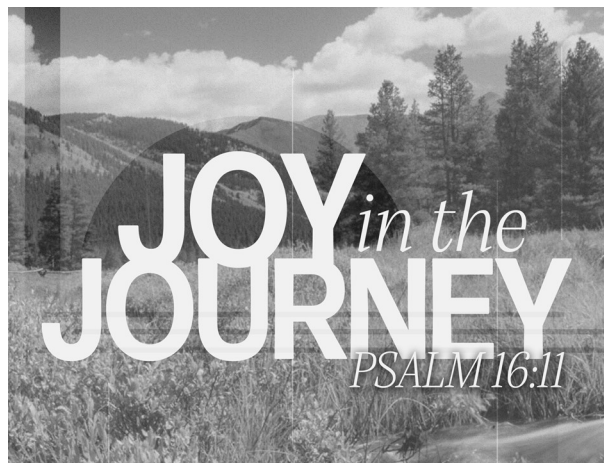


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COME JOIN US

Tues. Jan. 21, 2025

11:30 am

Program: Judith Pritchett Wade



Judith Pritchett Wade was born in Dresden. She began piano lessons at the age of 4, and she began playing the organ at Dresden Methodist Church when she was in 8th grade. She completed her D.M.A. at the University of Memphis in 1996, she and her daughter Lisa studied music at the Mozarteum in Salzburg,

Austria, and the Cors de interpretation des pianists in Paris, France. Certified as a master teacher by the American Music Society, Judith taught piano in Memphis for 32 years, having received the Tennessee Music Teacher of the Year Award in 1999. Her students won numerous piano competitions and have performed in Carnegie Hall and as soloists with the Kansas City, Paducah, Richardson, Texas; and German-town Symphonies. Judith has made four piano recordings, including Legacy of Love in 1992 and Love Songs to Remember in 2011.

Judith retired and moved home to Dresden in 2020 and considers it her great joy to live here again and play the piano at her home church. In addition, Judith's retirement has given her time to devote to her second love, that of writing.

She pays loving tribute to her South African husband, Llewellyn Wade; her daughter, Lisa Fairchild Ramirez; and her sister, Janey Pritchett Williams, for their enduring support. She dedicates her love of music and writing to her two granddaughters, Marina Fairchild Law and Rebecca Rose Ramirez. And she speaks today in loving memory of her parents, the late James and Sue Ellen Pritchett.

Join us as Judith presents "Secret to a Meaning Retirement."

J.O.Y. Report for December 2024

Enrollment 110

Attendance 48

Offering \$46.85

Oct.—Dec. offering of \$132.60 went to Operation Christmas Child.

Jan.—March offering will go to Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missionaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 4th Jerrie Moseley
- 7th Ron Jackson
- 12th Kathy Simmons
- 17th John Clark
- 19th Judy Cleek
- 20th Sheila Cianfarani
- 27th Ronald Winstead
- 28th Roger Tibbs
- 31st Richard Bennett, Amy Finney



Have a blessed day!

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. --Joshua 1:9

Each year at this time, thousands of people stand in the cold in Times Square, New York. No big event beckons them. No ballgame is being played. No rock concert is getting underway. It's simply a huge, lighted ball that drops from a tall building. And within a few seconds, hardly worth fighting traffic and crowd pushing for, it descends marking a new year.

Why has this nonevent turned into a huge, money-making holiday? Most other holidays celebrate a reputable person, famous birthdays, document signings, or a noted event. But New Year's Eve only celebrates the passage of time—something that most of us would rather not recognize. We make a huge deal out of it because it signals the end of an old era and the start of a new one.

The old year's problems, heartaches, and struggles seem to vanish and become a faded memory when we think of getting the chance of a new year and a new start. It must have been the same way for the Israelites when they stood with Joshua looking forward to a new era ahead of them. They had wandered for 40 years in the desert, and finally they could see land flowing with milk and honey ahead. Better yet, they had God's promise that He would never leave or forsake them.

As you stand with your back to the old year and look forward to the new one, you can have hope in the promises of God. You will certainly face both trying and joyful times ahead, but you can rest assured that He "will never leave you nor forsake you" (Joshua 1:5). That promise is enough to celebrate the new year ahead!

PRAYER CHALLENGE: Ask God to give you courage, strength, and faith in Him to face the days ahead. Thank Him for being faithful and for never leaving your side.