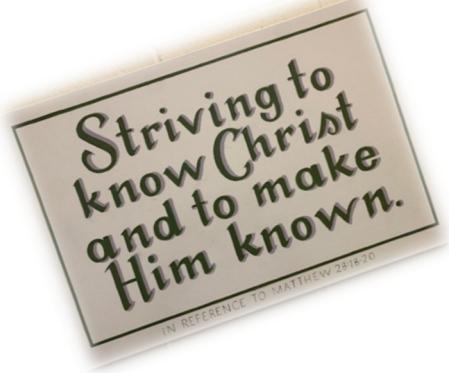




January / February 2026 Newsletter

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Continued Healing/While Celebrating Discipline

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. – James 1:2-8

As 2025 is in our "rearview mirror" and most of 2026 is yet to come, I hope by now, we are all realizing the path that we are choosing to take, as a congregation, is not the wide, well-traveled, path of the world or the path that many of our brothers and sisters in Christ take on a daily basis. This path is truly the narrow path that Jesus Christ spoke on in the Sermon on the Mount found in the books of Matthew (Cpt. 7) and Luke (Cpt. 13).

The narrow path, leads to the narrow gate, which leads to life. Our God given mission – "Striving to Know Christ and to Make Him Known." As well as our God given vision being – "Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to proclaim and embody the Good News of Jesus Christ and God's Kingdom."

In pursuit of this Vision, we will in a spirit of prayer:

- + Worship God
- + Nurture and train the whole family in the Word of God through **Evangelism, Service, and Teaching.**
- + Participate in local and world **Missions** through giving and going.
- + Encourage one another in caring **Fellowship.**

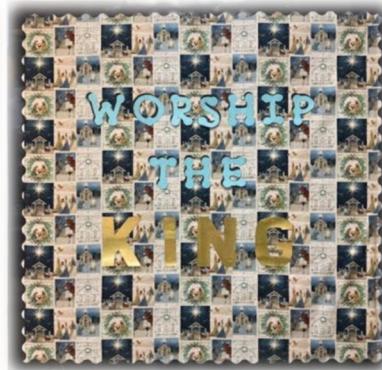
I hope and pray we are all learning and striving how to put these into action more and more, not just as individuals, but as a body of believers too. I do believe, and it sounds that most people that are a part of our new home groups ministry are genuinely seeing caring fellowship growing more as well as some great discussions in growing not only in the Lord but with each other as well. Praise God. I am also very, very thankful to be the Pastor of a congregation that understands and desires to understand more the importance of world and local missions. It is such a blessing, for me personally, to see how much this congregation literally desires to see God's Kingdom grow not just in ourselves but in others as well. I praise God, not just for our ministry support of Lifewise Academy, The Gideons International, and Mission work in the Dominican Republic and other places around the world, but for a congregation choosing to attempt locally to put the Early Church's example into action that we see in the book of Acts.

I'm believing this year is going to be a very good year for us as a congregation. As we each continue to find healing in the Lord, I am also very encouraged about this new 16-week Sermon Series we will be going through beginning on January 18th, "The Celebration of Discipline." Home Groups will be starting up in February, so you have 2 great opportunities to invite people to join us in the coming months. The first date is Sunday, January 18th. This is a great opportunity to invite someone to join us as we get started in this study. Of course, you can invite people after this too but another good target date to invite people to join us on Sunday Morning is Sunday February 1st. Following the service, we will be having a mission lunch with some delicious food and wonderful fellowship time. Lord willing, we are planning to have another, "Home Group Exposition" so people can be introduced to some of our Home Group facilitators and others helping with home groups.

Now that we have experienced what home groups are like and it seems at least to me, in very positive ways, let's all be praying about who we might be able to invite to a home group, that is not a part of our congregation or any congregation for that matter, that you might be joining. Home groups will be scheduled to begin the week of February 22nd. We also will have another devotional book for each member of the congregation to use as we go through this study together. Please prayerfully consider inviting your friends and family to join us on Sunday Mornings this year as well as the home group you may be attending as we dig into The Spiritual Disciplines. The first week we will look at "The Door to Liberation."

May God bless you and yours this New Year,

*Pastor Jason
Philippians 1:21*



Home Groups will start up again in February!

