



ARLINGTON

BAPTIST CHURCH

January 2025—NEWSLETTER



Therefore,
If Anyone is
in Christ
He is a new creation;
2 Corinthians 5:17

Happy New Year!

A Message from
Pastor Michael

I was talking to a child the other day about how long years sound to her. When I asked how long eight years sounded, her eyes got big as she tried to imagine a span of time so long. I might as well have said 'forever.' Conversely, when I talk to older people about time they often point out how quickly it passes. Eight years doesn't sound nearly as long to them.

My point is that our experience of life and time changes as we age. The year ahead represents something different to each and every one of us. The call to love one another as we love ourselves requires us to step outside of our own experience and ask, 'How would I want to be loved if I was him? If I was her?' The call to pray for one another continually requires the same.

God's design for the church is perfect because it accomplishes his purpose - to teach us about his love. As we enter the new year, let's do so with the whole body of Christ in mind. Let's do our best to get to know one another better this year. By doing so, each of us will grow as our perspectives are expanded by thinking about life from one another's points of view. Let's also do our best to pray for and serve one another continually through whatever 2025 brings.

However long a year sounds to you, we are standing at the beginning of a new one. Our hearts are filled with hope knowing, whatever comes, we will walk through it together with God at our side.

Praying for the Flock,
Pastor Michael

A. G. Robinson

*Joined our church family
January 11, 2009*



*Home to be with the Lord
December 22, 2024*

In Loving Memory



Anna Laverne Von Kanel

*Joined our church family
October 1, 2000*



*Home to be with the Lord
January 1, 2025*



*...The family of David & Peggy Buckley
in the passing of David's sister and
brother-in-law, Rachel & DC Ware.*

Deacon Election Results

Ben Broome, Jim Underwood, John Simpson, Luis Sanchez, Curtis Cleek and Jackie Trussell are our newly affirmed deacons. They will serve a three year term.

The other deacons serving at this time are Clint Avery, Josh Smith, Jason McDonald, Jaymie Smith, Shane Mason, Chase Patterson, Pat Gatchell, Frankie Sherman and Harold Walters.

The deacons who rotated off were Brig Avery, Jared Becker, Jeremy Boulware, Paul Gatchell, Eddie Moore and Dustin Speights.

Please show your appreciation to all of these men for their willingness to serve their church family.

Craft Ministry: Saturday, January 4, at 9 am
Trail Life: Sunday afternoons @ 3 pm in the fellowship hall
Wednesday Night Dinners: Begin on January 8th @ 5 pm
Deacons' Meeting: Sunday, January 12, at 5 pm in the conference room
Small Groups: Begin on Wednesday, January 15, at 6 pm
Nursing Home Visit: Sunday, January 19, at 3 pm
The church office will be closed on Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
Game Day: Saturday, January 25, at 10 am in the fellowship hall
Members Meeting: Sunday, January 26th @ 5 pm in the fellowship hall
WOM Night Meeting: Thursday, January 30, at 5:30 pm
WOM Day Meeting: Friday, January 31, at 10 am



Join us on Wednesday nights beginning January 15 at 6 pm as we begin our winter small group sessions.

Choose between the following:

Discipleship 1 Class

Coed Group — Who is the Holy Spirit?

Women's Group — Preparing our Heart for Prayer or Prayer Meeting

Posted on the Church Bulletin Board

A Thank you card from Brenda Beckham, The family of Buck Townsend, Suzy Beckham
 Christmas cards from Rankin & Associates PLLC, Willie Brazzle & family,
 Merchants & Marine Bank, & Suzy Young

Start back, Wednesday,
 January 8, @ 5 pm



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January 5

1st IMPRESSION TEAM: Charles Frye, Buddy Carrier, L. C. Ehlers, Lewis Savage, Elliot Smith, Blake Carrier & Mike Woods
SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS: Bob Freeman & Lewis Savage
DEACONS: Jaymie Smith and Shane Mason
SOUND & MEDIA: Patti Bradley, Frankie Sherman, Grant Gibson
NURSERY: Tommie Broome & Teresa Carrier—Bed Babies
 Joy Read, Taylor McDonald & April Bass—Toddlers
 Kathy Becker, Sandi Grillo & Cissie Brushaber—2 & 3 years old
 Candice Howell & Olivia Boulware—Children's Church

January 19

1ST IMPRESSION TEAM: Patrick Gatchell, Brett Merrill, Paul Gatchell, Pat Gatchell, Jaymie Smith, Shane Mason, Michael Baxter & Shane Overvold
SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS: Brenda Beckham & Danny Glass
DEACONS: Harold Walters and Jason McDonald
SOUND & MEDIA: Jessica Wilkinson, Mike Wixon, Luis Sanchez
NURSERY: Jamie Dwyer & Pam Gatchell—Bed Babies
 Jeannie Ory & Molly Merrill—Toddlers
 Meagen Smith, Blake & Madison Carrier—2 & 3 years old
 Alyssa Saucier & Steve Nelson—Children's Church

January 12

1st IMPRESSION TEAM: Joe Odom, Steve Wilkinson, Wesley Self, Raymond Johnson, Jason McDonald, John Simpson & Joshua Sherman
SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS: Harold & Jan Walters
DEACONS: Chase Patterson and Pat Gatchell
SOUND & MEDIA: Patti Bradley, Michael Puglia, Eli Seaton
NURSERY: Cissie Brushaber & Wendy Witchen—Bed Babies
 Allison Woods & Janine Lahrs—Toddlers
 Jessica Whittington, Ashley Sherman, Heather Overvold—2 & 3 yrs old
 Chase & Caroline Patterson—Children's Church

January 26

1ST IMPRESSION TEAM: George Thames, Randy Mitchell, J. W. Scott, Steve Nelson, Jim Underwood, Eddie Moore & Mike Wixon
SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS: Bob Freeman & Lewis Savage
DEACONS: Clint Avery and Luis Sanchez
SOUND & MEDIA: Brett Cooper, Michael Puglia, Grant Gibson
NURSERY: Micah Gatchell & Jamie Gatchell—Bed Babies
 Michelle Wilkinson, Lynn Russell, Heather Conerly—Toddlers
 Melissa Tolbert & Lauren Russell—2 & 3 years olds
 Kate & Addi Kirkland—Children's Church

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Sunday School at 9:15—Worship at 10:30 am



At 11:00 am



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