

JANUARY 2023

# RUSH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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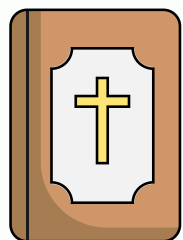
MONTHLY MOMENT WITH PASTOR JARED  
PRAYER CONCERNS/BIRTHDAYS  
JANUARY CALENDAR/VOLUNTEERS



Thanks to Ondrej Paska (See Matthew 14:24-33)

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PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH  
STRONGER IN THE WINTER



# SUNDAYS AT RUSH CHAPEL



## **First Sunday of Each Month Men's Breakfast 8 a.m.**

**All men of the church are invited for breakfast and fellowship!**

## **Sunday School 10 a.m.**

**CHILDREN/MIDDLE SCHOOL- DOWNSTAIRS, MAIN BUILDING**

**SHELLEY ROBBINS, LUCY BURNES**

**HIGH SCHOOL- SMALL UPSTAIRS ROOM, MAIN BUILDING  
AMY OYLER**

**ADULT/UPPER ROOM CLASS-MAIN BUILDING  
TOMMY ARMSTRONG, DARCY LIDDLE, JENNIFER LANEY**

**ADULT/BILL PAYNE CLASS- FELLOWSHIP HALL  
JASON OYLER, VALERIE MCFRY**

## **Worship 11 a.m.**

**Come join us for worship in our beautiful sanctuary or, if you are unable to attend, watch us on Facebook Live!**

## **Youth 5-7 p.m.**

**Our youth meet from 5-7 each Sunday night for fun, fellowship, and food.  
All youth are invited to attend and bring a friend too!**

## **Last Sunday of Each Month Levee Church 7 a.m.**

**Come as we take an opportunity to serve others with food and fellowship  
at the levee each last Sunday of the month.**

**Levee Church will be on Sunday, January 29 at 7 a.m. Park at the boat ramp by  
Heritage Park. Contact Kurt at 706-766-3492 for more info.**



# WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

## BREAKFAST CLUB AT LANDMARK DINER

Wednesdays 9am

GOOD FOOD + GOOD FRIENDS = 1 GREAT TIME

Come join us at the Landmark Diner every Wednesday at 9 am for some great fellowship!



## COMING SOON..NEW BIBLE STUDY!

Have you been feeling left out?  
Feeling like you're missing out  
on something?  
Well, if you haven't been coming  
to our Wednesday night Bible study,  
that's what's missing!



Now is a great time to join this fantastic group of friends, believers, and students of God's word!

Those who are regular attendees already will look forward to being together again.

New course of study and beginning date are to be determined,

but watch the schedule for that announcement.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

# JUMP INTO JANUARY!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What a busy and wonderful Advent and Christmas season we had at Rush Chapel!  
Some of our notable happenings: caroling, Angel Tree donations, a gathering with a fun gift exchange, the cantata, our beautiful Candlelight Christmas Eve service,  
and a **VERY** chilly Levee Church on Christmas morning!

Thanks to all who helped out in any way and participated in any of our special services and events.

It is a truly special time of year, and we are blessed to enjoy it in our beautiful church  
and to serve outside our four walls as well!

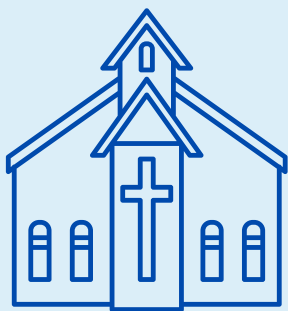
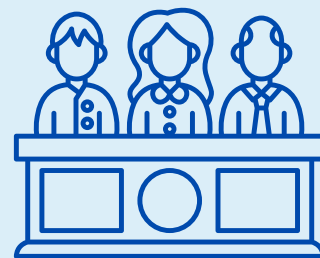
Now it's time to look ahead...here's what's up in January!

### Committee Meetings

TRUSTEES will meet Tues., Jan. 10th at 6 p.m.

SPRC will meet Thurs., Jan. 12th at 6 p.m.

FINANCE will meet Tues., Jan. 17th at 6 p.m.



### Administrative Council

We will hold our first Administrative Council meeting  
of the new year on Sunday, Jan. 15th  
immediately following 11 a.m. worship.

We will have a covered dish lunch together,  
so bring a dish if you are able.