Hopefully by now we are all beginning to see that meeting together in home groups is a wonderful way to get to know God and others. There is also great potential of reaching out to our neighbors in the Lord as well. With our last sermon series and study, "Healing Restored" seemingly going so well and well received as a congregation, Pastor and council will be encouraging us all once again to meet together not just on Sunday Mornings but through-out the week as well in our weekly home groups. This can be a great opportunity to invite your friends and family into a non-threatening environment to not only discuss the Lord and His ways but to get to know each other even better. If you are interested in being a home group Facilitator, Home Group Assistant Facilitator, or a Home Group Host, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor about these opportunities.

We will begin our new sermon series, The Celebration of Discipline on Sunday, January 18th. On the First Sunday of February, we will have our Monthly Mission Lunch as well as a Home Group Expo once again during the mission lunch. This will give us an opportunity to promote our home groups and Sunday School Classes that will be available for this time.

Home Groups will then begin on week of February 22nd.

Please invite your friends and family to join us for this wonderful time of spiritual growth and relationship building together.

Our Upcoming Schedule for The Celebration of Discipline:

- Week 1 - January 18th - Door To Liberation
- Week 2 - January 25th - The Inward Disciplines - Introduction
- Week 3 - February 1st - Meditation
- Week 4 - February 8th - Prayer
- Week 5 - February 15th - Fasting
- Week 6 - February 22nd - Study
- Week 7 - March 1st - The Outward Disciplines - Introduction
- Week 8 - March 8th - Simplicity
- Week 9 - March 15th - Solitude
- Week 10 - March 22nd - Submission
- Week 11 - March 29th - Service
- Week 12 - April 5th - The Corporate Disciplines - Introduction
- Week 13 - April 12th - Confession
- Week 14 - April 19th - Worship
- Week 15 - April 26th - Guidance
- Week 16 - May 3rd - Celebration



LifeWise



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, for supporting our LifeWise students as they told the whole community that Jesus' birth is the true meaning of Christmas. It was great to see the K of C Hall packed with people! It was standing room only! Our young LifeWise students were so excited to share the Nativity story. Most of them had never gotten to do it before. Read this comment from our Facebook

post! Go Tell It On the Mountain. What a joy to watch our Buckeye Central LifeWise students share the story of Jesus' birth at the Dutchtown Hometown Christmas Nativity

Pageant last Thursday! With costumes, singing, props, and big smiles, they boldly shared God's rescue plan with our community ❤️ Huge thanks to our students, LifeWise Teachers, parents, LifeWise volunteers, St. John's Lutheran Church, Pietist Evangelical

Church, and Kevin Fortney for the amazing backdrop. We are so grateful for every helping hand! ★ Special thanks to Kathy Green for believing this gift to our community was possible. And to our students - you led with joy and excellence!

"Many will rejoice at His birth." - Luke 1:14

Merry Christmas!

To God be
the Glory!



Sunday December 7th Mission Conference Speakers at Pietist Church

Mission Conference 2025

During the 9:00am hour:

Ed Pfeifer – (SHP) Sleep in Heavenly Peace



NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!



Tabby Linn – (BORN) Bucyrus Outreach and Restoration Network

During the 10:00am hour:

Larry and Angie Overholt – World Gospel Mission



2026 Project

This is so exciting! Leah and Nichole have started a year-long project to fill more Samaritan Purse show boxes. It will not only give us an opportunity to bless precious children, it will give our congregation an opportunity to have a fun social event as we have a box filling party! As you see sales on items appropriate for children's show box gifts, make your purchases. Bring them to the church to be stored until the boxing party. Keep your eyes and ears open to learn more details as the year progresses. How many boxes can we fill???

Shoe Boxes
Throughout
"2026"

Bringing the Gospel to the
Ends of the Earth

Collect all year here at the
church, then come together
in the fall to stuff the boxes
and Celebrate in 2026 the
upcoming Birth of Jesus with
children around the world ...

