As we enter the new year it is a time to pause and look back on what God has done in the past, where He has placed us now, and what He wants for our future.

For the past, I want to encourage you to count the many blessings God has showered us with over the past year! It is our duty as Christians to share the good news of what God has done. Even if 2021 was so rough you thought you were living out a passage from the book of Job, we still have The Good News, that Christ came, lived the perfect life, and died on the cross for the remission of our sins. Let us boast about the good deeds of our great and merciful savior, Jesus Christ!

“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.”

Luke 8:39 ESV

As we move from past to present, I am encouraged when I think of our body of believers at Mill Creek. God has seen fit to guide us through many snares and perched us in our current position with a fresh appreciation of the communion and fellowship of the saints together in our church home. I can't imagine any of us would have chosen the path that we took to get here if left to our own will, but His ways are higher than our ways. We should be grateful for our full sanctuary, record Sunday School attendance, budget surplus, and more. God has truly blessed us!

“The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.”

Proverbs 16:9 ESV

Let us now consider our future and God's plan for us. Do we have a skill or talent that we could use to further the kingdom? Is there someone that we mean to talk to about God or invite to church that we've been shying away from? Have we allowed sin a foothold in our life and need to repent? Whatever we see, let's pray that God would use us for His glory in 2022 and beyond.

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12:1-2 ESV

Heavenly Father, you are mighty and good indeed! Thank you for all that you have done for us in the past. You were faithful even when we weren't. Thank you for where we are and how you have equipped us. Your strength shines in contrast to our weakness. Let us find new ways to bring You glory in this new year. We ask that in the name of Your precious, holy Son, Christ Jesus. Amen

May you all have a blessed 2022!
Erik Olson
The Deacon Prayer Team

“A Time to Pray” Wednesday,
Church-Wide January 5



5:45pm—6:20pm
In the Randy Daniels
Room

Update on Afghan Refugees and an Opportunity to Learn More

A few months ago, many from our church and region gave much needed items for the Afghan refugees who were evacuated from Kabul, Afghanistan in August. In total, about 2000 hygiene kits and other necessary items were delivered to Richmond. These donations for Afghan refugees came from about twenty churches in the Roanoke Valley and several other churches in Southwest Virginia. Our things were added to those collected from 68 BGAV churches and other institutions across Virginia.

Once all the necessities were counted, there were approximately 9,701 hygiene kits and over 7,000 diapers, feminine products, and baby formula. These were delivered to various military bases in Virginia who were providing temporary housing for the refugees.

Currently Afghan refugees are being transferred to resettlement agencies for permanent resettlement. In Roanoke, the Friendship House is facilitating the resettlement of several families. This center, located at 635 Elm Avenue, is helping a number of Afghan families become acclimated to their new surroundings.

On January 4th at 10 am, Aaron Dowdy, Director at the Friendship House, will be speaking to the Daytime Mission Group. You are welcome to attend and learn more about their efforts to “welcome the strangers in our midst” and how we can help. An offering to help with the resettlement efforts will be taken at that meeting.



Save the Date!
VBS 2022
July 17-21
More details
coming soon!



Soup for Seniors

We can make a difference in our community by teaming up with the LOA (Local Office on Aging) and others to collect food items for seniors in our area. We will be collecting canned soup, crackers and other non-perishable food items during the month of January. The items most needed by our elderly neighbors include low sodium and nutritious soups, crackers, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meats such as tuna, peanut butter, Carnation Instant Breakfast and oatmeal. No glass containers, please.

Rugging



The Ruggers will meet on Thursday, January 13 at 1:00pm at the home of Judy Deel (2136 Blue Ridge Tpk. Fincastle). Contact Judy for more information (540.759.1914). All are welcome!



Due to Mill Creek's supporters (40 households) who shopped at Kroger between 9-1-21 and 11-30-21, we will receive a donation of \$286.22 from the Kroger Community Rewards program. This donation will go to our bus ministry.

If you have not registered your Kroger Plus card, simply log on to www.kroger.com/communityrewards. Click on "sign in/register" then click on "sign up today" as a new customer and follow the directions to select Mill Creek Baptist Church. Then when you swipe your card, we will get credit.

A Report From the Preschool and Church in Santo Domingo

God continues to bless the ministry of Preescolar Cristiano Brisas del Este in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic! Thanks to the prayers and support of many in our church and community, this ministry, which opened in 2012, is currently serving 83 children (44 boys and 39 girls). The center employs six teachers, four teaching assistants, and one cleaning person and provides a salary for Pastor Ernan and his wife Cinthya who are actively involved with the preschool program and the Brisas church. They give leadership, guidance, and God's love to all. This staff and children will enjoy their Christmas break from December 17 through January 10.

In addition to the Preschool ministry, there is also an invaluable after school tutoring program that we support. Due to COVID, the public schools are in session only two days a week which makes this time of tutoring very important to these students. The Brisas staff is helping 120 older children who have been a part of the Preschool ministry in years past. These students receive tutoring three days a week during morning and afternoon sessions. This ministry also provides for the basic needs of the families and supplies them with food when the need arises.

God is also blessing the church at Iglesia Bautista Brisas del Este and it continues to grow under Pastor Ernan's leadership. They had TWELVE baptisms in December! What a glorious sight to see! God is at work in the lives of many in that community through the Preschool and the church.

The DR Team thanks everyone for their continued support of this ministry through prayers, desserts, financial donations, etc. Without your support we would be unable to help these folks who are so much a part of our hearts.

