



NEWS FROM THE WELL

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Red Cross Blood Drive

We are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 3 from 2:30-6:30. If you can give blood, please sign up online at redcrossblood.org or on the clip boards in the Narthex. Please help save a life and donate.

New Year's Worship



We will install officers, ordain Deacons, and celebrate Holy Communion as we begin worship in 2018 on January 7. 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.

Women's Fellowship

The Serenity Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 at the church with Jennifer Johnston hosting.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will meet on Sunday, January 21 at 8:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. All men of the church are invited to join them in fellowship.



New Chairperson

All Boards and Committees are asked to meet and elect a chairperson for 2018 and give the information to Mary Griffin by January 7. This includes: Stewardship and Finance Committee, Hostesses, Christian Ed., Mission, Membership, Nursery and Scholarship. The 2017 Chairperson needs to get the old and new members together to elect a new chairperson.

Doors Locked

Due to events in other churches and security concerns, the Trustees are locking all outside doors at 11:10 each Sunday. If you're running late, please knock loudly and one of the Ushers will let you in. You can always exit the building by any of the exit doors.

Cemetery Impact

There is currently a list of graves that the DOT plans to move as part of the road project in front of the church in the Parlor. A list will also be posted on the church website, www.Shallow-Well.org. If you know the next of kin or any family of a grave listed that is not part of the church, please let Wayne Watson or any of the Trustees know.



January Birthdays

3 Sully Berryman
4 Lonnie Thomas
5 Shannon Thompson
6 Ashley Schooley
8 Mary Griffin
8 Kindsey Cicogna
10 Audra McKenzie
14 Lana Rosser
15 Betty O'Day
19 Kirk Pedley
21 Carter Batchelor
22 Jack Fallin
24 Bobby Scott
24 Steven McNeill
24 Marty Johnston
27 Sophia Cox
29 Sue Gunter
29 Kylie Harrison



God has called us to serve others. Serving could mean so many things-preparing a meal for Family Promise as we partner with Morris Chapel, working in any capacity as an officer, Sunday School teacher, taking a mission trip overseas, across town, in our country; donating shoes, food that goes in our community...could be around the world. Actually, serving doesn't have to be hard. It can be as joyful as it was-choosing an angel from our tree.

Speaking of our angel tree-we helped three families...totaling sixteen people (three single mothers and their children) have a wonderfully blessed Christmas. They all were so grateful and excited.

2017: We as a congregation worked to reach as much of the world as we could.

GOAL FOR 2018: exploding Mother Teresa's quote "We cannot do great things on this Earth, only small things with great love." Ready to get involved? Already involved and wishing to learn more? Speak to either of our pastors, or any missions committee member. There are a variety of brochures and pamphlets in the Narthex in our mission information area. Please feel free to get one and learn as much as possible.

We look forward to reaching as many people that we can help as a loving church. SO, LET'S GO!!

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



Church Council Meeting/Committee Supper

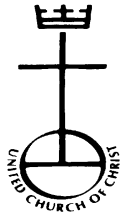
Our annual Church Council meeting and Committee night supper will be Sunday, January 28 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All Council members should be present with their reports, and we invite all members of Boards and Committees to join us for a meal to say "Thank you" for your service to God and his Church.



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January Ministry Assistants



Acolytes: Jan. 7: Darah Douglas, Aubrey Bond; Jan. 14: Steven McNeill, Griff Griffin; Jan. 21: Lauren Godfrey, Gracie Currin; Jan. 28: Keaton Haas,

Brennan Haas.

Deacon on Call: Jan. 7: John Godfrey; Jan. 14: Audra McKenzie; Jan. 21: Sloan Griffin; Jan. 28: Barbara Norris.

Greeters: Renee Ehlers, Sandra Cotten.

Trustee to lock/unlock: Eddie Thomas.

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

Currently in California, there are over 250,000 acres on fire. 104,000 people have been evacuated. Nearly 20,000 structures have been, or are in danger of being, damaged by the fire. The cost to fight the fire is already over \$175 million. The fire is so big that it generates its own weather and has a name – “The Thomas Fire”. No one is sure what started the fire. Some experts believe that it started from just a simple spark.

A small spark causing massive damage is not strange to us. We know that small things can cause great damage—small things like our words. How many people have been hurt by an unkind word? James, the brother of Jesus, warns us about our words in James 3. He tells us, “Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider that a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell” (James 3:5-6).

We would probably be grief stricken if our actions caused a massive fire that resulted in as much damage as the Thomas Fire is causing, yet we may not think twice of the damage our words cause others. We say things without thinking of their consequences. If others get their feelings hurt because of our words, we are quick to blame them for being too sensitive. This should not be the case. Our words are a reflection of who we are. We are a reflection of Jesus; therefore, our words should be a reflection of Jesus. A goal of ours this year should be to say a lot more kind and helpful words than the words that hurt. People remember our words just as much as our actions, so our actions and words should be Christlike. Let us spend 2018 using our words to build people up, compliment other’s work, and encourage people in their actions.

