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## Many “Aha” Moments Await Us in the New Year!



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As the New Year begins, we enter the season of Epiphany. Epiphany means appearance. It is that, “Aha” moment when something becomes clear or known. For us, this short season within the Christian Year focuses on Jesus’ life, ministry, and mission. As a people dedicated to ministry and missions, this is an important month to learn from our Lord! On January 2 we examine the Magi coming to worship Jesus, presenting their gifts, and after meeting Jesus, walking a different path. In week two we will turn our attention to Jesus’ baptism, which is the launching pad for his ministry and a precursor to His Passion and our path to follow. In week three, we examine Jesus’ first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. In week four we will go to Nazareth and hear Jesus teach in the synagogue. He declares the words of the prophet Isaiah and concludes with the shocking words, “Today is this fulfilled in your hearing.” On the final week in January,

we see the response to Jesus’ sermon. The people were so angry they wanted to throw him off the top of a hill. Jesus message, that no prophet is accepted in his hometown, eludes to the Gospel mission expanding to the Gentiles.

What other “Aha” moments are ahead of us in January? We will have committee orientation in January. The date will be announced. This is a vitally important time for our committee and team members to gather and to begin the planning process for the new year. As part of that meeting, we will have a training session for Committee Chairpersons on properly running a meeting using “Roberts’ Rules of Order.” These guidelines insure that all is done, “decently and in order.”

January will also feature “Aha” moments for our new members as we begin our new members’ class on January 16. This four week class will offer insights into Anchor’s history, our beliefs, and our future. If you consider yourself a new

member, or if you are just curious, you are welcome to attend. We will be meeting in the library at 9 a.m. and finishing at 9:45.

In January we will be reconvening M and M on January 5 at 6:30 p.m., and AWANA for our children on January 9 at 5:30 p.m.. Youth meeting will also kick off. Our Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsals again preparing for our Holy Week musical and for weekly worship leadership. Convergence worship will resume on January 9 at 8:45 a.m. Our Sunday School will be back in full swing every Sunday at 10 a.m. If you are not in a class, would you consider connecting with one of these small groups? We will gather on Wednesdays for Bible study and prayer. Our dinners will also begin again. The date to be determined. Having surveyed this list of ministries and activities, I hope you are having an “Aha” moment! Find your place of service and use your gifts to bless others.

## Family and Children Events!



*By Daulton Peters  
Youth Ministry*

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful time celebrating the birth of Jesus and the beginning of the new year! We had a wonderful get together for our live nativity! I loved seeing some of our church members come out and see the kiddos dressed up in their costumes.

With the beginning of the new year, I am looking

forward to getting back to normal! I am excited for our children’s and youth ministries as we march ahead! Some events that we should be aware of moving forward are the Valentines banquet Sunday February 13 as well as an easter egg hunt! We will be resuming our regular youth bible studies on Wednesday nights starting January 12 as well as AWANA starting

up again January 9. I am excited for what God will bring for our children and youth this year at Anchor!

Please continue to pray for our youth and children. One area I specifically need help with is additional volunteers to work in the nursery for the Sunday school hour as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. Please reach out to me if this is something you would be willing to do once a month!

## Church Family Information—January

### Birthdays:

2	Connie Harvey	28	Ann Hartley
3	Andy Hiatt	29	Renee' Peters
4	Jonathon Boyatt		
	Joseph Boyatt		
5	Billye Cook		
6	Doug Carter		
	Tracy Curtsinger		
8	Mary Phillips		
12	Michael Bishop		
14	Tony Watkins		
17	Carl Frazier		
21	Dell Caudill		
22	Gene Jones		
23	Kim Falkenburg		
27	Louise Hopkins		

### Anniversaries:

3	Gary & Jane Bradley
4	Jack & Faye Collins
18	Arthur & Janeth Sutton

*Please contact the church office if your Birthday or Anniversary has been missed. We would like to acknowledge all of our members' special occasions!*



by Paul Jorgensen

## Senior Ministry Update

As we look back to 2021, we mourn the loss of many dear friends and loved ones while still rejoicing in the reality of heaven. This has affected my family personally with the passing of Amy's dad in March. Our great sorrow is mixed with great joy. I have found this principal to be true in so much of the Christian life - "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Ps 30:5). There is hope for the Christian in every hardship and every difficulty. Our Redeemer offers us this wonderful transformation of discovering gladness, joy, peace and love in the midst of the most troubling of times. Thus, we worship our Savior and testify of his Redemption while encouraging others through the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.

