

January 2022

"Follow the Bells"



The Church Bell



A Message From Pastor Casey

"A New Year, A New Start"

Genesis 6:18, "Noah was now 601 years old. On the first day of the new year, ten and a half months after the flood began, the floodwaters had almost dried up from the earth. Noah lifted back the covering of the boat and saw that the surface of the ground was drying" (NLT-SE).

Each day many people depart the privacy of their homes and enter into public living. They interact with co-workers, friends, neighbors, and strangers. In living our lives in public places, we often conceal our true emotions, hurt, guilt, and even anger. I had time to reflect in December after the passing of one whom was my brother in Christ and I recall sitting in the Cortland McDonalds trying to hold back tears and attempting my best to conceal my emotion from the rest of the dinners. If we had time to sit with the people we encounter on a daily basis, I believe that we would be taken back at the pain, hurt, and sorrow that many are experiencing.

With this "new year" remember the passage from Genesis 6:18 and sit for a moment and ponder. On the first day of the new year, the world began again. A new beginning was taking place. The old world and all its follies had been wiped away, destroyed by a global flood. All that remained was Noah, his family, and what they had brought with them on the ark. There is no doubt that Noah and his family experienced hurt and sorrow as they watched all that they knew be destroyed. They lost many friends and distant relatives to the flood which was met to wipe out the unrighteous, but Noah did not curse God, instead he looked to God and was obedient to Him. After going through ten and a half months of tragedy a new year dawned, and with that new year came new hopes. Hopes of rebuilding their lives. Hopes of prosperity. Hopes of the unknown all while knowing that God would be with them, leading them.

This new year I encourage you to hope for something, someone. Hope in a better tomorrow, a better year. 2019 will bring its own struggles but let us not pile on those that which came in 2018. Let us put 2018 to bed for last year has passed on, and let us experience this new year together with the added sensitivity that each of us could use a little love and encouragement. Above all I encourage you to begin this new year with Jesus Christ guiding you. Let Him pull back the waters and reveal to you dry land to walk on and for your hopes to prosper on.

Happy New Year!

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January 2 Curtis Bell and Justin Klamut
 January 9 Jeff Byler and Amy Seger
 January 16 - Linda Swauger and Spencer Chapman
 January 23 Amy Popichak and Sharon Hopkins
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Coffee Fellowship

January 2 Sharon Hopkins
 January 9 Elaine and Dave Hofius
 January 16 Chili Cook-Off
 January 23 Betty and Bob Evans
 January 30 Carol Glancy and Effie Welch



January Deacons

Captain: Terry Swauger

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 Carol Glancy

Deaconess: Linda Chagnot

Organist: Jonathan Gallo

December 2021— Financial Report

Our Budget for 2021 of \$13,000 explains the monthly amount needed to maintain our church.

Dec. 1, 2021 to Dec. 31, 2021

Offering Received	\$ 12,856.00
Expenses	\$-13,237.00
Balance	\$ -381.00

Mortgage Payment \$1,883.24

Loan Balance \$48,457.00



God bless you with love and joy.

January 1	Floyd Hovis
January 9	Matthew Ball
January 18	Judy Hansel
January 22	Greg Seger
January 25	Addison Miller
January 25	Dean Hixson

Anniversaries

January 16
Pat and Bud Culp

L.O.A.F. Meeting

Next meeting on
Thursday, January 6

Important Church Meetings

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### **Executive Board**

**Tuesday, January 4**  
**6:30pm**

### **Regular Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 4**  
**7pm**

*Church Elders*  
*meet*

**Sunday Morning 8am**

*when one is called*



**It's the thing that satisfies your  
mind, body and soul!  
Do it on bed, on a sofa,  
in the car or anywhere!  
It's called Prayer!  
God bless your naughty mind.  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!****

[WishesMy.com](http://WishesMy.com)





**Prizes  
awarded  
to the best  
in show, tie  
and hat.**



*January 16*

**Right After Church Service**

Get your recipe out and tweak it if necessary, to be the new winner this year.

**Crazy Hat and Tie contest, also this day.  
Be sure to  
start Planning your hat or tie.**

## Sweet and Sour Chicken

- 4 Chicken breasts boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 3 eggs beaten
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon low sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt



Preheat oven to 325 degrees . Cut chicken breasts into bite-sized pieces and season with salt and pepper. In separate bowls, place cornstarch and slightly beaten eggs. Dip chicken into cornstarch then coat in egg mixture. Heat oil in large skillet over medium –high-heat and cook chicken until browned. Place the chicken in a 9x13 greased baking dish. In medium sized mixing bowl, combine sugar, ketchup, apple cider vinegar, white vinegar, soy sauce, and garlic salt.





