



God is love and love lives here!

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Sunday, January 7, 2024 ~ Baptism of the Lord

The Greatest of These is Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

13 If I speak in the tongues [a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, [b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

I'm reminded this week in our newsletter article that the scriptures are more than enough to stand alone from opinions or thoughts. Please take a few minutes to read through one of my favorite passages a few times as you prepare your hearts for worship this Sunday. Allow God to speak to you in your contemplation of the Word and encourage you in your faith. Thank you for all you do as a church and let us be a people of faith hope and love, remembering the greatest of these is love.

Keep The Faith,  
Pastor Tommy

Scripture and Sermon:

Mark 1:4-11

"Baptism of the Lord"



New Concerns

- Family of Betty Estep
- Phil Bailey
- Don & Sharron Schall
- Mary Lee Carter
- Johnathon Hanson
- Kayleen Larsen
- Joe Thomasson
- Mac McCullough
- John & Vivian Nadolny
- Sue Braun
- Susan Howdeshell

Continue Prayers for:

- Leon Hudson
- Sonny Watson
- Warren McDow
- Christa Avret
- Michael & Jennie Walston
- Warren McDow
- Betty Byrd
- Leon Hudson
- Mary Prater
- Jim & Mary Leary
- Virginia Eadie
- Bill Reedy
- Sarah Mayer
- Cary Martin
- Mac McNeal
- James McNeal
- Our Country, Leaders, Military



Souper Saturday

Souper Saturday will be another opportunity for us to serve those in our community by providing clothing and food to those in need. This event will occur on **Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 9:00am until 1:00pm** so please mark your calendars. Volunteers are needed to furnish crock pots of soups and/or chili and to be present to assist with shopping. **Help is also needed on Friday, January 12, 2024, beginning at 9:00am** to set up tables and bring in clothes from the Yak Shack. Please sign up on the sheets posted on the church bulletin board if you are available to help. Thank you so much for all your support for our Open Door Mission Closet. Brenda

Finance Report for

December 24

Operating Budget.....	\$6,474
Food Pantry.....	200
Total.....	\$6,674

Worship Attendance

100

Sunday School

24

Christmas Eve Attendance

180!!! 😊

December 31

Operating Budget.....	\$5,356
Children.....	600
Food Pantry.....	750
Total.....	\$6,706

Worship Attendance

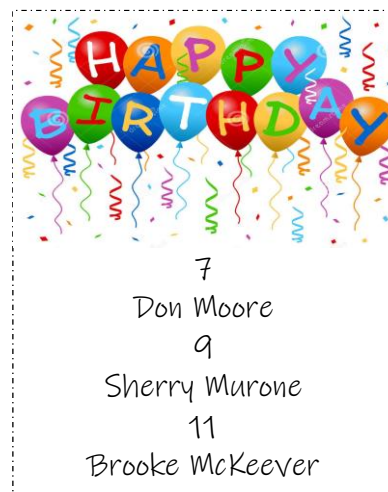
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Sunday School

36



- ✓ 01-08-24- Finance Committee Meeting 6p
- ✓ 01-08-24- Administrative Council Meeting 630p
- ✓ 01-13-24- Souper Saturday 9a-1p
- ✓ 01-15-24- Office Closed
- ✓ 01-21-24- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 5p
- ✓ 02-14-24- Ash Wednesday Service 6p
- ✓ 02-18-24- First Sunday of Lent
- ✓ 02-19-24- Office Closed
- ✓ 02-23-24- Church-wide Clean-up Day 8a-until
- ✓ 02-24-24- Church-wide clean-up Day 8a until
- ✓ 03-10-24- Daylight savings Time Begins
- ✓ 03-11-24- Finance Committee Meeting 6p
- ✓ 03-11-24- Administrative Council Meeting 630p
- ✓ 03-24-24 Palm Sunday
- ✓ 03-28-24 Maundy Thursday Service 6p
- ✓ 03-29-24 Good Friday Service 12 noon
- ✓ 03-31-24- Easter Sunday



Bible Reading Plan	
Week of January 7 <sup>th</sup> :	
Sunday.....	Genesis 1
Monday.....	Genesis 3
Tuesday.....	Genesis 6
Wednesday.....	Genesis 11
Thursday.....	Genesis 12
Friday.....	Genesis 15
Saturday.....	Genesis 21

### Community Missions

- The next Food Pantry is *January 10, 2024*... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- Our Clothes Closet will be closed *December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>*... we will re-open *January 9, 2024*... Closet volunteers for 01-09-24 are Nancy Brechin, Lynn Mayfield, Marie Davis
- Thank you for your generosity to the Open Door Clothes Closet. Each week we see more and more clothed and cared for because of your gifts of love. **Winter is Coming** and we will be in need of several items. If you're cleaning out your own closets or looking to donate items, please consider donating to the Clothes Closet. We also ask you to look for some of the specific items listed below as you are preparing for the change in season. Thank you again for all you do to support our ministry!  
Winter clothes/coats/jackets/sweaters/hoodies/pants/shoes/socks/scarves/hats/gloves; linens/sheets/blankets/throws/comforters; towels/washcloths; personal needs items; toys.
- Workers are needed in the Clothes Closet Mondays Tuesdays from 9a-12 noon.

