

Phillipsburg First Christian Church

January Newsletter 2023

From the Pastor's Pen

By Pastor LeRoy Herder

THOUGHTS FOR 2023

Could it be that we should make 2023 a Year of Good Riddance in which we say farewell to anger, bitterness, blaming, finger pointing, self-justification and a critical spirit, and ask God to grant us a fresh infusion of his grace in all our relationships. If you have any issues to be resolved clear the deck so we can see great things happen in 2023. *We do for others what God has done for us.* We have been forgiven; we know what it is like. Now do the same for others. We are not left to wonder what it means to forgive those who have hurt us.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet

Sorrow and love flow mingled down!

Did e'er such love or sorrow meet,

Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

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Church Events

- Jan. 1 Take down the Christmas Greens
- Jan. 1 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Jan. 2 Office Closed
- Jan. 4 Book Club
- Jan. 8 Christian Men's Fellowship
- Jan. 8 Board Meeting
- Jan. 9 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- Jan. 11 Evangelism Meeting
- Jan. 15 Elders Meeting
- Jan. 23 Missions Meeting
- Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 Youth Groups

The Pastor's Pen cont.

If you want to know what love is like, go to Golgotha and fix your eyes on the man hanging from the center cross. *Study what he did, and you will know true love.* Then go and do for others what God has done for you.

We forgive **"in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes"** 2 Cor. 2:5-11

Love ya,
Pastor Herder



Operation Christmas Child

First Christian Church collected 82 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The TFC collection site, for our area, had 911. The collection site for northwest Kansas at Oakley brought in 10,793 shoeboxes. Pastor's daughter Rhonda, in Oakley, was responsible for getting a semi to transport them to Denver.



Upcoming Teachings

Pastor will be providing several areas of teaching early in 2023.

There will be a elders training course. This will be for our existing elders and those who might be interested in becoming an elder.

In this confusing day in which we live Leadership is essential if we are going to thrive for our Lord.

There will be a basic course on how to study the Bible. I have had several come in the office wanting to know how to understand scripture.

This course will cover such areas as how we got our Bible the difference between the OT and NT. Best way to get the most out of studying scripture.

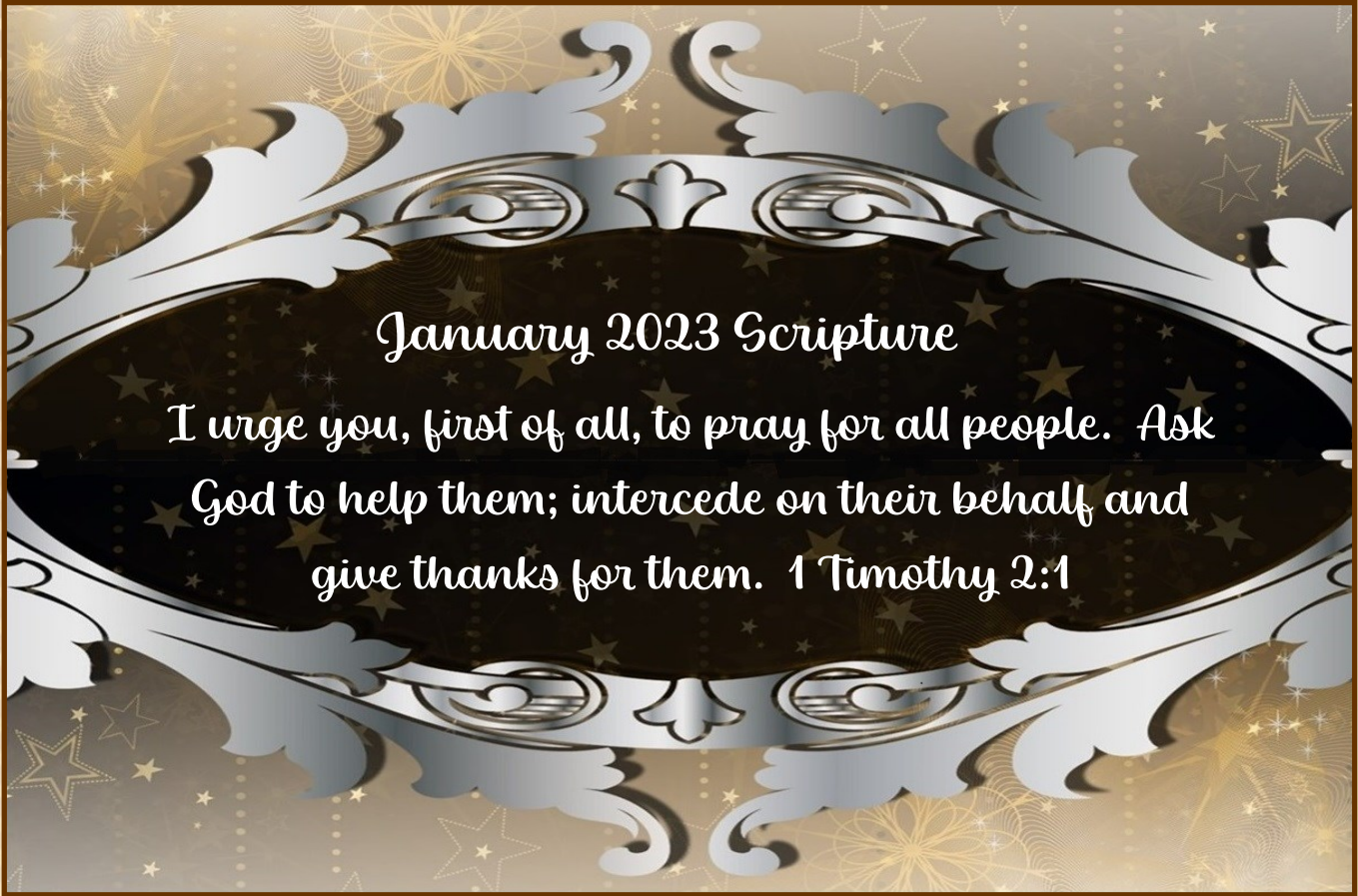
There will be a class explaining the history of the Christian Church and the basic doctrines of FCC. We will also cover baptism in this study.

