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MORNING WORSHIP
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**Hope, Love, Joy, Peace
 and CHRIST.**

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE



Oh, thank goodness that's over! Ever thought that about some event in your life? Do you feel that way about 2020? (Insert terrible joke about hindsight being 2020 here. I'll let you make up your own. I gave you the start, quit complaining about the homework.)

The problem is that most of the issues of 2020 aren't over just because the calendar turned to 2021. We wish it worked that way, but it doesn't. If you struggled with anger in 2020, you probably still do right now. If you struggled with an addiction in 2020 you probably still do now. If someone hurt you or if you hurt someone else in 2020, that pain is most likely still there regardless of what the calendar says. We wish it was as easy as New Year, New You... but it's not. So, if we are going to change things; if we want to make them better than they are right now and the calendar changing doesn't help, what will? How do we produce lasting change in our lives? How do we have a breakthrough when it seems like we just keep trying to change something in our life and it never does?

I believe that God does love us just like we are. But I also believe that God loves us too much to just leave us like we are. God knows that there is better for us. I can become a better father, friend, and pastor. And I want that. And I believe that God has provided for us the way to have a breakthrough in the areas of our life we know we need to work on.

Join us in January as we walk down that path. Join us this January as we as individuals and as a church look for ways to "Break Through" the tough areas of our life.

On the Journey with you,

Pastor Jim

Pastor Jim

Happy New Year!

• **REV. JIM PERKIN** •

**MORNING
 WORSHIP**

You can watch the morning worship service live on our Facebook page at 11:00. Or you can watch it and past worship services anytime at www.poteaufumc.com



Prayer List (As of December 27, 2020)

To add or remove a name call 918-647-2217.

Health: Diana Adams, Laton Allison, Astarte Baker, Lisa Barnes, Silas Blanchard, Steven Blaylock, Caren Bogart, Cindy Brody, Ed Brody, Jeff Burton, John Carbrey, Sandy Carbrey, Peggy Carey, James Carter, Paul Carter, Perry Carter, Al Chapa, Pam Cox, Ben Curtis, Jim Davis, Cameron Disney, Debbie Drake, Cliff England, Pam DeCamp Ernst, Peggy Escritt, Delana Luman Ester, Sam Flanary, Mary Folsom, Dolores Fuller, Brooke Gardezi, Bipriano Gonzalez, Blake Gregg, Lawrence Gresham, Connie Hancock, Donna Hollingsworth, Allen Inge, Donna Jackson, Kay Jeffrey, Kevin Johnson, Teri Johnson, Terri Jones, Tasha Arnette Kane, Makali Kemp, Phyllis Kemp, Jane Kilgore, Ted Kilgore, Colton Knight, Ron Knight, Vicki LaGrand, Lloyd Lee, Arlene LeMaster, Lincoln Lester, Arlene Logan, Michael Logan, Amber Lynch, Ty Mackey, Shilo McAlevy, David McNair, Keith Miller, Debbie Shore Oaks, Patricia Ogden, Janna Owens, Kevin Payne, Jean Potts, Jeremy Quarry, Paul Quirk, Joe Renfro, Lucy Richmond, Angie Shaw, Jim Shore, Marilyn Smith, Blake Standridge, Earl Steinmetz, Katie Strider, Madison Stucky, Peggy Talley, Raegan Thomas, Rachel Curtis Tjaden, Jennifer Turner, Darren Ward, Barbara Wheeler, Britain Wilson, Keith Wright, Lori Yarberry, Ann Young.

Bereavement:

Military and Law Enforcement: Robert and Danielle Brennand, Robert M. Brennand, Jr., Bailey Hahn, Zack Hall, Kyle Kinman, Kodee LeMaster, Blake Wilson, and all our military and law enforcement men and women.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for November 2020

Average Attendance (Online) for November: 111
 2020 Budget Requirements: \$380,000.00
 Needed through November: \$344,987.50
 Year to Date Received: \$316,894.09
 November Received: \$27,915.95
 November Expenditures: \$29,553.01
 Average in person 9:30 a.m. worship service: 36
 Average in person 11:00 a.m. worship service: 28

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Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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Director of Youth and Young Adults

Director of Children's Ministries

Administrative Assistant

Lead Nursery Attendant

Organist/Pianist

Facility Manager

Rev. Jimmy Nunn

Rev. Larry Bauman

Rev. Jim Perkin

Mary Lynn Perkin

Rev. Amy Disney

Suzanne Klutts

Melissa Ward

Jayla Craig

Bill King

Phil Smith

District web page: www.gbpm-umc.org/mc-dist/

• JANUARY CALENDAR •

• SUNDAYS •

In-Person Morning Worship, 9:30 and 11:00

On-Line Worship, 11:00

Children's Ministry, 4:00

CHAOS Youth Group, 5:00

25 Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m.



