



## *Pastor's Corner*

The tradition of making resolutions as we start a new year is interesting. In light of history, New Year's resolutions are a fairly new trend. They have discovered what they believe is the oldest reference to one in a 1671 entry from the diaries of a writer named Anne Halkett. It contains a number of pledges, typically taken from biblical verses, and titled "Resolutions". Before that we have no record, but they grew in popularity in the 1900's.

Forbes states that a large percentage of them only last one month and less than half make it the entire year. It makes you wonder why people make them anyway. Perhaps the people before 1671 realized the futility of them. Dr. Buttimer wrote; "I think most people want a second chance to improve the quality of their lives. The New Year offers a blank slate — an opportunity to get things right". I admit, some years I make them and some years I don't and I have never looked back to see how successful I am at keeping them (I have enough reminders of my inadequacies in my daily life).

Perhaps they are popular because deep down inside we all want to be and do better. This need for a second chance and a desire for a blank slate is what the gospel offers us. The Bible tells us that through Christ, God makes all things new and Paul wrote; "if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!". Therefore, we do not need to wait until the calendar changes, and we have to struggle to remember to write the new year on our checks and correspondence to take advantage of it. Whether you made a resolution or not, and if you have managed to keep it or not, resolve to make the right resolution; to allow God through Christ to bring forth newness in you.



### ***FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT***

Our Children's Church and Sunday School Class was very busy in January. They spent some time making cards to put smiles on people's faces and filling our local blessing boxes with donations taken up from the congregation. (You can find photos on our Facebook page.) A huge thank you to our leaders for taking the time to teach our children about the life of Jesus.

### ***WEEK OF COMPASSION SOUP LUNCHEON***

Week of Compassion began 78 years ago. Donations received for this special offering are used for humanitarian crises that include disaster response and refugee settlement around the globe. A special offering will be collected on Sunday, February 19 and Sunday, February 26. After our church service on Sunday, February 26 we will be having our Week of Compassion Soup Luncheon. We invite and encourage everyone to stay for this special event.

### ***THANK YOU***

Thank you to the ladies that have been preparing the lunches for the Pike County Relief Services. The attendance is very unpredictable, yet somehow they always have plenty of food for everyone.

### **REMINDERS**

- A volunteer is needed for Children's Church the third Sunday of the month.
- Flower chart has spaces open, if you would like to provide flowers for worship service please sign up on the bulletin board.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/13 & 2/14 Little Blessings Valentine Party
- 2/20 Pike County Relief Services Meeting 11:30
- 2/21 Fellowship Luncheon 11:30 @ Gatti's
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday Service 6:00
- 2/26 Week of Compassion Soup Luncheon 12:00
- 2/28 Community Dinner 5:00

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!



Bill Van Hoose	Feb 1	Blake Robinson	Feb 9
Griffen Hall	Feb 2	Larry Bellville	Feb 18
Jane Robinson	Feb 5		
Faye Van Hoose	Feb 6		
Kathy Hendricks	Feb 7		



Gene and Phyllis Sturgill Feb 18

#### Communion Preparation

**Shalimar LaBreche**

#### Elder of the Week

2/5 Terry Trimble  
 2/12 Bob Van Hoose  
 2/19 June Brose  
 2/26 Paul Corbin





# February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Vespers 6:00 pm	2	3	4
5 CC BARBARA	6	7	8 Vespers 6:00 pm	9	10	11
12 CC Robin/ Ginger	13 LB Valentine Party 9:00- 11:30	14 LB Valentine Party 9:00- 11:30	15 Vespers 6:00 pm	16	17	18
19 CC Volunteer Needed  Week of Compassion	20 Pike County Relief Services 11:30	21 Fellowship Luncheon 11:30 @ Gatti's	22 Ash Wednesday Service 6:00  (Lent Begins)	23	24	25
26 CC Suzy Week of Compassion Soup	27	28 Community Dinner 5:00 pm				

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST As of February 1, 2023

### MEMBERS

Amick, Matt  
Anderson, Greg  
Anderson, Reed & Lynn  
Auton, Dorothy  
Batten, Bruce & Dana  
Cantrell, Danny  
Cantrell, Vernon  
Carlson, Dorothy  
Deskins, David & Barbara  
Fouts, Corbin  
Hamilton, Thelma  
Harrison, Jillian  
Johnson, Randy & Cindy & Family  
Little, Meleta  
Mayfield, Bob  
Perry, Jennifer  
Roberts, Howard  
Scott, John  
Sharp, Shirley  
Sturgill, Gene & Phyllis