### Children's Church Training

There will be training on the new curriculum for Children's Church on Sunday, January 28 after the Worship Service. This will take place in the Fellowship Hall and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by January 21 so we know how much food we will need. ~~ Katie ~~

### Family Promise

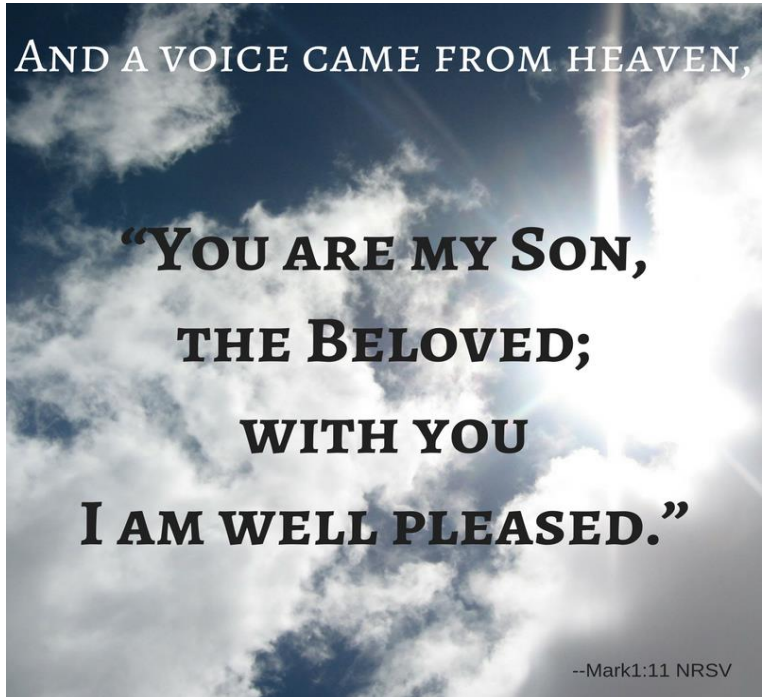
If anyone is interested in being a volunteer please contact J.O. or Lynn, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>

### Basic ERT Training & Chainsaw Safety Class

Saturday, January 27, 2024 | 8:00 a.m., Cordele First UMC, 302 East 12th Avenue | Cordele GA 31015

Register now at <https://sgaumc-reg.brapp.com/ERTChainsawCordele2024>

The basic ERT training will begin at 8:00 am with the chainsaw safety class to follow. Lunch is included. This training is a collaborative effort of the United Methodist Committee on Relief and United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.



--Mark1:11 NRSV

# Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

## This Week's Schedule:

### Sunday- January 7

#### Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier  
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter  
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen  
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell

9:15a Sunday School  
10:30a Worship

#### Greeters

10:30a Joy Fleming, Susan Glidewell

#### Communion Servers

Jim & Barbara Hilliard  
Paula Williams, Susan Glidewell

#### Finance Stewards

LaWanna Porter, Kathy Rutke, Hilda Rozier

#### Assisting with Children

##### Sunday- January 7

Nursery- Brooke McKeever, Dawn Wilkins  
Children- Amber Gamble

##### Sunday- January 14

Nursery- Marie Davis, Dawn, Laura  
Children- Sherry Armour

### Monday- January 8

6:00p **Finance Committee Meeting**  
6:30p **Administrative Council Meeting**  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

### Tuesday- January 9

9a-12n Open Door Mission Closet  
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'  
10:00a Partners in Prayer  
10:00a Yoga  
6:00p Life Group III "LG3"  
6:30p Miss Terry's Circle

### Wednesday- January 10

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
11a Food Pantry  
6:30p Choir Practice  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

### Thursday- January 11

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'  
10:30a Lynn-Pritchett Circle  
10:00a Yoga  
5:30p Dulcimers  
6:30p Men at the Well  
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## Sunday School at 9:15a

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

#### Sunday School Class

Seekers  
Issues & Answers  
New Beginnings  
Christian Fellowship  
Youth  
Pilgrims

#### Studies

Rob Bell  
Matthew  
Revelation  
2 Corinthians  
TBA  
Acts

#### Teacher

LaWanna Porter  
Katie Odum  
Nancy Hudson  
Don Schall  
Eric & Gloria Nelson  
Kathy Blanchard



# SOUP'S ON!

*The Well at Centerville*

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Coming soon!! Souper Saturday, January 13, 2024, 9a-1p; free soup lunch and clothing. Everyone is welcome. Due to people's generosity, we have an overabundance of clothes in our Clothes Closet storeroom. We are going to pull the clothes out, put them on tables in the fellowship hall for those interested in going through them and taking what they'd like... AND we're going to feed you, too! So, mark your calendars and come on out!