I'm also looking at a discipleship study using RNM. Discipleship results in evangelism, evangelism does not result in discipleship. This could be a class for everyone.

The most important function for all of us as we enter 2023 is prayer. That will be the theme for the years. Small groups need to get together for prayer.

My first message of the new year will be on the importance of prayer. Let's get ready to have our best year yet.

Pastor Herder



January 2023 Scripture

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf and give thanks for them. 1 Timothy 2:1

Book Club

Book club will meet January 4 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss December's book "Because of Bethlehem love is born, hope is here". In January we will read "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table". Hardcover copy \$13.00.

In "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table, best-selling author and pastor Louie Giglio shares practical ways to overcome the Enemy's lies and instead find peace and security in any challenging circumstance or situation. By drawing from Psalm 23 as a framework, he offers biblical insight on how to ...

- Cancel the lies that will wreck your life.
- Take empowering steps to live fully alive in Christ.
- Stop the spiral of shame, temptation and insecurity.
- Restore peace and rest in your life.
- Embrace the true purpose behind your journey through challenging circumstances.
- Break free from the endless cycle of destructive thinking.

A Great Big Thank You!

Words cannot adequately express our thanks to ALL who helped in so many ways for all our Christmas activities.

Thank you to all who helped decorate.

Thank you to Donna, parents and kids for a great job with the Advent candle.

Thank you to the praise team for the inspiring music for the Christmas Eve Service. Thank you to the tech team and all who participated to help us celebrate the coming of our Savior.

For the Community Christmas Dinner:

Thank you to those who set up, to all who brought food, helped with serving, deliveries, clean-up, the whole lot. It takes a lot of workers for such an event. God ordained his people to accomplish much when we all work together.

We give thanks to you and GLORY to GOD!

January Birthdays

02 Clay Thomas	14 Tony Imm
03 Shirley Olliff	15 Mark Coomes
05 Ronnie Boeve	16 Nita Pugh
05 Royce Turner	17 Zane Hopson
07 Zaylee Geldenhuys	19 Dustin Peterson
09 Samantha Byerly	24 Denis Miller
09 Floy Bruning	28 Deb Thomas
10 Thomas Olliff	29 Tim Skipworth
13 Jett James	29 Deveony Coomes

Happy Birthday!



December Offering

04	\$5,166.00
11	\$4,797.60
18	\$2,165.00
25	\$2,985.00

Each Sunday we need to collect \$2,596.15 to meet our budget.
Please pray about your giving.
Remember, you cannot out-give God.

Mission Offering

\$81.03

December Attendance

04 - 131	18 - 120
11 - 136	25 - 103

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