### GENERAL

Amick, Jimmy Joe 9/29  
Anderson, Joann (R. Roberts) 10/16  
Baby Tatum (J. Harrison) 1/8  
Bartley, Pam 10/19  
Bentley, Ben & Sally (Ginger V.)  
Biliter, Peggy (P. Sowards) 8/21  
Bishop, Dewey (B. Baird) 10/26  
Black, Emogene (A. Black) 7/31  
Boyd, William (J. Robinson) 3/30  
Bradley, Tammy (J. Robinson) 1/4  
Burke, Greg (L. Compton) 5/11  
Cantrell, James (C. Bartley) 10/23  
Carlson, Kevin (R. Wells) 11/30  
Carter, Zac (K. Harrison) 2/17  
Childers, Pauline (C. Bartley) 9/25  
Clark, Kylie (D. Gibson) 1/15  
Coleman, Barbara (C. Bartley) 6/6  
Coleman, Gail (G. Justice) 11/21  
Coleman, Jami (D. Branham) 8/21  
Curry, Keith (S. Hall) 10/2  
Crotts, Catherine (B. Baird) 11/10  
Crum, Teresa (R. Brown) 9/12  
Damron, Katelyn 12/25  
Daniels, Danny Joe (P. Corbin) 4/24  
Darby, Keith (B. Mayfield) 11/19  
Darko, Jill (J. Hall) 9/20  
DeKlerk, Ann (R. Wells) 11/30  
Deskins, Tim (J. Brown) 8/22  
Dockery, Melissa (G. Van Hoose) 3/6  
Eddington, Renee (S. LaBreche) 9/5  
Edmonds, Charles (G. Van Hoose)  
Elkins, John (B. Robinson) 9/27  
Elswick, Jeremiah (L. Compton)  
Epling, Deborah (S. Huffman) 4/21  
Estep, Burma (G. Justice) 2/17  
Fields, Regina (B. Sweaney) 9/16  
Fish, Celia Alexander (R. Roberts) 11/27  
Francois, Jean (J. Brose) 1/15  
Gibson, Deb 12/18  
Gilliam, Mike & Michelle (H. Brown)  
Gilliam, Nancy (H. Brown) 10/4  
Hall, Lloyd (G. Van Hoose) 1/19  
Hambley, Gordon (B. Deskins) 4/4  
Harris, Patty (M. Little) 11/25  
Heilbron, Tom (H. Brown) 7/3  
Hogg, Frances (J. Hogg) 1/25  
Hogg, William & Paige (J. Hogg) 1/4  
Howard, Marsha (K. Baird) 11/16  
Huebner, Ashlee 1/22

