

THE GATHERING is the Senior Adult Newsletter of  
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GOT  
THE  
**JOY**  
JOY, joy, JOY,  
♥ DOWN IN MY  
*heart*



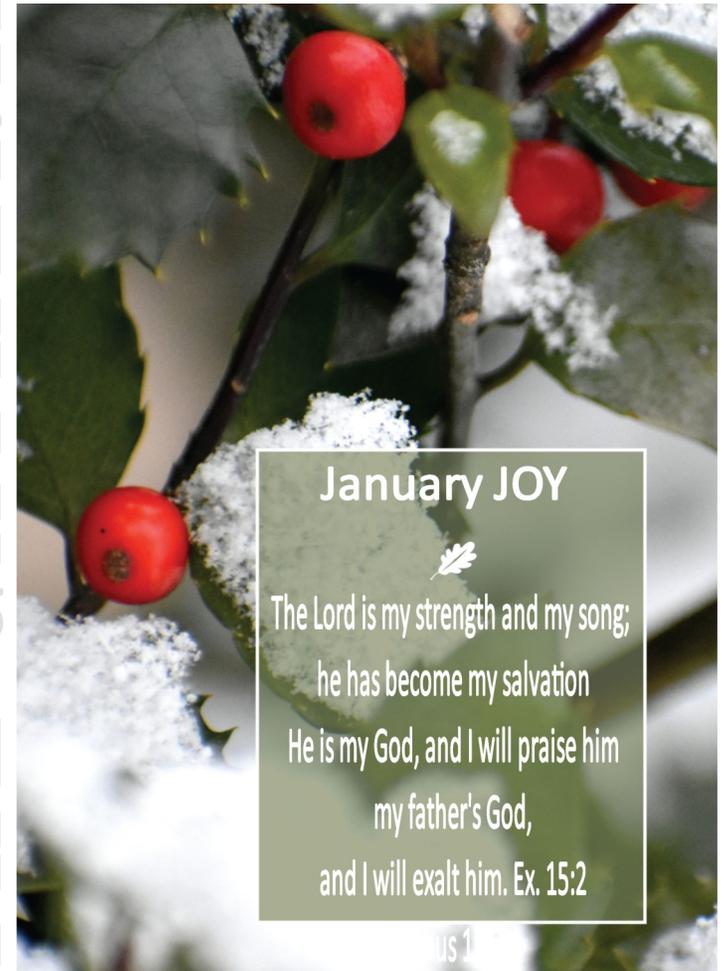
Spaghetti, meat sauce, green peas,  
French bread, cobbler & drink.  
Cost \$5.00

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by Jan. 15, 2026

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### January JOY



The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation  
He is my God, and I will praise him  
my father's God,  
and I will exalt him. Ex. 15:2

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*Wes Jones, disaster relief specialist for the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, presents the Joel Phillips Award for Outstanding Achievement to Karen and Tommy Wilson of First Baptist Church, Dresden*

*Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers have received two of the highest awards for service from Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. The awards were voted on and approved by SBDR's steering committee and announced during the National Roundtable in Albuquerque, N.M.*

*Tommy and Karen Wilson of First Baptist Church, Dresden, received the Joel Phillips Award for Outstanding Achievement.*

*The couple has been serving together in disaster relief since their retirement several years ago, said Wes Jones, disaster relief specialist for the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board.*

*Jones said the Wilsons spent more than six months in Puerto Rico after a hurricane there a few years ago. "Since then, they have participated in almost every callout in Tennessee and beyond," he noted.*

*"Tommy and Karen both exemplify a Christ-like Spirit in their service. Each of them has a unique skill that compliments the other," Jones said.*

*Come join us on Tues. Jan. 20 at 11:30 am. James Satterfield, BCM Campus Men's Missionary at UTM will lead us in a devotion, a delicious meal will be served, and we will hear from Tommy (Karen) Wilson on TN Baptist Disaster Relief and mission trips*

*We hope you will make plans to join us for a JOYful time of fellowship .*

God places no expiration date on a person's calling. While the methods of service may change due to physical limitations, seniors remain vital contributors to the church and community.

Continued Fruitfulness: Psalm 92:14 promises that the righteous "will still bear fruit in old age" and remain "sap and green".

No Retirement from Calling: The Bible does not mention retiring from God's work; instead, it highlights figures like Hezekiah who continued building for God's people late in life [0.1.1. 0.1.6].

Renewed Inner Self: While physical strength may decline, 2 Corinthians 4:16 reassures that the "inner self is being renewed day by day," allowing for deep spiritual impact.

Meaningful Ways to Serve in the Senior Years:

Intercessory Prayer: Seniors can make an eternal impact through prayer, even if homebound or limited in mobility.

Mentoring and Wisdom: Following the model in Titus 2, seniors are called to share their decades of faith and life lessons with younger generations.

Spiritual Heritage: Psalm 145:4 encourages seniors to tell the "coming generation" of God's "mighty acts" and faithfulness.

Practical Kindness: Simple acts such as sending encouraging cards, checking on friends by phone, or performing light volunteer tasks remain vital service.

Setting a Godly Example: By "finishing well," seniors provide a model of steadfast faith that encourages the entire church body.

Heavenly Father, thank You for the privilege of serving You in every season of life. When my physical strength fades, remind me that Your power is made perfect in my weakness. Help me to be a steward of the wisdom and faithfulness I have gained over the years. Use my voice to testify of Your goodness and my prayers to build Your kingdom. May I remain "full of sap and green" until the day You call me home. Amen.

J.O.Y. Report for Dec. 2025  
 Enrollment 114  
 Attendance 46  
 Offering \$45.71  
 Oct.-Nov.-Dec. offering of \$102.44 went to Agape House

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

12th Kathy Simmons  
 19th Judy Cleek

*Have a blessed day!*

