



NEWS FROM THE WELL

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Making A Difference In Our World In Christ's Name



New Year's Worship

We will install officers, ordain Deacons, and celebrate Holy Communion as we begin worship in 2017 on January 1. Rev. Johnston will also preach his first sermon. We hope you will start the New Year off right with worship and make a commitment to worship each Sunday during the New Year. God will bless you beyond measure if you worship, give, and serve during the coming year.

Red Cross Blood Drive



We are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 4 from 2:30-7:00. The first hour is reserved for Shallow Well members. If you can give blood, please sign up online at redcrossblood.org or on the clip board in the Narthex. Please help save a life and donate.

Church Council Meeting/Committee Supper

Our annual Church Council meeting and Committee night supper will be Sunday, January 29 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All council members should be present with their reports, and we invite all members of Boards and Committees to join us for a meal to say "thank you" for your service to God and his Church.

Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship will meet on Sunday, January 15 at 8:30 a.m. All men of the church are invited to come.

New Picture Directory



We will be producing a new picture directory in cooperation with Life Touch. We need you to be part of this directory. All those who attend services here are encouraged to be photographed for the directory. You will receive a photo and directory by participating. After the directory pose, you will have time for other pictures (with your pet, in casual clothes, whatever you desire). Photo dates are January 12, 13, 14, and 17. If one of these dates doesn't work, then we can arrange others. You can sign-up online, by phone, or on Sunday at Services. Our directory will not be complete without you.

New Chairpersons

All Boards and Committees are asked to meet and elect a chairperson for 2017 and give the information to Mary Griffin by January 8.



Operation Christmas Child

We packed over 100 shoeboxes last year. Our goal for 2017 is to do this again. We will be targeting girls 10 to 14 years old. Our items for January is soap, washcloths, and deodorant. Please pick up a couple of items and place them in the container in the Narthex. We will also be collecting loose change for mailing the shoeboxes on the last Sunday of each month so make sure you bring your change on the 29th.

January Birthdays

2 Angela Smith
3 Lonnie Thomas
Sully Berryman
4 Shannon Thompson
6 Ashley Schooley
8 Mary Griffin
8 Toby Gunter
9 Kindsey Cicogna
10 Audra McKenzie
11 Chad McNeill
11 Jennifer Johnston
13 Ken Herring, Jr.
13 Pauline Gunter
14 Lana Rosser
15 Betty O'Day
21 Carter Batchelor
22 Jack Fallin
24 Bobby Scott
24 Steven McNeill
24 Marty Johnston
27 Sophia Cox
29 Sue Gunter
29 Kylie Harrison
30 Elizabeth Rosser
31 Judy Billings



Flower Calendar

The flower calendar for 2017 is up on the board in the Narthex. Please sign up for flowers any Sunday you would like to have them. Please give any information you want in the bulletin to Mary Griffin by Wednesday of that week.

“Bother with that annoying grocery cart again? And that box for shoes! Provide food or volunteer at Morris Chapel for the benefit of Family Promise. Write another check for an event What??

Why should we? Can we just forget it? Too much trouble!

We choose to serve our community by donating food, preparing food, walking five miles, sponsoring a young couple in another part of the world as they teach others about God's love, or we go out of our way to remember to purchase food and personal hygiene items. Service is defined as the action of helping or doing work for someone-in our case it's the Lord.

Shall we begin our 2017 by becoming more aware and to make new commitments this year. Try something new and find the excitement and blessing of being a part of missions.

Our three families were deeply grateful and touched by the kindness of our church this year through the angel tree. It doesn't have to be Christmas to involve all of us! We can touch our community with our love every week of the year. Be a part of the service of Shallow Well United Church of Christ as much as possible.