# Transporting the Operation Shoeboxes to the children around the world.

## By Farm Truck

A pastor took shoebox gifts to a remote village in Cambodia using a farming trailer. An 11-year-old girl was one of the 120 children who heard the Gospel and received a shoebox gift in the village. She graduated from The Greatest Journey discipleship program and is telling her family about Jesus. What's more, she asked her teacher if they could start a small church in her village. The pastor who transported the shoebox gifts to the village is now leading a new house church consisting of 10 families.

Pray for this pastor as he shepherds this new congregation and for children like this girl who are stepping out in faith to share the Gospel.



## By Motorcycle, Horse & Foot

There are three modes of transportation to get to the mountainous region of the southern Philippines—motorcycle, horse, and by foot—and the Operation Christmas Child regional team has used these to reach remote villages.

Last year, they traveled to a 400-household village of vegetable farmers to share the Gospel in partnership with a church in the province. They encountered muddy paths and streams to cross, followed by steep mountain roads before reaching the top where the outreach event was held.

Mervin, 11, was one of the children who attended the special event. Born with polio and unable to walk or talk, he wasn't used to being able to participate in many children's activities. So when the pastor handed him a shoebox gift, he smiled widely. Team members thought they may even have heard him laugh.

His sister, Anna, was glad not only to receive a shoebox gift herself but also to see that one brought such happiness to her brother. After graduating from The Greatest Journey classes, she became an active part of a new congregation that the regional team started in their village.

Praise God for how an act of kindness paved the way for a new church to proclaim the Word of God in the remote village. Pray for the regional team as they employ ingenuity and grit, fueled by faith, to transport shoebox gifts through difficult terrain in Jesus' Name.

### By Sailboat

Enubirr, home to just over 1,000 people, is part of the Operation Christmas Child Pacific islands initiative. The goal of that effort is to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to over 500,000 children in the Pacific islands by 2023. Part of the Marshall Islands, Enubirr doesn't have electricity or an airport. So, how do you transport 30 cartons of shoeboxes from one island to another? A team of four volunteers used a 57-foot sailboat, traveling for six-and-a-half hours over rocky river bed, and rough terrain.



### By Canoe

Local churches are leading outreach events across Fiji, which boasts more than 100 inhabited islands. Its mountainous landscapes filled with dense tropical forest make it challenging to transverse.



### By Four-Wheel Drive Vehicle

There are two ways to get to Ambovombe in southern Madagascar, and they both involve driving on sand, mud, and rocks for Hours.

The area team made that arduous journey to get to the remote village of Marolava and partner with a local church to share the Gospel through Operation Christmas Child. A girl named Tsodrano, which means blessing, and her little sister were among those who received a shoebox gift there. Tsodrano was fascinated by the flashlight and extra batteries she received among the gift items.



Her whole family shared that fascination as they gathered around the child at sundown to enjoy the illumination of the darkness in the village, which doesn't have electricity. Their neighbors joined in the fun, basking in the ability to see their surroundings at night. When a local church leader followed up with the shoebox recipients, the family shared their nightly practice of gathering around the flashlight. She told them about Jesus, the True Light of the World, and invited them to church to learn more about Him.



BONUS SHOT: IN NAMIBIA, CAMELS—THE SHIPS OF THE DESERT—ARE THE BEST WAY TO TRANSPORT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES ACROSS THE DRY LANDSCAPE.

The family started attending the congregation and within a few weeks, 12 family members including Tsodrano, her siblings, cousins, and aunts, expressed their wish to follow Christ and be baptized.



# New Years Eve WORD SEARCH

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PLANS  
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CELEBRATE  
SPARKLE  
FUN  
CONCERT  
RESOLVE  
MUSIC  
GOALS  
MEMORIES  
PARTY  
CONFETTI  
CHANGE  
NEW YEAR  
GLASS  
FRIENDS



“Easy”

## Chocolate- Peanut Butter Fudge



10 oz. milk  
chocolate  
chips

14 oz. Eagle Brand Milk—  
(*Sweetened condensed milk*)

1/3 c. Peanut butter  
1 t. vanilla

Prepare 9 inch pan by lightly greasing bottom of pan and lay a layer of wax paper or parchment on top and up sides to make it easier to lift out the fudge when it is done .