By
Tracey Gilliam,
 Preschool Director



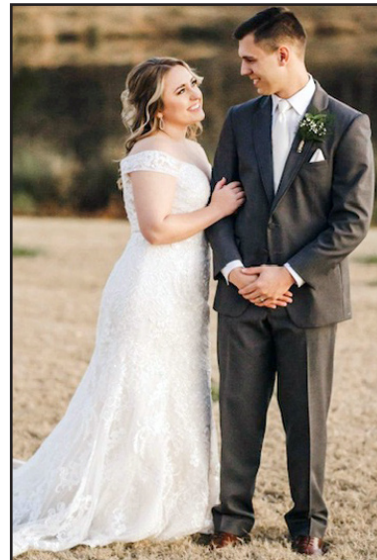
Happy New Year !

In January the weekly themes will be Happy New Year!, Arctic Animals, Winter Wonderland and Healthy Habits.

The letters we will be focusing on will be H, I, J and K. The shape is a rectangle and the colors are blue and white. The number 6 will be introduced.

The memory verse for January will be "A friend

Mr. and Mrs. Westerfield

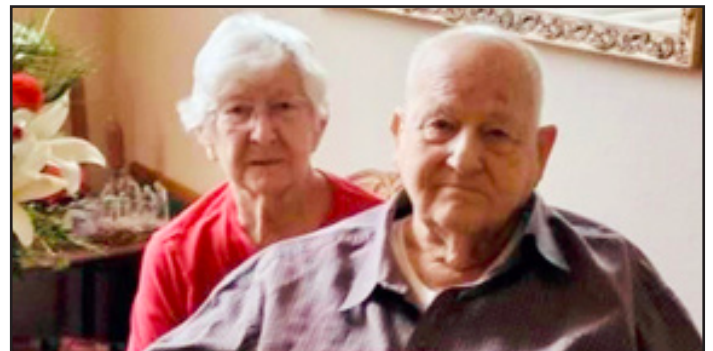


Taylor Darneal and Tyler Westerfield were married on December 5th at Southern Charm in Cameron with Rev. Jim Perkin officiating.

Parents are Mike and Cindy Darneal, Stephanie and John Free and Jimmy Westerfield.

Congratulations to the happy couple.

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Joe and Martha Renfro



Special Music for December Worship

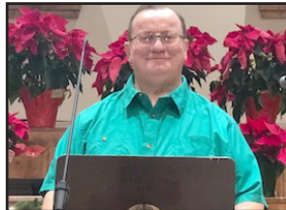


Mary Lynn and Sadie Perkin



Raegan Thomas, McKinlee Thomas and Mariah Midgley

Those providing special music on Music Sunday were the Celebration Choir, Handbell Choir, JoLynn Dixon, McKinlee Thomas, Raegan Thomas, Hardaway Family, Bill King, Landon Perkin and Jim Perkin



Mark Tillotson

• Advent Candlelighters •



Craig Family



Mitchell Family



Boevers Family



Dixon Family



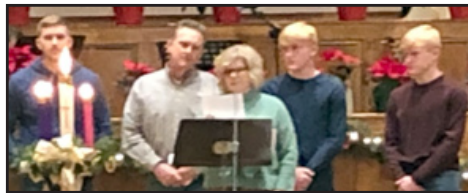
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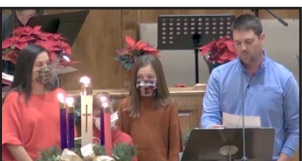
Robert Martin Family



Lee Family



Perry Family



Sockey Family



Terri Martin Family

It's a Boy!



Triton Wilder Long was born on December 3 to Baleigh and Rodney Long. He weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 19.5" long.

Triton has a brother, Tucker William Long.

