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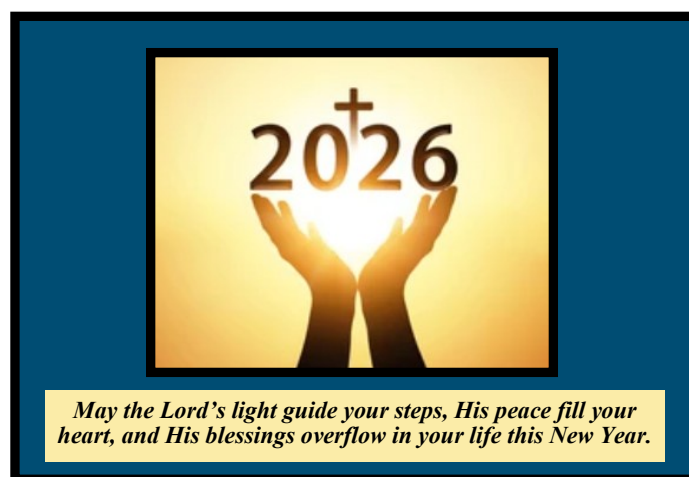
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Start 2026 by worshipping with us every Sunday at 11:00 A.M.!

We would love to have you!



January

THE VISITOR

2026



A NOTE FROM RODNEY

I love the story about 2 old friends who went fishing. One day the sun was warm, the breeze was soothing, and the pond was quiet. The fish weren't biting and eventually both men nodded off to sleep. After a while, the boat drifted far away from their favorite spot. One woke up and was startled to find they were lost. He yelled to his friend, "Wake up Henry, we ain't here anymore!!"

Look at the calendar – "We ain't here anymore – it's 2026!!"

It's hard to imagine that yet another year has come and gone. Time is so valuable, yet it might be the most overlooked part of life. Regardless of who we are or what we have – Time is a gift to us from God, and we are not certain how much we have before us. Our days on earth are limited. Making the most of the shot God gives us is so important.

As we begin again, I encourage us all to examine our time and the priorities of how it is spent each day. Our daily calendars reveal more about our lives than our words. Remember to take time for God. Devotions, prayer and worship bring dividends like nothing else. And make spending time with family and friends important. Keep the most important things the most important things.

In the Psalms David reminds us to be good stewards of our days: "I say, 'Thou art my God. My times are in thy hand' . . ."

Blessings on 2026! *Rodney*



In celebration of our church family birthdays, we will have our Annual Birthday Luncheon on Sunday, January 25th following the 11:00 AM Worship Service. Lunch provided will consist of a salad bar, a baked potato bar and of course, birthday cake for everyone!

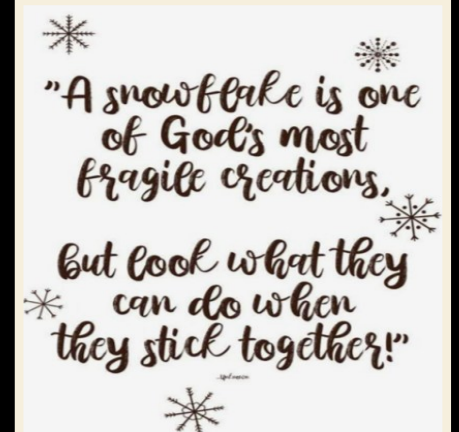
(A signup sheet for anyone wishing to bake a cake will be in the Narthex.) Make plans now to join us for this wonderful time as we celebrate the awesome YOU that God made!

January Worship Leaders



Elders: Steve Clodfelter, Leader
Ruth Saalweachter, Back-up

Communion: Tim & Beverly Brown
Greeters: Tim & Beverly Brown



"Taste and see
that the
Lord is Good"

Psalm 34:8

CHALLENGE
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good! Like David, we need to share our testimony with this broken world and encourage them to "taste and see that the Lord is good!"

As we kick-off 2026 with our Taste & See Bible Study Luncheons, will you make it a commitment to join us? We have the best time studying God's word together as we share in a simple lunch.

Our Taste & See Luncheons are from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM and typically held every 2nd Wednesday of each month (varying during the summer months and the month of December).

JANUARY TASTE & SEE BIBLE LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Downstairs Fellowship Hall
11:30 am - 12:30 pm



Men, kick off the New Year right by making it a commitment to come and join us every month for our **Men's Breakfast**. We always meet at Mama Zoe's Restaurant located at 2859 Reynolda Road. This month, we will meet on **Tuesday, January 20th at 9:00 AM**. Please come and join us for food, scripture and fellowship!
You will be so blessed!



