



# The Sardis Messenger

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## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

As we look ahead to a new year here at Sardis, my heart is full of gratitude and excitement for what God is doing among us. It has been a joy to see such a strong and encouraging start to our ministry together, and I am thankful for your faithfulness, prayers, and willingness to serve.

As we begin this year, we are prayerfully setting goals that will help us grow in our love for Christ, deepen our relationships with one another, and faithfully share the gospel with those around us. I truly believe that God has great things in store for us as we seek Him together and follow His leading. Among other things, I ask that you continue to pray as we search for our next Worship Director. God has the perfect person for us; we are praying that they are led to us.

Even though the Christmas season is now behind us, let's not allow what we learned to fade. Let's live our lives with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love in 2026.

Alyssa, Eli, and I love each one of you and can't wait to see what the Lord has in store.

With love,

**Pastor Matt, Alyssa & Eli**

## SARDIS STUDENTS

To kick off the new year Sardis Students will be diving into our new series "Idols" beginning Wednesday, January 7th in the Students Center at 6:30 p.m.

## SARDIS WOMEN

The ladies have had a busy month honoring Lottie Moon and supporting our IMB missionaries around the world. At this point, we have exceeded our goal, but we challenge each of you to dig deep into your pockets and let's aim to surpass our goal by a substantial amount.

As we begin 2026, the Samaritan's Purse shoebox ministry will look a little different this year. Each month, we will be collecting a different type of item and then getting together at the appropriate time to assemble and ship them to the shoebox collection/distribution center.

In January, we will collect gloves/ scarves/ warm hats, etc. These can usually be found at discount prices as the winter sales arrive. Be on the lookout for some good deals.

Make plans to attend our monthly planning meeting in January to find out all the ways you can be involved. There's a place for everyone to work and serve the Lord. This is an exciting time in the life of our church and a great way for you to share your own ideas for how we can serve our community and share the gospel with our "Judea".

Get ready for an inspiring weekend at **Women of Joy, April 24–26 in Pigeon Forge, TN!** This year's speakers and performers include **Lysa TerKeurst, Cain, and Hosanna Wong**. It's a time to refresh your spirit, grow in faith, and connect with other women who love the Lord. The total cost per person is **\$100**. You won't want to miss this unforgettable weekend of worship, wisdom, and joy! For more information, or to register, see Alyssa!

# January Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>We will take down &amp; pack-up all Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 3rd at Sardis. If you can help, please be at the church at 9 a.m. We need men &amp; women to help!</b></p>				<b>1</b> <b>12 noon</b> <b>NEW YEARS DAY MEAL AT THE FLC</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Taking down/ storing Christmas Décor.</b>
				OFFICES CLOSED		
<b>4</b> <b>10 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School</b> ***** <b>11 a.m.</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>D-GROUPS</b> <b>will resume in January~</b> <b>Additional information to come!</b>	<b>7 5:30 p.m.</b> <b>Family Night Meal</b> ***** <b>6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Wednesday Evening Services</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Missions Meeting</b> ***** <b>10 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School</b> ***** <b>11 a.m.</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>12 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Deacon's Meeting</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Wednesday Evening Services</b>	<b>15 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Budget &amp; Finance Meeting in the Faithful Classroom</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17 8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Men's Ministry, all men are invited!</b>
<b>18 10 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School</b> ***** <b>11 a.m.</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20 6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Adult Ministry Night</b>	<b>21 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Quarterly Church Conference</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 10 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School</b> ***** <b>11 a.m.</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Wednesday Evening Services</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

## January Birthdays

1 Adam Christopher  
 3 Garrett Ankerich  
 3 Grady Skelton  
 5 Angie Brown  
 9 Mikayla Marcengill  
 10 Pam Isbell  
 13 Jackie Brannon  
 15 Billy Martin  
 16 Lucy Griffith  
 19 Kim Adams  
 21 Scott Powell  
 30 Wesley Powell

**JOIN US NEW YEARS DAY at 12 noon**  
**for our annual Collards & Peas Meal at the FLC!**