Contact Leah Markley for more
details and information

THE STRIPES WAY



Stripes Basketball Schedule 2026

Fri, Jan 2, 2026 - Jan 3, 2026 - [New Years Ohio Classic](#) - VG Harvest Baptist Temple Clyde, · Clyde
Mon, Jan 5, 2026 at 5:30 PM - [Ohio Eagles - HOME](#) - VG Evangelical Pietist Church · Chatfield
Thu, Jan 8, 2026 at 5:30 PM - [Marion Hawks - HOME](#) - JHB, VG, VB Evangelical Pietist Church · Chatfield
Sat, Jan 10, 2026 at 11:20 PM - [Tri-Match Coshocton / Kingsway - AWAY](#) - JHB, VG Coshocton Christian · Coshocton
Mon, Jan 12, 2026 at 5:30 PM - [Ohio Eagles - HOME](#) - JHB, VB Evangelical Pietist Church · Chatfield
Thu, Jan 15, 2026 at 6:30 PM - [Be Panthers - AWAY](#) - VG Marion
Fri, Jan 16, 2026 at 5:30 PM - [Highpoint - AWAY](#) - JHB, VB 1580 Brown St, Akron, OH 44301-2757, Akron
Sat, Jan 17, 2026 at 11 AM - [TRI - MATCH Warsaw Warriors/Grand Lake HOME](#) - JHB, VB at Pietist Church
Mon, Jan 19, 2026 at 5:30 PM - [Ohio Eagles - AWAY](#) - VG 701 N Main St, Alger, OH 45812-9725, · Alger
Mon, Jan 19, 2026 at 5:30 PM - [Be Panthers - AWAY](#) - JHB, VB Marion
Thu, Jan 22, 2026 at 5:30 PM - [BOWLING GREEN - HOME](#) - JHB Evangelical Pietist Church · Chatfield
Sat, Jan 24, 2026 at 12:15 PM - [BOWLING GREEN - AWAY](#) - JHB, VG, VB Bowling Green Commerce Center
Tue, Jan 27, 2026 at 4:30 PM - [Marion Hawks - AWAY](#) - JHB, VG, VB Marion Christian Center · Marion
Fri, Jan 30, 2026 - Jan 31, 2026 - [Blazer Classic Invitational - AWAY](#) - VB FCA Auction · Faith Christian
Academy · Wilmot
Tues, Feb 5, 2026 at 5:00 PM - [Wayside - AWAY](#) - JHB, VG Wayside School · Bucyrus
Fri, Feb 6, 2026 - Feb 7, 2026 - [February Freeze Tournament](#) - VG 701 N Main St, Alger, OH 45812-9725, Alger
Fri, Feb 6, 2026 at 5:30 PM - [Faith Christian - HOME](#) - JHB, VB Evangelical Pietist Church · Chatfield
Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 4:30 PM - [Harvest Temple - HOME - SR NIGHT!](#) - JHB, VG, VB Pietist · Chatfield
Sat, Feb 14, 2026 at 4:30 PM - [Gilead Christian - AWAY](#) - JHB, VG, VB Gilead Friends Church · Mt Gilead
Tue, Mar 10, 2026 at 6 PM - [End of The Year Celebration](#) Evangelical Pietist Church · Chatfield





January Birthdays:

Dot Baird	7
Aubrey Betts	13
Franklyn Garrett	19
Robert Gebhardt	19
Cindy Vercruyse	20
Kathy Kark	20
Kory Garrett	23
Wayne Leuthold	25
Mike Shuck	28
Faustina Reynolds	28
Robin Gottfried	29
Greg Simmons	30



January Anniversaries

Gary & Cindy Richards

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Greeters: January - February

Jan. 4: Joe & Joyce Schimpf
 Jan 11: Al & Becky Schimpf
 Jan 18: Glen & Sue Blackford
 Jan 25: Roger & Juleen Marquart
 Feb. 1: Dennis & Robin Gottfried
 Feb. 8: "Unassigned at this time"
 Feb 15: John & Deb Leuthold
 Feb. 22: Bill & Ruth Ann Hanes



Nursery Supervision: Jan. - Feb. 2025

January 4: Alita Phillips; Cindy Richards
 January 11: MaryAnn Cooper; Theresa DeZurik
 January 18: Wayne & Ruth Leuthold
 January 25: Sarah Johnson; Eva DeZurik
 February 1: Alita Phillips; Cindy Richards
 February 8: MaryAnn Cooper; Theresa DeZurik
 February 15: Wayne & Ruth Leuthold
 February 22: Sarah Johnson; Eva DeZurik



February Birthdays:

Jaya DeZurik	1
Emma Steiger	2
Anika DeZurik	7
Ryan Shepherd	9
Ruth Ann Kalb	11
Ann Dunn	11
Deb Leuthold	14
Janet Dunbar	14
Dan Ulmer	14
DJ Johnson	15
Beth Harris	22
Kevin Garrett	23
Matt Shuck	26
Janice Auck	26
Donnie Johnson	27
Jeremiah Bertsch	27

February Anniversaries

Roger & Juleen Marquart	4
Richard & Janet Harer	7
Joe & Joyce Schimpf	7
Lloyd & RuthAnn Kalb	17

Junior Church Roster

January 4: Norma Gebhardt and helper
 January 11: Jaya DeZurik and helper
 January 18: Sue Blackford and helper
 January 25: Jaya DeZurik and helper
 February 1: Norma Gebhardt and helper
 February 8: Jaya DeZurik and helper
 February 15: Sue Blackford and helper
 February 22: Jaya DeZurik and helper

If you cannot serve the day you are scheduled, please ask someone else on the roster to trade with you. If you cannot make that happen, call Randy Kalb 419-988-0204.