Bible Readings for January

1 - John 1:1-18
2 - John 1:19-34
3 - John 1:35-51
4 - Matthew 1:1-17
5 - Matthew 1:18-25
6 - Matthew 2:1-12
7 - Matthew 2:13-23
8 - Matthew 3:1-17
9 - Matthew 8:1-17
10 - Matthew 8:18-34
11 - Matthew 9:1-17
12 - Matthew 9:18-38
13 - Matthew 10:1-15
14 - Matthew 10:16-31
15 - Matthew 10:32-42
16 - Matthew 11:1-19
17 - Matthew 11:20-30
18 - Matthew 16:13-28
19 - Matthew 17:1-23
20 - Matthew 18:1-14
21 - Matthew 19:13-30
22 - John 17:1-26
23 - Matthew 20:1-19
24 - Matthew 20:20-34
25 - Acts 9:1-25
26 - Acts 9:26-43
27 - Acts 10:1-33
28 - Acts 10:34-48
29 - John 10:1-21
30 - John 10:22-42
31 - John 14:1-14



Getting the Most Out of Your Daily Bible Reading

As you read the Bible each day, allow the Scriptures to speak to you. This daily “dialogue” between you and the biblical text will reveal new understandings about God, and about yourself.

Pray with focus and openness to see what God has for you. God connect me here, as I seek you in your Word.

Read the selected passage of Scripture slowly. Take note of intriguing words and phrases. Read them a second time.

Reflect on what strikes you as you read. Think through what God is communicating to you at this point in your life.

Respond to the passage. Speak to God directly about what's on your mind and heart. Look for ways to live out what you've uncovered.

Women's Fellowship

The Day Circle will meet on Monday, January 9 at 10:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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January Ministry Assistants



Acolytes: Jan. 1: Jackson Godfrey, Griff Griffin; Jan. 8: Lily Currin, Gracie Currin; Jan. 15: Keaton Haas, Brennan Haas; Jan. 22: Ava Baldwin, Elyse Baldwin; Jan. 29: Darah Douglas, Aubrey Bond.

Altar Flowers: Jan. 1: open; Jan. 8: open; Jan. 15: open; Jan. 22: open; Jan. 29: open.

Deacon on Call: Jan. 1: John Godfrey; Jan. 8: Mitzy Douglas; Jan. 15: Barbara Norris; Jan. 22: Audra McKenzie; Jan. 29: Jerry Batchelor.

Greeters: Kenny Cotten, Sandra Cotten.

Trustee to lock/unlock: Eddie Thomas.

Ushers: Jack Fallin, Johnny Watson, Mark Jones, Auburn Griffin, Randy Gunter, Allen McKenzie, Gary Bullock.

Jr. Ushers: Elijah Godfrey, Corbin Gunter, Macy Gunter, Kolby Harrison, Jada Holifield, Katie Kelly, Cortney Maness, Alex McKenzie, Thomas McNeill, Abby Thomas, Luke Thomas.

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It has really been a great first month with all of you, at Shallow Well. I have truly enjoyed getting to know you. This past month I have had the privilege to meet many of you in your homes. I thank you for allowing me in and sharing your stories with me. It is remarkable, the lives that the people in this church have lived.

This first month has been fun. I have been to a high school football game where, for the first time in my life, I was actively rooting for the Yellow Jackets (I am a Georgia Bulldog fan, we do not like Yellow Jackets!) We have been to more Christmas parties, dinners, and events this month than I can remember us going to in a long time. I have met some very interesting people with some remarkable stories. I have driven around quite a bit and realize that there is a Rosser Road and a John Rosser Road and we have members on both. I believe that, now, I can actually find my way around the church building (still working on Sanford.)

This past month, the past two months, in fact, have reminded me just how good God really is. Many of you have asked about how we are doing with getting settled in at Shallow Well and Sanford. All I can say is that God has made this move just about as easy as a move can possibly be. Every obstacle that has appeared, has just as quickly been resolved, usually for the better. God has reminded Jennifer and I how much He loves us and how He has a plan for us. He will provide us with exactly what we need, exactly when we need it.

I want to thank each one of you for the kindness and love that you have shown me and my family. We are glad to be here and excited to be doing ministry with you. I am looking forward to what God has in store for us. I truly believe that 2017 will be the best year of our lives.

