

Adairsville First Christian

FAMILY NEWS—January 2021

Turning the page toward the coming year.

I have heard some folks say that they will be staying awake on New Year's Eve to ensure the arrival of the coming year of 2021; as well as others who will stay awake to ensure that 2020 leaves. The calendar we keep is an invention of man. God is not bound by time nor the passing of the years. Peter reminds us that *"one day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day."* (2 Peter 3:8)

That being said, God uses the passing of the years for our learning, obedience and edification. The yearly feasts and observances of the Hebrews are a few examples of this. The yearly Day of Atonement was a recognition of the need of repentance and mourning for sin. The Passover, a yearly observance, is still celebrated today in the form of our weekly partaking of communion – the Lord's Supper.

So it is fitting that we ourselves should take a moment to pause and reflect on the past year. The end of the year is often consumed by inventory and financial reconciliation in the world of business and commerce - closing out the books so the new year of accounting can begin. Part of that process is a review of the profit margins from the past year and ways to improve services and revenue in the coming year.

Reflecting on our own lives has similar advantages. The events of this past year have slowed or stopped altogether the objectives for change that many had for themselves. Many of the same challenges of the past year will not simply go away at the stroke of midnight. Somethings will never return. Hopefully what will change is our ability to be more reliant on God and less dependent on our own assumed importance.

There is still the opportunity to see the Hand of God guiding us through the valley (*Psalm 23*). There is also the occasion that we can look back to and see what adjustments we made to deal with the changes. These are both teachable moments where we can learn more about God and ourselves. Lessons on the importance of relying on God and education in God's wisdom as our Creator instills in us the ability to change and adapt.

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THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Illness & Special Needs

Louise, Eddie Millwood
Colleen Shea
Taylon Waldon
Brenda Bailey
Wayne Abernathy
Lacrecia Martin
Wayne & Nell Self
Ray & Mary Ann Albee

Shut-Ins & Nursing Home

Ruth Pelfrey
Shane Pelfrey
James Alexander

Missionaries

Cris Garcia
Dennis & Lynn Free
Jim Richter

BIRTHDAYS

1st-Kellie Dailey
3rd-Gary Blaylock, Jordyn Garrett
4th-Chloe Gravitt
5th-John McPherson
10th-Tanner Boswell
11th – Kimi Edmunds
12th-Stacy Parker, Chandler Pelfrey
13th-Karen Alexander
16th-Randy Harris
20th-Jeremy Scott, Karen Ross
21st-Penny Walker
23rd-Ash Miller
26th-Jill Brown, Ryder Boswell
30th-Ashley Alexander

ANNIVERSARIES

14th-Cortez & Terri Suttles



First Christian Church
Adairsville

"Lifting up Christ"

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

December 6th.....46
December 13th.....53
December 22nd.....49
Christmas Eve.....42
December 27th.....44

CHRISTIAN SERVICE FOR DECEMBER

Date	Communion Meditation	Lord's Table	Communion to the Sick	Toddler Nursery	Baby Nursery	Nursery Floater
3	John McPherson	Norris Gravitt, Richard Cowart, Connor New, Ronnie Self	John McPherson			
10	Rodger Bailey	Norris Gravitt, Richard Cowart, Connor New, Ronnie Self	Rodger Bailey			
17	Ron Marks	Norris Gravitt, Richard Cowart, Connor New, Ronnie Self	Ron Marks			
24	Danny Pelfrey	Norris Gravitt, Richard Cowart, Connor New, Ronnie Self	John McPherson			

Communion Preparation
Brandi

Junior Church
Brandi

Clean the Annex
Brandi

Clean the Baptistery
Michael

Turning the page con't.

Examining the past year and walking away with the concept there are no areas of our lives, physical and spiritual, that need adjustment is like the man the Bible describes as *“one who looks in the mirror and forgets what he looks like.”* (James 1:23-24) Change may not be easy, but this year has proven it possible. Unfortunately for us as humans, true change is often brought about by some force outside of our “comfort zone.” We all will have change in our lives but not every change is good. The good news is the same God that created you with the ability to adapt to your environment to survive also gave you the ability to make positive changes in your life. The best news is that He has promised to be the source of strength and completion in our desire to change.

“... being confident of this, he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion...” – Phil 1:6

January 2021

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
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Drive Thru Nativity

Thank all who made our First Ever Drive Thru Nativity a great success. Whether you were part of the presentation or some of the many who drove thru, you are greatly appreciated.

Christmas Eve Services

A special Thank you to all who shared their time and talent at our Christmas Eve service. It is a yearly highlight during this time of remembrance and reflection on God's gift of His Son.

Fruit Baskets

Thank you to our Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class for preparing and delivering the fruit baskets this year.

Blessing Baskets

Thanks for everyone's help with the baskets this year for our community.

Remember:

Oatmeal, Back Pack Buddies & Diapers for Bartow Family Resource Center

2nd—Undecorate the building

5th—Ladies Bible Class 9:30 AM

6th—Bible Study 7:00 PM

12th—Ladies Bible Class 9:30 AM

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20th—Bible Study 7:00 PM

26th—Ladies Bible Class 9:30 AM

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