CWF News

We enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch and exchanged gifts at our Christmas luncheon held December 16th.

Thanks to Jack Bryant and Jim Nelson for assembling work tables we purchased for Kitchen #1.

A special thanks to everyone who provided food and refreshments for the Cantata Reception and helped setup to make our Fellowship Hall beautiful for the reception.

Our January Meeting will be held on **January 27th at 1:00 pm** in the Lower Fellowship Hall to prepare a meal for Salvation Army Center of Hope Homeless Shelter. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to come and join us for this heartwarming time together.

Looking forward:

February 17th @ 1:00 pm we will meet to make beef vegetable soup.



"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the LORD is good." - 1 Peter 2:2-3

Peter uses the metaphor of "newborn infants" to illustrate the believers' need for spiritual nourishment. Christians should "long for the pure spiritual milk" just as a baby craves milk for growth and sustenance. This verse emphasizes the importance of desiring and consuming the Word of God for our development and our maturity in our faith.

Peter continues by stating that this longing should be driven by the taste of the Lord's goodness. The phrase "if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good" hints at an experiential knowledge of God's grace and kindness. It suggests that once someone has experienced the goodness of God, their natural response should be a deeper craving for His Word.

When we actively seek out and consume spiritual teachings, wisdom, and experiences, we are nurturing our inner selves and paving the way for our spiritual development. Spiritual growth requires intentional effort coupled with a deep desire for God's truth. May we all immerse ourselves in His Word in the year 2026 as we experience His goodness and as we grow stronger in our faith.

Notes from Tim

Hymn Story - O Christians, Haste

A perfect hymn to sing during the Epiphany Season is "O Christians, Haste." This beautiful hymn was composed by Mary Ann Thomson. She was born in London, England on December 5, 1834 and wrote this hymn text in December 1868. She says, "I had written many hymns before, and one night, while I was sitting up with one of my children who was ill of typhoid fever, I thought I should like to write a missionary hymn to be used after the Christmas season to proclaim Christ's birth to all the world; and each verse would encourage Christians to fulfill their mission by sending sons and daughters to spread the message to every people and nation that God is love and light, and wants none to perish without hearing of the Savior. It urges giving of wealth and soul through prayer to speed the messengers on their way and publish the glad tidings of Jesus, His redemption, and release."

*O Christians, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is Light;
that He who made all nations is not willing
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.*

Refrain:

*Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.*

*Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,
and died on earth that we might live above.*

[Refrain]

*Give of your sons to bear the message glorious;
give of your daughters, speed them on their way;
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious;
Till God shall bring a new and brighter day.*

[Refrain]

On Sunday, January 4, we will celebrate Epiphany Sunday at the 11:00 worship service. Please come and join us as we together sing this wonderful hymn and share the message of God's love and everlasting light!

Wishing each of you God's richest blessings in this new year before us. ~Tim

PRAYER REQUESTS



Church Family: *Owen Clodfelter (great-grandson of Steve & Betty Clodfelter), Bobby Joe "BJ" Carmichael, Jack Groff, Mary Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Doug Ramsey, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley

Others:

Jason Brown: Son of Tim & Beverly Brown
Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney &

Beth Stilwell

Faye Fincher: Jill Robertson's Aunt

Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of

Helen Johnson

Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney &

Beth Stilwell

Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley

Ryan Platz: Friend of Cliff & Kitty Hunt

Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley

Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer

Darlene Stewart: Sister of Ann Fletcher

Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson

Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson

Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi

Jeanette Titov: Susan Smith's mother

Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve &

Betty Clodfelter

Jean Wilkens: Friend of Shawn Widmyer

* Depicts new prayer request

Our hope is not in the new
year but in the **One** who
makes *all* things **new**.

YEAR BOOK CORRECTIONS

Please add the following names and addresses to the new 2025-2026 Yearbook:

Robert & Sue Flynt: 3940 Yadkinville Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Robert Birthday- 09/21; Sue Birthday - 03/19

Anniversary- 06/01 Email- RFLYNT@triad.rr.com

Chris & Dr. Kristi Mason: 1028 Pebble Creek Trail
East Bend, NC 27018

Kristi Birthday- 07/30; Anniversary- 09/14