Thank you so much for blessing us with this valuable gift of love and time!

◀ Dec 2025	January 2026						Feb 2026 ►
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 New Year's Day "Church Office Closed"	2 "Church Office Closed"	3 Men's Prayer 9-10am Young Adult Small Group 10:15-11:15am BB VG (Away) in Clyde ??? time	
4 "Holy Communion" No Mission Meal BB VG (HOME) 5:30pm vs Ohio Eagles	5	6 Council Meeting 9:00am	7 Prayer meeting 9:00AM Prayer meeting 7:00PM	8 Choir Practice 6:30pm Praise Team 7:30pm BB All teams (HOME) 5:30pm vs Marion	9	10 Men's Prayer 9-10am Young Adult Small Group 10:15-11:15am Food Pantry Dist. 1-2:30pm BB JHB, VG TRI-Match (Away) in Coshocton – 11:20am	
11	12 BB JHB/VB (HOME) 5:30pm vs OH Eagles	13 Gideons (Womens Auxillary) in Welcome Center at 2:00pm	14 Prayer meeting 9:00AM Prayer meeting 7:00PM	15 NO Choir Practice Praise Team 7:30pm BB VG (Away) 6:30pm in Marion	16 BB JHB/VB (Away) Highpoint 5:30pm in Akron	17 Men's Prayer 9-10am Young Adult Small Group 10:15-11:15am BB JHB, VB TRI-Match (HOME) starting at 11:00am	
18 Annual Congregational Meeting Following the 10:00am Service BB VG (Away) 5:30pm vs OH Eagles in Alger	19 Martin Luther King Jr. BB VG (Away) 5:30pm vs Be Panthers in Marion	20	21 Prayer meeting 9:00AM Prayer meeting 7:00PM	22 Choir Practice 6:30pm Praise Team 7:30pm BB JHB (HOME) 5:30pm vs BowlnGreen	23	24 Men's Prayer 9-10am Young Adult Small Group 10:15-11:15am BB All Teams (Away) 12:15pm in Bowling Green	
25	26 Gideons in Meeting Room 6:30pm & in Sanctuary from 7:30 until 8:30pm	27	28 Prayer meeting 9:00AM BB All Teams (Away) 4:30pm in Marion	29 Choir Practice 6:30pm Praise Team 7:30pm	30 BB VB (Away) in Wilmont	31 Men's Prayer 9-10am Young Adult Small Group 10:15-11:15am BB VB (Away) in Wilmont	

◀ Jan 2026	February 2026						Mar 2026 ►
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Mission Meal Council Meeting	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 Prayer meeting 9:00AM Prayer meeting 7:00PM	5 Choir Practice 6:30pm Praise Team 7:30pm BB JHB/VG Away 5:00pm vs Wayside in Bucyrus	6 BB JHB, VB (HOME) 5:30pm vs Faith Christian BB VG Away Feb. Freeze Tourn.	7 Men's Prayer 9-10am Young Adult Small Group 10:15-11:15am	
8	9	10 Gideons (Womens Auxillary) in Welcome Center at 2:00pm	11 Prayer meeting 9:00AM Prayer meeting 7:00PM	12 Choir Practice 6:30pm Praise Team 7:30pm BB (All teams) HOME 4:30pm "Senior Night" vs Harvest Temple	13 BB (All teams) Away 4:30pm Mt Gilead	14 Valentine's Day Men's Prayer 9-10am Young Adult Small Group 10:15-11:15am Food Pantry Dist. 1-2:30pm BB (All teams) Away 4:30pm Mt Gilead	
15	16 Presidents Day	17	18 Ash Wednesday Prayer meeting 9:00AM Prayer meeting 7:00PM	19 Choir Practice 6:30pm Praise Team 7:30pm	20	21 Men's Prayer 9-10am Young Adult Small Group 10:15-11:15am	
22 Washington's Birthday	23 Gideons in Meeting Room 6:30pm & in Sanctuary from 7:30 until 8:30pm	24	25 Prayer meeting 9:00AM Prayer meeting 7:00PM	26 Choir Practice 6:30pm Praise Team 7:30pm	27	28 Men's Prayer 9-10am Young Adult Small Group 10:15-11:15am	



Here's our Bible reading schedule for January and February this year.



