

The Messenger



from the Pastor

In Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth, Paul writes, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (5:17). If ever there was a mission statement for the New Year, this is it! For several chapters in 2 Corinthians, Paul has been hammering home the fundamental distinction between life in Christ and death in everything else that is not Christ. It really is that simple. Everything

that is "not Christ" is dead, doomed, hopeless, helpless, worthless, fading into nothingness. Christ and His rule and redemption of the created order really is all there is. Why, Paul wonders, would we keep expecting to find satisfaction in old dead things that utterly incapable of providing it, when Christ has come? C.S. Lewis, in his book, *The Weight of Glory*, puts it like this:

"It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

In this New Year, commit to finding satisfaction in the one place where it can be found: Christ alone. A Happy New Year is found only in Him.

Dr. Eric Hankins



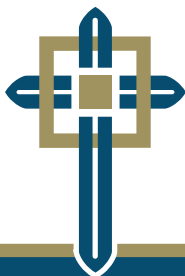
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January

Check out featured events at www.gotofirst.org

JANUARY 1 *New Year's Day*

Church office closed

JANUARY 3

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service

JANUARY 6

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. Women's Explorers Bible Study
6 p.m. English as a Second Language
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Youth Worship
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

JANUARY 8-9

Youth Winter Retreat

JANUARY 10

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4:15 p.m. Children and Youth Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Student Worship Arts Group (SWAG)
5 p.m. Life U: The Mind of Christ
6 p.m. Evening Worship

JANUARY 13

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. Women's Explorers Bible Study
6 p.m. English as a Second Language
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Youth Worship
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

JANUARY 17

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4:15 p.m. Children and Youth Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Student Worship Arts Group (SWAG)
5 p.m. Life U: The Mind of Christ
6 p.m. Evening Worship
7 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting

JANUARY 18 *Martin Luther King*

Church office closed

JANUARY 20

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. Women's Explorers Bible Study
6 p.m. English as a Second Language
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Youth Worship
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

JANUARY 24

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4:15 p.m. Children and Youth Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Student Worship Arts Group (SWAG)
5 p.m. Life U: The Mind of Christ
6 p.m. Evening Worship

JANUARY 27

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. Women's Explorers Bible Study
6 p.m. English as a Second Language
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Youth Worship
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

JANUARY 29-31

Vertical Basketball Camp for 1-3 grades

JANUARY 31

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4:15 p.m. Children and Youth Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Student Worship Arts Group (SWAG)
5 p.m. Life U: The Mind of Christ
6 p.m. Evening Worship

Our Family

Sunday school attendance

Dec. 6 - 638 Dec. 13 - 617

Budget for December 1-13, 2015

Budget	\$105,322.53
Building	\$2,680.00
Designated	\$29,934.60
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Total	\$137,937.13
Building Fund to date	\$5,751,481.10

2015 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

BECAUSE OF
WHO HE IS

... AND **BECAUSE YOU GIVE,**
IMB HELPS CHURCHES SEND
MISSIONARIES TO THE BILLIONS
WHO HAVE YET TO HEAR.

National Goal: \$175 million
First Baptist Oxford Goal: \$90,000
Given to date: \$39,177.10

Library & Media Center

Open Sundays 9:30-11 a.m. • Wednesdays 5-7 p.m.

NEW ADULT BOOKS:

Fervent by Priscilla Shirer

Wounded by God's People
by Anne Graham Lotz

The Photograph by Beverly Lewis

The Daniel Plan Cookbook
by Rick Warren

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

My Picnic Basket by Dr. Mary Simon

God Bless You and Goodnight
by Hannah C. Hall



New Members in December

Lynn & Tyan Carter, Marci McCoy,
Kevin & Ashley Mitchell, Chad Mood

January Deacons of the Week

**Dec. 27-
Jan. 2** Hank Addy, Bobby Clanton,
Tom Dawson

Jan. 3-9 Derrell Doss, Brian Harvey,
Brad Golmon

Jan. 10-16 Victor Newell, Eddie Aune,
Jeff Evans

Jan. 17-23 Larry Little, Jim McNeely,
Breese Quinn

Jan. 24-30 Mike Quarles, Dan Reed,
Chris Riley

Congratulations

To Abby & Bradley Evans on the birth of a son, **Robert Neal Evans**. Proud grandparents are Laura & Jeff Evans.