Combine peanut butter with 3 T. condensed milk, stirring until smooth. Add additional sweetened condensed milk if needed to this to make it spreadable. Set aside.

Add chocolate to a medium sized microwave safe bowl. Add remaining milk and vanilla. Heat for 90 seconds then stir continue heating in 30 second increments until melted and smooth.

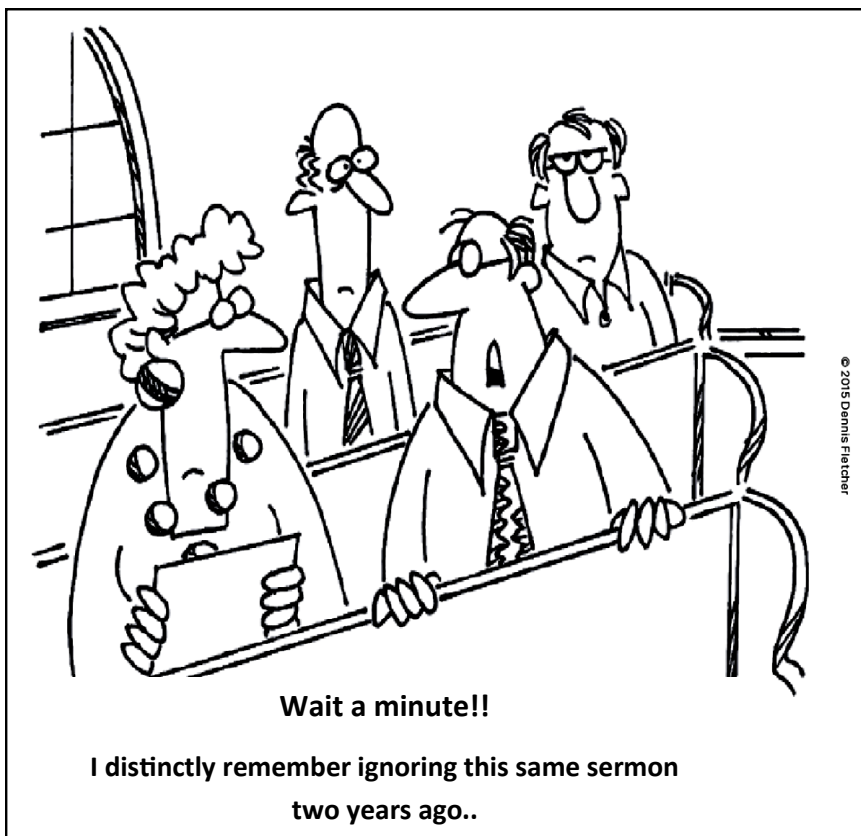
Pour chocolate mixture into pan and spread until even. Scoop peanut butter mixture onto the chocolate mixture. Using spoon, carefully spread across the top of the chocolate. Into pan. Let cool. Lift fudge out of pan with parchment.

Cut into squares and - Enjoy.

Cook Time 2 minutes.  
Total time 7 minutes.

**WRITE** down your goals  
**GO** outside  
**ENJOY** simple things  
**SMILE** at a stranger  
**LOOK** for adventure  
**EAT** your veggies  
**SEE** your own beauty  
**WANT** less  
**GIVE** more  
**WORK** hard  
**FIND** your sense of humor  
**DRINK** more water  
**CREATE** something  
**MAKE** a new friend





OH, the weather outside is frightful!



Or is it?

Depends on who you are and what you want to do..





# JANUARY

## 2022

| Sunday                                                                   | Monday                     | Tuesday                                              | Wednesday                              | Thursday                         | Friday | Saturday                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                          |                            |                                                      |                                        |                                  |        | 1.  New Years Day                                                    |
| 2.. Sunday Service 10am<br><br>Bible Study 8:55am- 9:30                  | 3.                         | 4. Executive Meeting 6:25pm<br><br>Board Meeting 7pm | 5. Bible Study 6pm<br>Fellowship Hall  | 6. L.O.A.F. 10am<br><br>Aerobics | 7      | 8.. Aerobics<br>Women of Worship Breakfast -Meeting 10am<br>Vasilios |
| 9.. Sunday Service at 10am<br><br>Bible Study 8:55am- 9:30               | 10. Aerobics               | 11                                                   | 12. Bible Study 6pm<br>Fellowship Hall | 13                               | 14.    | 15. Aerobics                                                         |
| 16. Sunday Service at 10am<br>Bible Study 8:55am- 9:30<br>Chili Cook-Off | 17. Aerobics               | 18.. Winter begins                                   | 19. Bible Study 6pm<br>Fellowship Hall | 20. Aerobics                     | 21.    | 22.                                                                  |
| 23.  Sunday Service at 10am 30. Aerobics                                 | 24.  Aerobics 31. Aerobics | 25.                                                  | 26. Bible Study 6pm<br>Fellowship Hall | 27.. Aerobics                    | 28.    | 29. Aerobics                                                         |