Grandparents are Kaycee and Jeremy Quarry. Great grandmothers are Carol Baker and Gwinda Quarry.

• Children's Ministry •

By Suzanne Klutts



Happy New Year! Want a fresh start, a new beginning? That's what we will discover during the month of January, while learning about Saul, Nicodemus and Esther.

Children's ministry meets in the family life center on Sundays from 4-5 p.m. This group is open for all kids ages preschool to grade 5. Come be a part of the fun!

■ Cards of Thanks ■

First Methodist Church –

We want to thank all of the wonderful people of the First Methodist Church for all of the beautiful Christmas cards we received during Christmas. We hope to be back soon. – Bill and Emily Cupp

To My Church Family,

I can't express my appreciation for all so many have done for me in the last few months. I love the cards you sent, and am thankful for the food and goodies you've brought, your telephone calls and your prayers. I love my church friends/family. – Peggy Talley

Church Family,

The church staff would like to say thank you to everyone for the generous Christmas love offering we received. We love serving God through our service to this church in our various ministry areas. We appreciate all the moral support we receive from the congregation. Thank you.

Pastor Jim Perkin, Mary Lynn Perkin, Bill King, Suzanne Klutts, Amy Sutton, Melissa Ward, Phil Smith, Jayla Craig, Kaycee Quarry, Taylor Westerfield, Tracey Gilliam, and Kim Cooper

The Upper Room devotionals for January/February can be picked up during morning worship or at the drive through sanctuary entrance on Thursdays from 11 to noon.

Youth and Young Adults

By Pastor Amy Sutton Disney



Youth group is for all youth 6th – 12th grades on Sunday at 5 p.m. for both middle and high school.

• Youth •

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I cannot wait to hear how everyone's Christmas went.

We will meet January 3rd at 5 p.m. in the gym. Remember masks are a must so if you do not have one, then one will be provided for you.

Our next big event will be Super Bowl 2021 February 7th here at the church so mark your calendars now! We have a lot of fun in store this year. As a reminder, friends are always welcome!

Christmas Party Fun!



Alissa, Katlynn, Will and Sadie celebrating a victory at the Christmas party!



Kendy is showing off her finished Christmas tree she made while blindfolded.



Adrian, Kendy, Maryanna and Landon playing a game and trying to win at the party.



Jim, Landon and Sadie are blindfolded working together to wrap a gift.

• Young Adults •

I hope your exams went well and you finished strong. Happy New Year! This month I will be planning several activities and hope to have any of you who can attend. I do need your feedback for the ones who are in the area so be looking for me to call or text you guys. I look forward to seeing you all more this year. Know I am praying for all of you and wish you all a great semester!



The Living Christmas Story was again a success enjoyed by many.

Thank you to all who took part in this very special event.

• Missions Report •

By JoLynn Dixon



Our Prison Angel Ministry was a success. We would like to thank everyone for their help with this important Christmas project.

Thanks to all of you we were able to serve 53 children and 27 different families.

January Birthdays

- 1 Bernice Hurst
- 3 Michael Brown, Grace Ford
- 4 Alisa Slater
- 5 Jessa Craig
- 7 Katie Hopper, Cameron Disney
- 8 Annelin Martin, Elizabeth Martin
- 9 Jaxon Culwell, Frances Boevers
- 10 Mandy Mitchell
- 11 Gloria Plummer, Susan Norgeot
- 12 Irene Beasley, Sharon Simmons, David Oehlschlager
- 13 Terri Martin
- 14 Wyatt Holt, Caden Mitchell
- 16 Brian Roberts
- 17 Suzanne King, Orville McDonald
- 19 Blake White
- 20 Ted Williams
- 21 Alexis Ramirez, Ron Ward, Randall Wheat
- 22 Ashlee Sconyers, Randee Hallmark
- 23 Kanaan Hardaway, Andrew Barkley
- 24 Sandra Harrison, Jeremy Quarry
- 25 Baleigh Quarry Long, Haleigh Stone
- 26 Mary Folsom, Holly Durant, Hammond Yandell
- 27 Bill Slater
- 30 Jennifer Miller
- 31 Jayla Craig



January Anniversaries

- 17 Jim and Susan Perkin, Sr.
- 22 Keith and Kay Thomas

