

The Heartbeat

January 2025

Sidenotes From Stacy

I recall watching an episode of the TV show “News Radio” in which the news team were rated by a prominent magazine. News reader Phil McNeil received a rating of “adequate.” After making a huge deal about receiving such a great rating, he finally admitted that he knew his rating was less than stellar. He then struggled over what to do to not be seen as “adequate.”

“This Is Your Year.” That is the theme of our sermon series for January, and I’d like it to be our personal theme for the entire year. Could this be your year that your life in Christ rises above a level of adequate? I don’t believe anyone jumps out of bed in the morning and declares “Today I hope my daily walk for Jesus is adequate!” I have to admit that there have been times in my daily walk that I have struggled to rise to the level of adequate. My struggle comes from three areas: 1.) my personal desires sometimes come ahead of those of Jesus, 2.) the busyness of ministry and life take up so much of my time, 3.) just plain laziness. And for all of those times I couldn’t even rise to adequate, I apologize to God, and you, because my walk with Christ directly affects you all. Also, it is not fair to you when I do not rise above adequate. So, I vow to make this my year!

So I guess the purpose of this article is to challenge you all to join me in that quest to make this your year to rise above the adequate, mediocre, acceptable, or pretty good, and be the very best we can be for our Lord. Not only is God watching and waiting, but the lives of others are dependent upon it as well.

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Every Sunday:

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group – 4:30-6:30
Youth Bible Study – 6:30-7:30

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Youth Group	13	14	15	16 Midwest	17 Community Cupboard	18
19 Sunday Social Youth Group	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Youth Group	27 Board Meeting	28	29	30	31	

Schedule of Events

16 Midwest – 11am

17 Pantry Handout – 4-6pm

19 Sunday Social after service

27 Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

***Every Sunday Evening Youth Group starting January 12*

****Every Week Invite A Friend*

December Averages

Worship - 50

General Funds- \$1835.00

Building Fund

Monthly Total- \$0.00

Weekly Needs

General Funds - \$2,125.27

Faith Promise - \$350.00

Building Fund - \$250.00

Sunday Servants

Greeters

05: Terry & Diana Arnett

12: Jere & Paula Greuel

19: Rick R. & Rhonda L.

26: Brian & Christen Parks

Welcome/Communion Meditation

Shirley Roberts

Randy Parks

Marla Butcher

Donna Horwedel

Nursery

Casey S. & Avery H.

Paula G. & Amanda B.

Diane Martinez

Brian & Christen Parks

Monthly Servants

Elder

Randy Parks

Deacon

Brian Parks

Deaconess

Cathy Ulmer

Birthdays

03 Emery Behymer
04 Greg Abernathy
07 Rhonda Littrell
13 Cindy Popejoy
16 Sharon Parks
16 Dwight Morrow
18 Terry Arnett

18 Dee Tvrdik
19 Sammy Riggins
21 Bob Parry
22 Rhonda Kluthe
23 Mark Behymer
24 Jim Abernathy
25 Becky Kluthe

Anniversary:

19 Dale & Shirley Roberts

Junior Worship

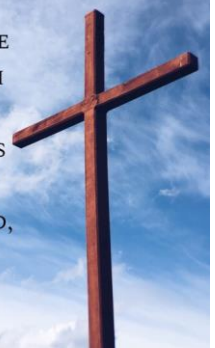
5 – Cindy Popejoy

12 – Christen Parks

19 – Cindy Parks

26 – Amanda Behymer

BUT WE BELIEVE
THAT THROUGH
THE GRACE OF
THE LORD JESUS
CHRIST WE
SHALL BE SAVED,
EVEN AS THEY.
ACTS 15:11



Sunday Social!

Sunday, January 19th we will gather after worship for Potluck lunch and fellowship. Join us and invite a friend or 2!



Thank you to everyone who supported our Angel Tree and our food baskets in 2024! The amount of families we reached was incredible! This was our largest Number yet! God is Good all the time!

thank you

We would like to send out a Thank you for the wonderful support and love during the year of 2024.

We are thankful for each and every one of you. We pray that God continues to work through our church family in 2024 and so glad we are blessed to do it beside you. We cannot wait to work with you all this coming year!

Thank You

VCC Staff

Youth Group Dates

Youth Group will begin again
Sunday, January 12
4:30-6:20

From 6:30-7.30 we will be starting a new Youth Bible Study.

Sign up in the foyer to help with dinner for the youth there are a lot of open spots.

If you are wanting to help out in other ways, contact Diane in the office! 309.784.5621



**DRAW
NEAR
TO
God
AND HE WILL
DRAW
NEAR
TO YOU**
James 4:8



FORGET THE former THINGS
do not dwell in the past
See I AM doing a NEW thing
I AM MAKING A WAY
in the wilderness
and streams in the
wasteland.

ISAIAH 43:18-19

DaySpring

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