

January 2025

To God Be The Glory



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### *From The Pastor's Corner:*

It is hard to believe but another year has come and gone. Christmas is one of those days in our lives (especially as young children) that seem to take an eternity to come. We begin to really think about Christmas somewhere around the end of October. Many are driven by the excitement of the season as they prepare for all of the festivities that surround it. Others are filled with anxiety as they think about the shopping, dinners, and all of the other obligations that they will need to meet. Truthfully, I probably fall somewhere in the middle. As the days and weeks pass from the calendar, and we ever so slowly or quickly (depending on the person) inch closer to the awaited day, we are overrun with many different thoughts and emotions. Then, it seems as though in a moment, it is over. It is at this time you can slow down and simply take a deep breath knowing you have traversed another holiday season.



Here at our church, it is not much different than it is in our personal lives at home. I am speaking of the fact that from October, through the end of the year, it seems as though our church calendar is full. This year we were treated to one of the best Children and Youth Christmas programs that I have seen. I cannot tell you how full I was with joy and even pride as they presented the Christmas story to a large crowd of people. I know for myself there were times that I laughed as they would wave at their family members from the stage or some other quirky mannerism they might show. Then as I looked at the baby Jesus and sang the songs, tears ran down my face in thankfulness for all that God had done not only for me,

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but for mankind. I would like to say a special thank you to Youth Pastor Jesse for his hard work as he corralled and encouraged the young people as well as the parents.

This year we stepped aside from the Singing Christmas Tree, and we moved our Christmas cantata into the sanctuary. As has been the case every other year, it was spectacular. May God bless those that have come week after week to practice that we might reap the results of their labors. I was looking at the choir and there are several that have participated every year for over 20 years to present the birth of Christ through song. They have never gotten the privilege to just sit back and enjoy the presentation as we have. Every year the members of the choir ask the same question.....“How does it sound? We cannot hear how it sounds from the choir.” Every year my answer is the same.....“It sounds beautiful”. (I have never had to lie once!)

With that said, it is now time to store the decorations for another ten months and hopefully take a collective breath as we try to return to what one might consider normal. So exhale and prepare for what God is going to do in 2025.

God Bless West Corinth Baptist Church,  
Pastor Robert



The Daughters of the King will meet Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am for breakfast, a short devotion and card ministry project. We'll also be discussing upcoming service projects for 2025. To all the ladies, please join us!



“The Perfect Tree”

Thank you to all those who attended any of the service times for “The Perfect Tree” as presented by the choir. Thank you to the choir for the countless hours of practice, and thank you to our Minister of Music, Dean Orbison, for leading the program.



**Parents Night Out**

December was a busy month. The teachers and children are holding letters that spell Christmas, from the Christmas story. See the next page for more on PNO!

***FELLOWSHIP MEAL***

The quarterly fellowship meal will be Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> following the evening business meeting. The menu will be soup and sandwiches with a sign-up sheet to follow.

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# parents night out

We had a great turn out for our December Parents Night Out. We celebrated Christmas by making gingerbread houses, painting ornaments and Christmas wreaths. But most importantly, we learned about the birth of Christ and the true meaning of Christmas. We'll resume our study on Moses on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at our next Parents Night Out.

### Candid Shots

Top: ginger bread houses Middle: painted ornaments Bottom: painted wreaths

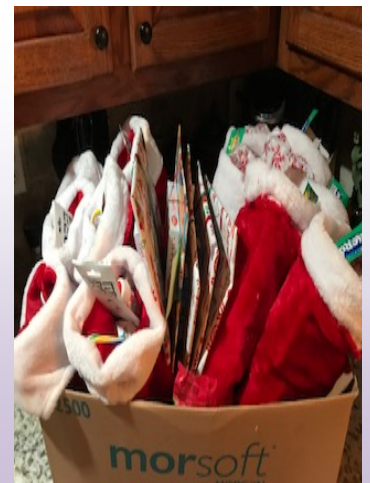
## CHRISTMAS GIVING!!

**Thank you** to all those who gave to our love offering to help families in need from the Weaverville school district (Hurricane Helene devastation) as well as our local area schools. The support was overwhelming, and we appreciate all the donations. For those who gave, you helped make a difference for these families.

Far Left: Weaverville delivery by Pastor Robert and Doug Allen

Bottom Middle: Weaverville school donations; clothes and toys were placed in labeled garbage bags and a number of the children requested bicycles.

Bottom Right: Christmas stockings for Milbridge Elementary



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**Children's Church:**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Christmas. It's time for New Year's resolutions. This year, we should strive to walk closer with the Lord. I want to say how proud I am of all the kids in the Christmas play. They did a wonderful job, and I want to give a special thank you to all those who helped with the play and the practices. I am looking forward to what God has in store in the coming year, and I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Pastor Jesse

**Youth Ministry:**



We took a trip to the Charlotte Motor Speedway on December 14<sup>th</sup> to see the Christmas lights. The kids and adults had a great time of fellowship and enjoyed the lights!



**Children's Church Schedule:**

- Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Mike and Melissa Tabor
- Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Mike and Felicia Hayes
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Sherri Hannah
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Sam and Jeanna Gregory

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*Let's Celebrate!!*

**Happy Birthday to.....**

- Spencer Hensley – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>
- Elaine Boyles – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Linda Brown – 4<sup>th</sup>
- Judy Cox – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Megan Greene – 6<sup>th</sup>
- Sam Gregory – 6<sup>th</sup>
- Valerie Bowen – 12<sup>th</sup>
- Jeremy Dalton – 14<sup>th</sup>
- Tena Stimson – 20<sup>th</sup>
- Scott Hardwick – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Hailey Walton – Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>
- AJ Jones – 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Faith Smith – 24<sup>th</sup>
- Bill Moore – 29<sup>th</sup>
- Brenda Aldridge – 30<sup>th</sup>

*happy birthday !!*



**Happy Anniversary to...**

- Jesse and Hannah Walton – Jan 20<sup>th</sup>
- Garry and Nell Weddington – Jan 27<sup>th</sup>
- Bill and Willaree Beaver – Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

**HAPPY anniversary**

**Thank You!**

This **Month's Big Shout Out** goes to all those who supported the Children's Christmas Drive for the Weaverville and Rowan County school districts. From those who organized, donated, shopped, and delivered, thank you for your commitment and service! Christmas time is always busy but what a blessing to stop and help others.

**January Events:**

- Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Parents Night Out
- Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Daughters of the King
- Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Deacons Meeting
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting/ Meal
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Baptist Men's Breakfast

***Congratulations*** to Dustyn and Charity Swartz who were married in a private ceremony on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.



*Be still and know that I am God.  
Psalm 46:10*



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Our church participated in the **Mooreville Christmas Parade**, as coordinated by the Outreach Committee. Thank you to those who gave of their time to support the parade and the Outreach Committee!

Also, thank you to the awesome givers for Covy Rock Church who suffered damage from Hurricane Helene. See the thank you note along with a picture from Covy Rock which is on the narthex table. Watch next month's newsletter for more updates from the Outreach Committee.