

CONNECTION

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**January 22, 2024 is the
Deadline for the
February 2024
Connection**

A Word from Dr. Dan

2024. I wish I was a true prophet. Perhaps then I could gaze into the divine future and prepare you for what is coming. But alas, I do not have that type of gift. But I do have the scriptures to help guide and prepare me.

Since coming back from my trip to Kenya, I have been meditating on the things that are so positive there that I wish we would have here.

First, they have a sense of simplicity. They don't have much, so they focus on what they have and need rather than on what they wish they had. May we have that same spirit.

Second, they have a close sense of community. Because they do not have much, they foster a dependency upon one another. They share. They share their food. They share their homes. They share their stories. They share their burdens. They share their joys. May we do the same.

Third, they have a deep faith in Jesus. Because they do not have much, Jesus becomes everything to them. Prayer is deep. The desire to study the Bible is admirable. Their passion for worship is insatiable. May we have the same.

Lastly, because of my teaching, they have a keen awareness of the coming of Jesus. Yesu adarudi tenu. "Jesus is coming again." May we have such an awareness of ourselves and may our lives truly reflect it.

January Birthdays

Candi Sarver	January 2
Ann Sims	January 7
Carol Rush	January 10
Terrie VanSoest	January 10
Donna March	January 12
Anita Hillis	January 21
Annette Shively	January 22
Peggy Rinehart	January 29
Bill Turnpaugh	January 29
Judy McNary	January 30

January Anniversaries

Malcolm & Judy Bainbridge

married for 19 years January 17

Jim & Sue Peterson

married for 56years January 21

I don't know what 2024 will bring. I have a feeling it will test our faith. I have a feeling that things are going to get a bit difficult for those who have Jesus as their Savior.

But I do know this – God is still on the throne. God still loves his people. God still seeks for us to be like Jesus even amid our suffering. God still desires our worship and our praise. God still seeks the lost and the broken. And God will provide divine opportunities to see Him work in wonderful and unique ways.

May we be people of prayer, praise, and expectation this coming year. Perhaps this year!

Blessings,

Dr. Dan

HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR TREATS

A tremendous thanks to all who have provided treats for coffee hour and joined in fellowship. If you would like to help on a Sunday, the sign-up sheet is on the welcome table in the front entrance. If you prefer to provide treats but have Deacons assemble them on Sunday morning, please let the Deacons know. We can also take donations for coffee hour treats and buy them for you. See a Deacon if you need more information or would like to provide treats with a Deacon.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held following the service on Sunday, January 28, 2024.

SENIOR CHRISTMAS BAGS *by Sara Overway*

First of all THANK YOU!!! to all who helped with Sr. gift bags this year. This year 534 bags were delivered to area nursing homes and low income housing units in Logansport. Each small bag delivered to the nursing homes contained: a bottle of lotion, Kleenex, pencil and a wordsearch book and a sock hat. The large bags contained: shampoo, lotion, notepad, pencil and pen, wordsearch, bar of soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, paper towel, toilet paper and a \$10.00 gift card. Items were donated from Cross-Wind United Methodist, Lucerne Christian Church, Rehoboth Christian Church, New Waverly UMC, Several Calvary covenant partners. I received a Thank you from a recipient, thanking us for giving him a bag and all the personal products. Thank you for being the light to those less fortunate. I am looking forward to continuing this project next year.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

In His Service

Sara Overway

HOPE IN STITCHES *by Annette Shively*

We will meet weekly on Thursdays with two shifts, 10:00-12:00 or 11:00-2:00.

LOAVES AND FISHES SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Loaves and Fishes provide meals for the needy as well as fellowship by many of the local area churches including Calvary . This program provides a Saturday lunch, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., all year long. Donations are accepted. Meals will be served on the following dates:

January 6	All Saints
January 13	Faith Fellowship
January 20	Church of the Good Shepherd
January 27	Trinity Episcopal

SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER

There will be a soup and sandwich dinner following the Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 28th. A free will offering will be taken and proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement fund. Be sure to mark your calendars!

We want our covenant partners and any other friends of Calvary to know that there are wonderful scripture based Bible studies currently in session. We will try to keep our Connection viewers informed of what each study is studying monthly. The following is information on current studies. We welcome all who want to join a study to do so!

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING & EVENING BIBLE STUDY *by Deb Lute*

This Bible study group will take a break for the holiday season, and we will come together again in February. We will be studying the book of Jonah. Check future newsletters for our start update.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY *by Annette Shively*

The H.I.S. (Hope in Scripture) Women's Tuesday afternoon Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. We will be starting Philippians on January 9th.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY *by Rev. Dan Lute*

Pastor Dan is doing an in-depth series on the book of Genesis called, "In the Beginning..." on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:00. This will start up again on Wednesday, January 3rd.

Elders: Class of 2024

Steve Sims
Brian VanSoest

Elders: Class of 2025

Bill Heinzman
Terrie VanSoest

Elders: Class of 2026

Sara Overway
David Swigart

Deacons: Class of 2024

Carol Rush
Scott Sarver
Chris Williamson

Deacons: Class of 2025

Dan Reef
Kay Rottet
Ron Rottet

Deacons: Class of 2026

Jeff Goltry
Pat Reef
Buttons Smith

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY *by Rev. Dan Lute*

The Thursday morning men's Bible study meets from 8:15 to 9:15ish in the library. We are doing a study in the Book of Ezekiel.



January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 AA	2 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 6:30 Deacons Meeting 6:30 GB Team Meeting	3 6:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	4 8:15 am Men's Bible Study	5 10:00 am AA	6 <i>L&F at All Saints</i>
7 9:30 am Worship & Communion 7:30 pm AA	8 6:00 pm Psi Iota Xi Meeting 7:00 Women's Bible Study 7:30 AA	9 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 6:30 Worship Meeting 6:30 GB Team Meeting	10 Noon - DV Task Force Meeting 6:30 Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	11 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group 6:30 Mission/Outreach Meeting	12 10:00 am AA	13 <i>L&F at Faith Fellowship</i>
14 9:30 am Worship 7:30 pm AA	15 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 AA	16 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 6:30 Session Meeting 6:30 GB Team Meeting	17 6:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	18 8:15 am Men's Bible Study	19 10:00 am AA	20 <i>L&F at Church of the Good Shepherd</i> 8:00 am – 1:00 pm GB Team Meeting
21 9:30 am Worship 7:30 pm AA	22 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 AA	23 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Great Banquet Mtg 6:30 GB Team Meeting	24 6:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	25 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group	26 10:00 am AA	27 <i>L&F at Trinity Episcopal</i>
28 9:30 am Worship Annual Congregational Meeting after service Soup & Sandwich lunch after meeting 7:30 pm AA	29 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 AA	30 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 6:30 GB Team Meeting	31 7:30 AA			