I hope this has been a blessing for you and perhaps even an opportunity to read with others in your life too.

One thing I would like to encourage you to do this month is each day try and make a note of one thing that you have learned from the daily reading and that you will try and put into practice that day or the next.

I encourage you to seek the Lord in living out His way. When you have acted upon what you have learned please take time and write down what God did and how He used you and what happened.

Let's have an amazing 2026 together.

January 2026 Bible Readings

Date	Morning Reading	Evening Reading	Psalms
JANUARY 1ST	1 Corinthians 13	Phil. 1	1
JANUARY 2ND	1 John 3:1-10	Phil. 2	2
JANUARY 3RD	1 John 3:11-18	Phil. 3	3
JANUARY 4TH	1 John 4:7-21	Phil. 4	4
JANUARY 5TH	Deut. 1	Col. 1	5
JANUARY 6TH	Deut. 2	Col. 2	6
JANUARY 7TH	Deut. 3	Col. 3	7
JANUARY 8TH	Deut. 4	Col. 4	8
JANUARY 9TH	Deut. 5	1 Thess. 1	9
JANUARY 10TH	Deut. 6	1 Thess. 2	10
JANUARY 11TH	Deut. 7	1 Thess. 3	11
JANUARY 12TH	Deut. 8	1 Thess. 4	12
JANUARY 13TH	Deut. 9	1 Thess. 5	13
JANUARY 14TH	Deut. 10	2 Thess. 1	14
JANUARY 15TH	Deut. 11	2 Thess. 2	15
JANUARY 16TH	Deut. 12	2 Thess. 3	16
JANUARY 17TH	Deut. 13	1 Tim. 1	17
JANUARY 18TH	Deut. 14	1 Tim. 2, 3	18
JANUARY 19TH	Deut. 15	1 Tim. 4	19
JANUARY 20TH	Deut. 16	1 Tim. 5	20
JANUARY 21ST	Deut. 17	1 Tim. 6	21
JANUARY 22ND	Deut. 18	2 Tim. 1	22
JANUARY 23RD	Deut. 19	2 Tim. 2	23
JANUARY 24TH	Deut. 20	2 Tim. 3	24
JANUARY 25TH	Deut. 21	2 Tim. 4	25
JANUARY 26TH	Deut. 22	Titus 1	26
JANUARY 27TH	Deut. 23	Titus 2, 3	27
JANUARY 28TH	Deut. 24	Philem. 1	28
JANUARY 29TH	Deut. 25	Heb. 1	29
JANUARY 30TH	Deut. 26	Heb. 2	30
JANUARY 31ST	Deut. 27	Heb. 3	31

February 2026 Bible Readings

Date	Morning Reading	Evening Reading	Psalms
FEB. 1ST	Deut. 28	Heb. 4	32
FEB. 2ND	Deut. 29	Heb. 5	33
FEB. 3RD	Deut. 30	Heb. 6	34
FEB. 4TH	Deut. 31	Heb. 7	35
FEB. 5TH	Deut. 32	Heb. 8	36
FEB. 6TH	Deut. 33	Heb. 9	37
FEB. 7TH	Deut. 34	Heb. 10	38
FEB. 8TH	Joshua 1	Heb. 11	39
FEB. 9TH	Joshua 2	Heb. 12	40
FEB. 10TH	Joshua 3	Heb. 13	41
FEB. 11TH	Joshua 4	James 1	42
FEB. 12TH	Joshua 5	James 2	43
FEB. 13TH	Joshua 6	James 3	44
FEB. 14TH	Joshua 7	James 4	45
FEB. 15TH	Joshua 8	James 5	46
FEB. 16TH	Joshua 9	Romans 1	47
FEB. 17TH	Joshua 10	Romans 2	48
FEB. 18TH	Joshua 11	Romans 3	49
FEB. 19TH	Joshua 12	Romans 4	50
FEB. 20TH	Joshua 13	Romans 5	51
FEB. 21ST	Joshua 14	Romans 6	52
FEB. 22ND	Joshua 15	Romans 7	53
FEB. 23RD	Joshua 16	Romans 8	54
FEB. 24TH	Joshua 17	Romans 9	55
FEB. 25TH	Joshua 18	Romans 10	56
FEB. 26TH	Joshua 19	Romans 11	57
FEB. 27TH	Joshua 20	Romans 12	58
FEB. 28TH	Joshua 21	Romans 13	59