To Jo Beth & Andrew Lynch on the birth of a daughter, **Eleanor Lynch**. Proud big sister is Lizzy.

To Mary Melinda & Jeffrey Little on the birth of a daughter, **Lilly James Little**. Proud big brother is William. Proud grandparents are Debbie & Larry Little.

Our Sympathy

To Lori Yancy & family in the loss of her mother, Betty Jo Horne Yancy.

To Kim Lavoie & family in the loss of her grandmother, Betty Jo Horne Yancy.

To Matt Copeland & family in the loss of his grandmother, Nancy McCartney.

To Rosemary Austin & family in the loss of her husband, Byron Austin.

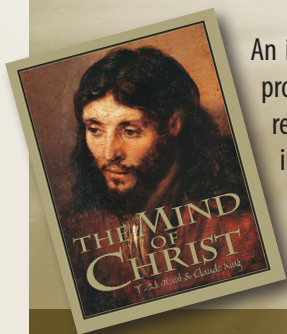
To Sammie Jones & family in the loss of her sister, Katie Hawks.

To Keith McGregor & family in the loss of his brother, Kermit McGregor.

Bulletin Board

Join us for a study of

THE MIND OF CHRIST



An in-depth discipleship study that introduces believers to a lifelong process through which God will renew their minds and their lives to reflect the image of Christ, based on Philippians 2:5: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Register now! Cost: \$10 for workbook

For students and adults

Sundays beginning January 10.

5 p.m. Small Groups: various locations | 6 p.m. Large Group Session: Sanctuary

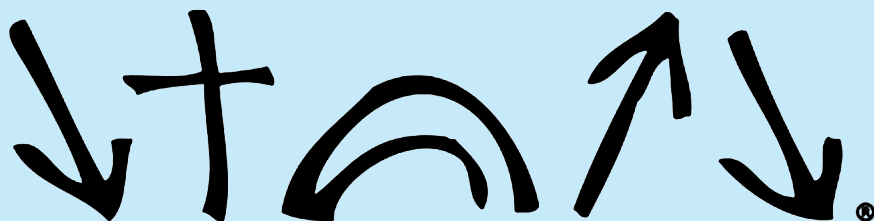
TOUCH OXFORD

Family Night January 25

Light meal at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by outreach.

Come as a family and help us reach out to our community through phone calls, writing notes, and home visits.

RESCUE PLAN



COMING SUPER SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7!

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

 **FirstBaptistOxfordPreschoolMinistry**
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Baby Dedication

February 14

Sign up with Kristen by January 10.

koverall@gotofirst.org or 801-4487.

Awana™

Wednesdays
5:30-7:30 p.m.
2 years-6th grade

*So that all kids will come to know,
love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ!*



VERTICAL BASKETBALL CAMPS (VBC)

VBC is a fun 3 day camp for kids to learn about the game of basketball and the story of Jesus. College and Senior HS students, who know the Bible and the game of basketball well, will coach. Kids will learn basketball fundamentals through drills the first half of camp and scrimmages in the second half. At the end of each session we will have a structured devotional time.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

Friday	4:00-6:30 p.m.	Session #1
Saturday	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Session #2
	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lunch/Break
	12:30-2:30 p.m.	Session #3
Sunday	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Session #4

JAN. 29-31

1-3 Grade boys and girls

FEB. 19-21

4-6 Grade boys and girls

Reserve your spot by emailing janarmou@gmail.com with your child's name, grade, gender, and a parent's phone number. Registration is only \$30 and includes the camp experience, a t-shirt, and lunch on Saturday. *Only 50 spots available per camp so register now!*

Questions? Call Drew Narmour at 662.234.3515


YOUTH NEWS

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Winter Retreat: Refocus
Jan. 8-9

COLLEGE NEWS

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