The council meeting will follow lunch.  
Please make plans to attend for fellowship  
and to take care of the business  
of our church!

## YOUTH

Youth will start back Sunday, January 8th and meets at the church from 5-7 p.m.

We have a great group of young people and adults who work with them.

All middle and high school students are welcome to come for fun and fellowship!

Friends of our youth are welcome too!



# MONTHLY MOMENT WITH PASTOR JARED

Sometimes, our faith motivates us to do things that come back to us in positive ways almost immediately. We deliver food baskets to those who don't have enough food in our community, and it feels good to extend a loving hand to those that need it.

Other times, our faith moves us to do things that the human side of us doesn't want to do.

We're a deeply divided nation, and we think "our side" is right, and "their side" is wrong. (Insert whatever source of division you want here; they all apply.) And for many of the particularly tense points of division, we demonize the other side.

It's in our nature to do so. It's called the Fundamental Attribution Error, and I've written about it before. We attribute others' negative behaviors to their character (or lack thereof), while attributing our own behavior to external factors outside of our control. When someone's late to arrive somewhere, we assume it's the result of laziness or disorganization. When we're late, it isn't our fault; we have too many things on our plate, or heavy traffic caused an unforeseeable delay.

God calls us to a different way. The ninth commandment, "Do not testify falsely against your neighbor," is about more than not lying on the stand in a court of law. Nadia Bolz-Weber points out, in her sermon on the story of the ten lepers, that Martin Luther's interpretation of that commandment calls us to defend our neighbor, to speak well of them, and "explain their actions in the most generous way possible."

"That driver probably cut me off because he has an emergency."

"Their political views are different from mine because they have had different experiences than I have had."

God is calling each of us to be sources of healing and reconciliation. We want things to be black and white. We want a world uncomplicated by nuance and a breadth of experiences. But divisions cannot be overcome unless we show empathy and understanding for someone else's experiences. And as Brene Brown points out, "In order to empathize with someone's experience, you must be willing to believe them as they see it and not how you imagine their experience to be."

Although we want to rush to judgment for those on the other side, God shows us another way. One that expresses love, and that is infused with the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. It is hard but holy work.



# Prayer Concerns

IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HERE, ANNOUNCE THEM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, WRITE THEM AND PUT THEM IN THE OFFERING PLATE, OR EMAIL THEM TO [RUSHCHAPEL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RUSHCHAPEL@GMAIL.COM).

Dempsey Carney; Asher Stinson; Donna Jane Murray; Brent Nations' mother Carolyn; Mary Armstrong's father passed away just before Christmas; the Armstrong family with Covid; Joshua Kinnebrew and Logan Knight, two students at Model with cancer; Jerry Patty, father of Jeff; Regina Holland; our teachers and students as they start back to school; our college students as they head back for a new semester



## Birthdays

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Elaine Robbins

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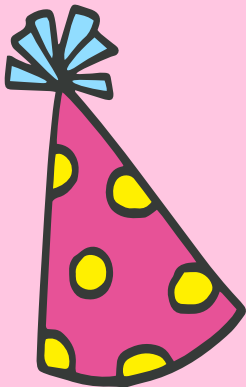
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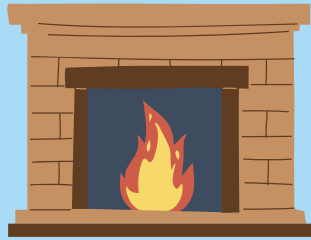
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Jennifer Adair

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Sally Echols





# JANUARY

## 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 9 a.m. B'fast Club	5	6	7
8	9	10 6 p.m. Trustees	11 9 a.m. B'fast Club	12 6 p.m. SPRC	13	14
15 12:15 p.m. Lunch and Administrative Council Meeting	16	17 6 p.m. Finance	18 9 a.m. B'fast Club	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 9 a.m. B'fast Club	26	27	28
29 7 a.m. Levee Church	30	31				

### January Lay Volunteers

DATE	LAY READER	NURSERY/CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Jan. 1	Tommy Armstrong	Valerie McFry, Claire Elkins
Jan. 8	Kim Nations	Kristi Elkins, Miriam Burnes
Jan. 15	Jason Oyler	Tony Burnes, Frank Curry
Jan. 22	Amy Oyler	Amy Oyler, Katilyn Pilcher
Jan 29	Jennifer Laney	Jennifer Pilcher, Alyssa Laney