



# *Glints*

*January/February*  
*2021*

## **“The Church with the Lighted Cross”**

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### **FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DALE:**

In a classic Peanuts cartoon. Charlie Brown says to Lucy, “Someone has said that we should live each day as if it were the last day of our life.” “Aaugh!” cries Lucy. “This is the last day! This is it!” She dashes away screaming, “I only have 24 hours left! Help me! Help me! This is the last day! Aaugh!”

“Some philosophies,” says Charlie Brown, “aren’t for all people.” Living each day as if it were the last day of our life is not a bad philosophy. Living each day as if it were the first day of our life might be a better one. This is a new year with exciting new possibilities. The old year is gone. The mistakes we made, the obstacles we have overcome are now in the past. A new year has arrived.

Never in my life, and I’m sure in yours too, has the fact that a year, specifically 2020, is in the rearview mirror been more meaningful and hopeful! As the Covid-19 vaccine is being rolled out we are hopeful that soon the fear and anxiety of the pandemic will also be a thing of the past. We are anticipating the day when schools will be back to full-time in person settings. When we can take the “ropes” off of every other pew and welcome people to fill them up for worship. When the

nursery can be reopened and Sunday school classes can resume, when we can gather for coffee and snacks before and after worship. When we can once again sit down with our friends, families, and community for fellowship, weddings, funerals, and meals.

One of the lessons we can learn from Jesus as we move into 2021 is to never look back. In Luke 9:62 Jesus says it pointedly: “No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” Jesus knew there was no turning back. Tranquil days in the carpenter shop of Nazareth were soon only a dream. This is who he was and what he had been called to achieve. The threats of public humiliation, imprisonment and even death on the cross did not dissuade him. He had committed himself to God's plan for his life. He would see it through.

We don’t know what 2021 holds for us, we pray it’s better than 2020 but we also know that whatever it brings will be a mixture of good and bad. There will be bright sunny days and days of storms. We don’t know what is in store for us going forward but we know who holds that future and so we can go

forward trusting in the God who is always, present, always graceful, and always faithful.

What are your dreams for the New Year? There are very few dreams that are achieved without paying an extraordinary price. There are many of you who have discovered that in your own lives. The sleepless hours, the unending stress, the self-doubts and near failures. How can we expect to achieve our worldly dreams without constant sacrifice and expect to give less in being the church and serving God?

This is a new year--a new beginning. Let's begin this New Year with a sense of humility and urgency and a commitment to give our very best to whatever God is calling us to both individually and together as the church.

As the Sundays of Advent called to us, may your 2021 be filled with Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love.

Be blessed to be a blessing,  
*Pastor Dale*

**PLEASE ALSO MAKE**  
**NOTE:**  
THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL  
BE CLOSED ON  
JANUARY 1, JANUARY 18  
and FEBRUARY 15.

## Sympathy

Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to the friends and family of . . .

Susie Stout in the passing of her uncle, Donald Hamilton. Donald went to his heavenly home on November 29, 2020

And

Donna Peddicord and Ryan and Heather LePage in the passing of their brother and uncle, Larry Fry, Sr., who entered the church triumphant on November 30, 2020,

And

Darlene Dalieri, in the passing of her husband, Ledonis Dalieri, who went to his heavenly home on December 3, 2020,

And

Michael Lyons who went to his eternal home on December 3, 2020,

And

Shirley Norris in the passing of her uncle, Jack Allen. Jack went to his eternal home on December 16, 2020,

And

Beth and Steve Nelson in the passing of Steve's mom. Sally Nelson. Sally entered the Church Triumphant on December 19, 2020.

*May God be your comfort in sorrow and your hope in the coming days.*

## *Celebrating the birth of...*

Scarlett Rae Mills ~ born on December 19, 2020.

Scarlett's parents are Bethanie and Zack.

Proud grandparents are Rick and Missy Mills.

*Congratulations to all!*

*All Glory to God and Thanks to...*

...everyone who so generously participated in our community's Children's Services Christmas Project. May the Lord warmly bless you.

...everyone who donated items for the Samaritan's Purse project. We were able to donate 100 boxes this year.

...all who participated in our wonderful Christmas Eve services.

...all those who helped in the "hanging of the greens". Our church looked gorgeous, thanks to all who helped "dress" our sanctuary and foyer. Special "kudos" to our worship team for their faithful ministry throughout the season of Advent and Christmas.

### **FINANCE REPORT ~**

#### **November. 2020**

Income: \$28,232.04

Expenses: (\$30,644.69)

Cash Flow: (\$ 2,412.65)

YTD Income: \$289,206.62

YTD Expenses: (\$294,563.02)

YTD Cash Flow: \$( 5,356.40)

## **GIVING ENVELOPES**

GIVING ENVELOPES will be available for pick-up in the narthex through January 17, 2021. They will be on a table arranged alphabetically. If you have a friend or neighbor that you know is unable to pick theirs up, please feel free to help out by hand delivering them. We would just ask that you sign-out your friend's envelopes so we know who took them. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE GIVING ENVELOPES and would like a box – we have plenty – please contact the church office (Christy) at 622-7780 and we will make sure you get a box.

## **Trustees/Church Council**

**January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 and 7:30 pm**

**February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and 7:30 pm**

# Greetings from Susie

As I was driving in the car one day and heard a song on the radio called "Evidence." The first line of the chorus says, "I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life." That line spoke to me and I started thinking about the evidence of God's goodness and love in my life.