Last year, we began our efforts to take the Gospel to Every Home in our area. We

were able to deliver the Gospel to 4,500 homes. During this time, we saw record numbers of visitors to our church and were able to grow in a time of great difficulty for many churches in our region. We look forward to continuing our efforts to encourage people in our community and share the Gospel story this coming spring. To help us, we will be attending the REACH conference in Elizabethtown, March 14 and 15. We will receive instruction and encouragement to help us grow in our ability to fulfill the Great Commission as a church family. Please ask me about more information for this upcoming opportunity.

To continue encouraging the senior citizens of our church through the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, our Sunday School classes have formed again with renewed energy and excitement. These small groups are doing a tremendous job of helping people be connected and share in a personal way. Deep friendships are forming and spiritual bonds are developing in the adult

Sunday School classes. These groups meet in the Anchor Recreation Center (Building B) at 10:00am every week and would love to welcome you into their fellowship and Bible study! There will also be a Senior Potluck on Saturday, January 29 for a time of fellowship and encouragement, with more events to come.

Our Helping Hands ministry is continuing and available. This is a ministry of some of our church folks to care for minor home repairs for our seniors and widows. Last year, we did 17 jobs, free of charge, for our members who needed a little help with home repairs. We appreciate the work of these volunteers to honor the elder members and widows of our church. If you fall into one of these categories and need something done at your place, please know that you are loved by our church. We do not want you to go without or have a problem in your home that poses a hazard or unnecessary difficulty. Please reach out to the church office or myself and let our church care for you.

A new opportunity for testifying and encouraging is opening up for our church in the form of a men's meeting that will be taking place on Sunday nights in the "ARC" at 5:30pm. This group is being formed with some of our own church members, but mainly people with other or no church association. This is intended to be a place for men to study the Bible together and get real. We will hold each other accountable in a non-judgmental atmosphere and encourage one another toward Godliness and being the Christian men that God intended us to be in every role in which He places us. Our purpose is to provide edification while encouraging each other in our progressive sanctification. One part Bible study, one part friendly fellowship and one part accountability group - we pray that this meeting will offer great opportunity for growth in Godliness and glorifying our Redeemer as we see how His Redemption is a great part of our daily life in overcoming sinful habits and great life struggles. Please be in prayer for this group meeting and reach out to me if you would like to be included!

## Revised Schedule of Events (Due to recent COVID surge)

Children's Ministry—Children's Music & Missions (M and M) will be postponed for two weeks. January 19 projected start date.

Youth ministry—Youth meetings postponed for two weeks.

Music Ministry—Sanctuary Choir will be postponed for two weeks. January 19 projected start date.

Family Fellowship Dinner—Postponed until further notice

*No change to Wednesday night Bible Study and Prayer Service.  
No change to Sunday Worship services and Sunday School.*



## WMU News– Missions

Oh how quickly time passes these days. Hard to imagine it is already 2022. Before us we have yet another year full of opportunities to spread the Gospel and show God’s love to others. If you would like to get more involved with missions this year we can offer you the perfect opportunity.

On January 16 at 2:30 we will have our next WMU meeting in the church sanctuary. Our guest speaker for the meeting will be Pam Polkey. Pam is Director of Irishtown Ministries for the Central Kentucky Network of Baptists (CKNB). Pam works along with Sandra Williams to carry out the many programs they have put into place for this ministry.