Pastor Ernan advised that COVID is under control and deaths were few in their area with most of population being vaccinated. This is a wonderful praise for an area that has little access to medical care. However, because of the many uncertainties of air travel due to COVID restrictions and testing requirements, the DR team has decided to NOT return to Santo Domingo in March of 2022. It was with sadness that this was shared with Pastor Ernan. He replied that our support provides a great blessing for God's work and that this support allows them to work fulltime in the Brisas community. We are praying that a team will be able to return in 2023.

Just as in 2020 and 2021, the support of the Preschool ministry in the Dominican Republic will continue even though the team is not able to go. While the team will miss being able to serve our Dominican friends in person, we are thankful that this ministry has Ernan and Cynthia as faithful stewards.



Save the Date!

Sunday, February 13

Dominican Republic Mission Team

Dessert Auction



Watch for more details coming soon!

New Discoveries Class

Are you new to Mill Creek? Are you curious about who we are, where we've been, what we believe and how you can plug in and use the gifts God has given you? Then you will



want to be a part of the New Discoveries Class. We will meet on January 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 9:30am. This is a great opportunity for new members or anyone interested in learning more about us. The class will meet on the upper level at the end of the hall. Contact Judy Deel (759-1914) or Danny Quirin (580-4476) if you are interested!

New Sunday School Classes

As we continue to grow, we are also looking for ways in which we can engage people in Bible study and connect them with a group to build relationships with one another as they grow stronger in their faith. This month we will kick off two new Bible study classes at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. One is for **young adults in the college and career age bracket**. The class will **begin meeting on Sunday, January 2nd**, in the old fellowship hall. The second class we are starting is for **young professionals**. This class will be **primarily for single adults out of the college age group as well as young married couples**. They will **begin meeting on Sunday, January 16** in the library room located to the left of the front entrance in the fellowship house. Be sure to spread the word if you know of someone who would benefit from either of these new Bible study groups.

Welcome New Members



Shawn & Kim Crist join by transfer of letter. Their address is 750 Peachtree Valley Drive, Roanoke, 24012.

*Welcome
To our Church*

Our church family rejoices in their decisions.

Congratulations

On your Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Ryan & Jordan Kidd on the birth of their baby girl, Adeline Claire, on December 9. Adeline weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Chip & Kim Lawrence and Steve & Sandra Kidd.



We would like to thank all who offered condolences and prayers in the death of Jonathan's mom, Grandma Vada. So that you will not grieve like the rest of mankind with no hope ... we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14).

In His hope,
Jonathan, Lorie, Daniel and Ellie Holter



News from the Finance Committee

It is the season of blessing. The season we celebrate God's greatest blessing to us, his Son Jesus Christ. We at Mill Creek have continued to be blessed by a generous and caring family of members.

Through the first two months of the new fiscal year giving is above budget and expenses are essentially at budget. That is a great way to start a year!

The finance committee hopes everyone had a blessed Christmas and we wish you a joyous and safe New Year.

Christmas Bazaar

After having to take a year off due to COVID, we were excited to hold our annual bazaar on Saturday, December 4. The bazaar was a huge success due to those of you who bought, cooked, crafted, donated, and just visited! Santa was here and lots of photos of happy children (and a few not so happy children) were taken. The children got to shop in Santa's workshop to purchase surprise gifts for their families. The receipts are \$5,685 and this will be divided between the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions and our church's building fund. Many thanks go to all of you!

Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers



December was very busy! The children were very busy decorating cards and getting everything ready for our Deacons to deliver stockings and sacks to some very special folks just in time to celebrate Advent.



We had a really great time decorating gum drop trees, making ornaments for our parents, learning about Lottie Moon, practicing for our Christmas program and getting ready for the birth of Jesus.



What a blessing these little people are to those who get to work with them! If you would like to enjoy the blessing and join us on Wednesday nights, please contact Peggy Arbogast as there is always a need for help.

Child Care News



Happy New Year to everyone! It's hard to believe that another year has passed and that it is 2022! The month of December went by very quickly. The children were busy all month making fun crafts and gifts for their parents. Pastor Danny and Cindie also shared the story of Jesus' birth with the classes throughout the month, as well.

We had a Christmas party for our preschoolers on Dec. 10th. Santa and Mrs. Claus came to pass out the gifts to each child from the class name exchanges. Each class came out to the foyer at separate times, and some of our parents were able to come in to take pictures of their child with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

We put up a Christmas tree in the foyer this year. Each preschool class made ornaments to decorate the tree. It was very nice! The children enjoyed looking at it every time they came through.

Our school-ager children did a name exchange also. They had yummy snacks after they got off the bus on Friday, December 10th, and then opened their gifts from one another afterwards.



The center was open through December 23rd, and then was closed from December 24th-January 2nd. See you next month!!



January 2022



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2 8:30 AM Worship 9:10 AM - 9:40 AM Holy Grounds Coffee Shop 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship	3	4 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel 10:00 AM Daytime Mission Group in Fellowship Hall	5 5:45 PM - 6:20 PM Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM Supper for Children 6:30 PM Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers, Youth Activities/Bible Study, Adult Bible Study	6	7	8
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Administrative Assistant..... Sandra Kidd



What are the 12 days of Christmas?

The 12 days of Christmas is the period in Christian theology that marks the span between the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi, the three wise men. It begins on December 25 (Christmas) and runs through January 6 (the Epiphany, sometimes also called Three Kings' Day). The four weeks preceding Christmas are collectively known as Advent, which begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on December 24.

Some families choose to mark the 12-day period by observing the feast days of various saints (including St. Stephen on December 26) and planning daily Christmas-related activities, but for many, things go back to business as usual after December 25. (Copied from vox.com)