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends". They would enjoy a Thinking of you card or a joke or story you found in a magazine. Maybe a phone call, just say "hello" to our friends.



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# I HOPE THAT IN THIS YEAR TO COME, YOU MAKE MISTAKES.

*Because if you are making mistakes,*

**THEN YOU ARE:**

*making new things,*  
**TRYING NEW THINGS,**  
*learning, living,*

**PUSHING YOURSELF,**  
*changing yourself,*  
**CHANGING YOUR WORLD.**

*Neil Gaiman*

*Step out of your comfort zone,  
try new adventures,  
learn something new,  
start a new project etc.  
join a new group,  
live life to it's fullest.*



Don't even ask, just pour the coffee



## A Wise Man

People have been coming to the wise man, complaining about the same problems every time. One day he told them a joke and everyone roared in laughter.



After a couple of minutes, he told them the same joke and only a few of them smiled.

When he told the same joke for the third time no one laughed anymore.

The wise man smiled and said:

**"You can't laugh at the same joke over and over.  
So why are you always crying about the same problem?"**

## Moral of the story:

Worrying won't solve your problems,  
it'll just waste your time and energy.

It's like rocking in a rocking chair  
Gives you something to do but gets you nowhere.



# An Old Man Lived in the Village



An old man lived in the village. He was one of the most unfortunate people in the world. The whole village was tired of him; he was always gloomy, he constantly complained and was always in a bad mood.

The longer he lived, the more bile he was becoming and the more poisonous were his words. People avoided him,

because his misfortune became contagious. It was even unnatural and insulting to be happy next to him.

He created the feeling of unhappiness in others. But one day, when he turned eighty years old, an incredible thing happened. Instantly everyone started hearing the rumour:

**“An Old Man is happy today, he doesn’t complain about anything, smiles, and even his face is freshened up.**

The whole village gathered together. The old man was asked:

**Villager:** What happened to you?

**“Nothing special. Eighty years I’ve been chasing happiness, and it was useless.**

**And then I decided to live without happiness and just enjoy life. That’s why I’m happy now.” – An Old Man**

**Moral of the story: Don’t chase happiness. Enjoy your life.**



Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets.

So, love the people who treat you right and forget about the ones who don't.

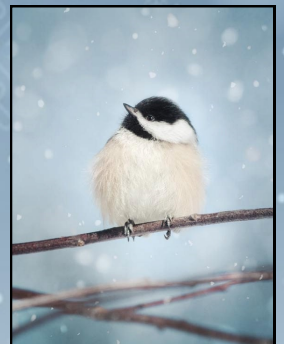
And believe that everything happens for a reason...

if you get a chance—take it.

if it changes your life—let it.

Nobody said that it would be easy...

They promised it would be worth it.



## Two Friends Forever

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand;

*Today my best friend slapped me in the face."*

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone;

*Today my best friend saved my life."*

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him;

*"After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?"*


The other friend replied;

**"When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."**

**Moral of the story:**

**Don't value the things you have in your life. But value who you have in your life.**





# The Lost Dr. Seuss Poem

### I Love My Job!

I love my job. I love the pay!  
I love it more and more each day.  
I love my boss, he is the best!  
I love his boss and all the rest.

I love my office and its location. I hate to have to go on vacation.  
I love my furniture, drab and grey, and piles of paper that grow each day!  
I think my job is really swell, there's nothing else I love so well.  
I love to work among my peers, I love their leers and jeers and sneers.  
I love my computer and its software; I hug it often though it won't care.  
I love each program and every file, I'd love them more if they worked a while.

I'm happy to be here. I am. I am.  
I'm the happiest slave of the Firm, I am.  
I love this work. I love these chores.  
I love the meetings with deadly bores.  
I love my job - I'll say it again - I even love those friendly men.  
Those friendly men who've come today, in clean white coats to take me away!!!!