In December the Irishtown Ministry collected donations for toys and were able to provide 46

families with toys, Christmas stockings, health kits, Gospel tracts, and Bibles! The ministry sponsors a ladies Bible Study which in December met for a devotion, Christmas cookie decorating and a time of fellowship. On December 16<sup>th</sup> their discipleship group had Lisa Wolfzorn, a missionary in Turkey for the last 14 years, as a guest speaker. In December they also held a Christmas concert, a special Christmas service, and delivered Christmas baskets to 34 families. Without volunteers these activities would not be possible.

As the Irishtown Ministry begins this new year they will be having

Sunday worship services, discipleship and adult Bible study groups. They are also working on children’s church activities and youth outreach events.

Pam has asked that we pray that they can effectively share the Gospel and do

discipleship.

When Pam speaks to us on January 16 she will be sharing some other ministry opportunities. Ephesians

2:10 says, ***“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”***

Please come and learn about what **YOU** can do right here in Lexington.



By Sara Sutton on behalf of the Women’s Missionary Union



At our WMU meeting on January 16 we are asking participants to social distance and wear a mask. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



## Media News

Thank you all so much for praying for my sweet niece, Heather Elizabeth (Jackson) Vien over the last 2.5 years as she battled angiosarcoma cancer. Thank you also so my dear friend and deacon, Richard Armstrong for coming to the funeral today in New Albany, Indiana and driving all that way. It truly touched me and was special.

December 23, 2021 at 4:23 p.m. Heather breathed her last breath here on this earth and her first in heaven with her Lord Jesus Christ. I know my dad and other family that went before were there welcoming her saying "Here comes our Heather". Heather was born my first niece when I was just 16 years old. Very simply I adored her and showed her off to everyone and all the time back then when she was a baby and toddler. She later went on to graduate college with a teaching degree from Asbury University my alma mater. Again, I was so proud of her. After her marriage to Joel Vien they tried for many years to have a child and gave birth to Avery who is now 7 years old. Heather was a great witness for the Lord Jesus whom she loved with all her

heart. Heather has always loved to sing and worship and has taught Avery to do the same. Yesterday at the visitation from 2-9 pm people stood in a really long line for longer than I have ever seen waiting to tell Joel, her husband what Heather meant to them personally. I have been to a lot of funerals in my time and truly have never seen an outpouring of love like that ever. A line of friends, family, fellow teachers and students that went out into the next room for 7 hours Tuesday night and 2 hours on Wednesday before her funeral. Of course the funeral home was packed. They had to use two rooms to fit everyone in. What a celebration of her life. As the Worship Pastor at Graceland Baptist Church sang the song, "Bless The Lord Oh My Soul" (10,000 Reasons) by Matt Redman, little Avery sat on her dad's lap and sang so beautifully during all three songs of the funeral. The tears of joy were falling trust me! Then at the chapel service at Kraft/Graceland Cemetery (also where my grandma and dad are buried) Avery asked her grandpa, my brother, Gary Jackson, to ask everyone to help sing "Because He Lives". Talk about a powerful time of worshipping the Lord

right there with Heather's Body in the closed casket before she was laid in the ground to her final resting place. Heather is NOT there. She is gone. Her soul is in heaven worshipping Jesus. She has received her final healing and is no longer in terrible pain. She is at peace I know with Jesus. Here is the last verse to that chorus we sang today in the chapel. And then one day .....We'll all cross that river .....And fight life's final war with pain.....And then, as death gives way to victory.... I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns

### Chorus

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow.....Because he lives all fear is gone  
Because I know, he holds the future.....And life is worth the living just because he lives.*

It truly was a powerful moment at a funeral and led by a little child 7 years old with us all singing our lungs out. A powerful moment I will never ever forget.

Heather you will be missed and you fought an amazing fight against cancer with such a witness and dignity for the Lord. It is not goodbye, but "see you later" my sweet niece.



*By Phil Jackson  
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