Throughout my life I have had mountain times and valley times. We all have. As I reflect back, I have been blessed! God blessed me as I grew up in a good, hard working family. My mom made sure we were active members of a church family. I made it through public school (sometimes barely). I also graduated from college and got a teaching job right off the bat. I had 31 pretty good years of teaching in the public school. I have been blessed to see my six nephews grow up into young men. I have a "second" family that I adore. I have many friends and a wonderful church family and the opportunity to share my faith. The blessings listed are just the tip of the iceberg. All of these things show the evidence of God's goodness all over my life.

I have had valley times as well. The lowest valley was watching my mom slowly slip away from Alzheimer's. It is a terrible disease! Both of Mom's siblings passed away this year from the same disease. But as sad as that experience was there is still evidence of God's goodness all over that part of my life as well. God was with me and carried me through as I

helped to care for her, especially through her last 5 rough years. I became a better and stronger person through that experience.

I've saved the best for last. The greatest evidence of God's goodness all over my life and yours is this:

***"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.***

***For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."* John 3:16-17**

I want to encourage you to look back on your life and take note of the evidence of God's goodness in both the mountain times and the valley's. I pray that you will see the evidence of His goodness ALL over your life. God was, is and will be with you through it all, and that's His promise.

With lots of love!!!!

Susie

## LES' LETTER

We will continue to have four folks share music each Sunday. I am very appreciative for those folks that continue to share their vocal talents each week. Thanks for the kind remarks with not only the selection of music, but the singers ~ actually all of the musicians! It is really appreciated! Hopefully, we can get back to having a full choir in the next several months.

Grace?

What is grace? Someone once said that it is God Riches At Christ's Expense. What does

that mean to you? Someone said the word “Grace” means “unmerited favor” – the concept that none of us in the human race deserve to be saved because we are all wretched sinners. But God through His graciousness sent His Son to die for all sinners, so we make the right choice and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Several years ago, Billy Graham was supposedly stopped by a trooper for speeding. When he went to court, the judge fined him “X” amount of dollars. The evangelist thought to himself - that is fair, he was wrong and now needed to pay for his wrongdoing. But when Billy went to pay the fine, he was told that it had already been paid. Billy asked, “Who paid this fine for me?” The clerk said, “The judge paid it in full - not necessary for further discussion - go forgiven of your guilt.” Grace - unmerited favor. How is that just like our God?

Recite John 3:16. “For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son. That whoever believeth on Him, should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.” Now please say it again, but this time say your name instead of saying “whosoever”. Do we really mean what we say?

Please Google Whintley Phipps singing “Amazing Grace” to see & hear his rendition of how this great song was written.

Thought of the day, “God doesn’t call the qualified, He qualifies the called.”

Sincerely,

*Les*

## Timothy Noble CD Available

Timothy and Hosanna Noble have produced a new Christmas CD. Even though they are not able to give concerts, etc. because of the pandemic, they were able to produce a CD. They sell for \$15 each. The fist 5 customers will receive a bonus CD of their music. Please see Les Widder for your purchase.

## January Birthdays



KYLA KENT	January 2
DONALD D. FRY	January 4
PEGGY HOLSCLAW	January 4
JOHN SHUPERT	January 4
ABIGAIL BRESCIANI	January 9
THERESA McCULLOUGH	January 9
JARED MILLER	January 9
BRIANNA COX	January 10
ZOEY RICHARD	January 12
BARB WATTS	January 15
TOMMY A. FRY	January 17
MICHELLE DOUGHTY	January 19
JIM McCULLOUGH	January 19
HEIDI KRAVE	January 21
GEORGE DICKSON	January 22
BLAINE WOODROW COX	January 23
JAMESON WILLIAMSON	January 25
NELSON BROWN	January 26
RHETT ERMAN	January 26
BEVERLY STOECKER	January 26
BARB STAGMYER	January 28
DONNA LOWERY MILLER	January 30
DENNIS JAMES WERNER	January 30
COREY MILLER	January 31

## *January Anniversaries*

GREGORY & JAN RICE January 1  
 CLYDE & COLEEN DESHONG January 19

## February Birthdays

CLAY HOLSCLAW	February 1
JUSTICE BROWN	February 2
JANET DOUGHTY	February 2
TAMARA HESS	February 6
BRIAN POWELL	February 6
CLYDE DESHONG	February 8
SHELLEY BROWN	February 11
BRETT COX	February 12
EDNAMEA JONES	February 13
AMELIA KRAVE	February 13
NANCY SHUPERT	February 14
DAIREL KAISER	February 16
CAROLE COLEMAN	February 17
WILLIAM SEARLS	February 17
DELSIE FRY	February 18
MEGAN SHROYER	February 18
ALLIE KAY McCOY	February 19
SHARON POLAND	February 20
MONTANA SEITZ	February 22
KAREN WRIGHT	February 23
HANNAH FRANK	February 25
REV. BRAD CALL	February 26
ROBERT DOUGHTY	February 26
DONALD CARNES	February 27
CHESNEY FREEMAN	February 28
RUTH BARRICK	February 29

## February Anniversaries

STEVE & RAJENE FOX	February 14
ROBERT & KATHY DOUGHTY	February 15
ERNEST & KAY CONKLE, JR.	February 17
JOHN & SUE WILLIAMS	February 27

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cancellations OR check  
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[www.roscoeumchurch.org](http://www.roscoeumchurch.org)**



**PRAYER**

**SHAWLS**

**There are prayer squares and prayer shawls  
that have been blessed and are available to be  
given ...TO ANYONE FROM ANYONE!**