Huebner, Ben 1/8  
Huffman, Charles (K. Baird) 10/5  
Huffman, Phil & Joanne (F Van Hoose)  
Justice, Patty (C. Runyon) 11/4  
Kanne, Linda & Jerry (J. Brown) 4/25  
Kehoe, Sara Walters, (K. Corbin) 11/7  
Kelley, James (J. Robinson) 11/16  
Kidd, Ryan (S. DeLong) 1/11  
Kruckow, Rich (K. Harrison) 3/28  
Lane, Susan (G. Justice) 9/25  
Lowe, Sandy (J. Perry) 6/27  
Mahn, Isabelle VanHoose(Ginger)  
Martin, Lori Nichols 12/11  
Matney, Marie (G. Van Hoose) 3/6  
McCoy, Diane 12/18  
McCoy, Ron 1/1 (R. Roberts)  
McNamee, Mary Ann (M. Thompson)  
McNamee, Nicole (G. Trimble) 8/28  
McDaniels, Brynnix (D. Gibson) 8/22  
McDonough, Theresa (M. Huebner)  
Nance, Debra (J. Robinson) 1/4  
Owens, Jeannine (G. Van Hoose) 7/15  
Page, John (S. Huffman) 10/5  
Parada, Ibis 12/18  
Parsons, Melissa (G. Justice) 9/11  
Penix, Roy (K. Harrison) 3/30  
Preston, Nikki 12/18  
Ratliff, Grant (A. Byers) 9/18  
Ray, Johnny (G. Justice) 9/20  
Robinson, Jo Nell (B. Robinson) 9/23  
Runyon, Glenda (G. Justice) 9/5  
Rutherford, John (S. Sharp) 3/7  
Scott, Andrew (J. Hall) 8/11  
Seticoili, Ryam 1/1 (M. Huebner)  
Settles, Jeff (L. Davis) 10/20  
Shearer, Robert Boo (B. VanHoose) 8/26  
Skidmore, Tim (S. LaBreche) 2/27  
Slone, Andy (T. Slone) 11/17  
Slone, Brooke 12/11  
Slone, Sarah 12/11  
Slone, Sidney 12/11  
Staten, Danny (B. Van Hoose) 3/4  
Stevens, Sam (J. Robinson) 12/14  
Stewart, Gary (C. Bartley) 10/23  
Stewart, Janice (Steve Huffman) 5/15  
Sullivan, Kristin (L. Davis) 9/26  
Summer, Gordon (K. Harrison) 1/15  
Talley, Sharon (R. Wells) 10/10  
Taylor, Kendra (S. Sharp) 10/7  
Thomas, Reba (P. Corbin) 9/29  
Thornsbury, Danny (K. Corbin) 12/2  
Tomblison, Carol (G. Van Hoose)  
Turner, James & Jeweline (H. Brown)  
Vance, Ron (S. DeLong) 11/10  
Waldrop, Guy (D. McKenzie) 7/4/21  
Walters, Mel (J. Hogg) 5/31  
Wilgone, Sue (R. Wells) 11/30  
Williams, Patty 1/1 (M. Haebner)  
Wilson, Savanna (J. Harrison) 12/11  
Wright, Shirley 10/19  
Yates, Darrell (Jane Robinson) 5/15

### SYMPATHY

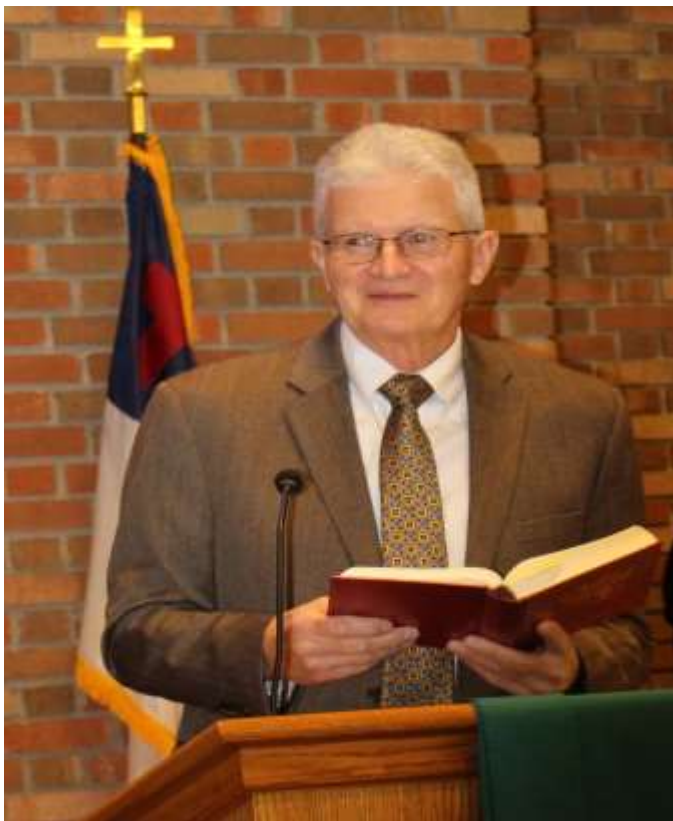
The Family of Phyllis Childers Smith

### OTHER

The Hungry in our community  
Those dealing with drug addiction  
People of Ukraine  
Civility  
Flood Victims  
Victims & Families Affected by Violence



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**Come Worship With Us!**

**Sunday School at 10:00 am**

**Sunday Worship Service at  
11:00 am**

**Wednesday Night Vespers at  
6pm**

*We are called to love God,  
To love Others,  
and to lead Others to Jesus  
Christ.*

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