

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

1 Peter 1:3-4



Happy New Year!

We will have regular Wednesday night Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting and Activities on January 1st, 2025.



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CHURCH News
January 2025

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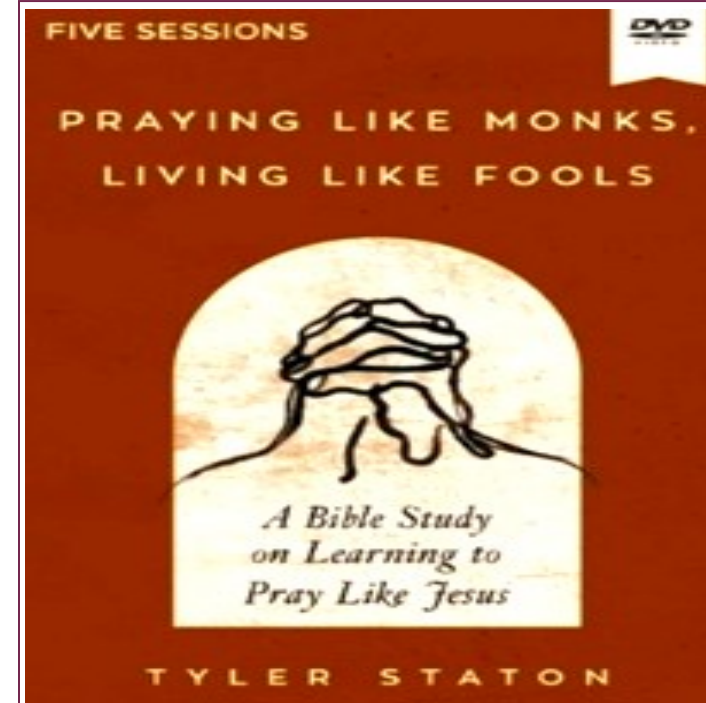
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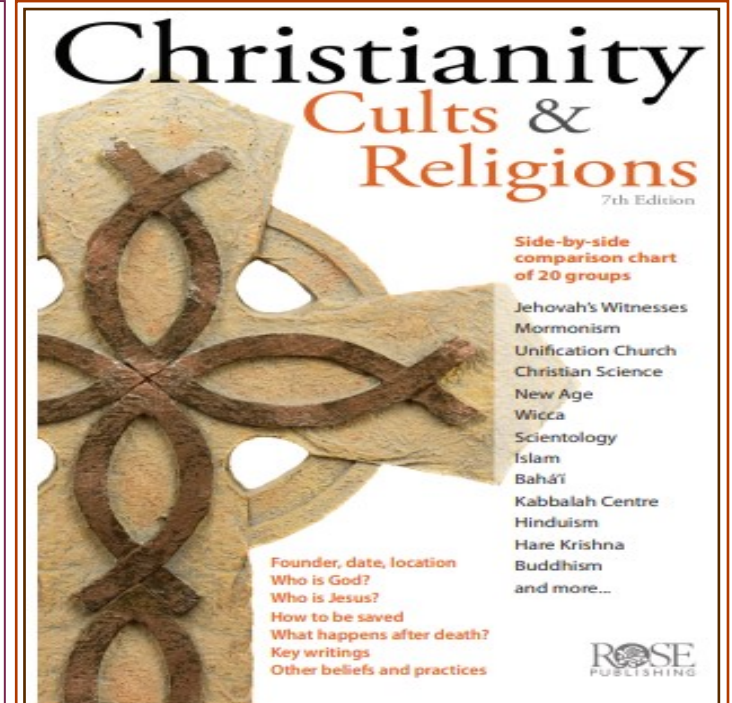
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PRAYING LIKE MONKS, LIVING LIKE FOOLS
MEN'S FAMILY NIGHT SERIES BY TYLER STATON
FINAL SESSION IN THIS SERIES JANUARY 8TH
WE MEET IN THE MOSIAC CLASSROOM



Sunday Night Series
Beginning Sunday, January 12 at 6 PM
Christianity, Cults & Religions
See Preacher Larry for sign-up to order the
study booklet.



From The Pastor's Pen

January 2025

It is hard to believe we are ringing in the Year of Our Lord, 2025. We have accomplished so much for the Kingdom during the year 2024. Just think about it... (1) We have grown in number (God is up to something wonderful). (2) We have spread the gospel, not only in South Carolina, but in North Carolina, West Virginia, Tennessee, and Thailand. (3) We have purchased the property adjacent to the church (for future growth). (4) We have hired our second full-time minister to our staff. (5) Our tithes and offerings have increased (To God be the glory!). (6) We have one of the most forward-looking budgets for the year 2025, that I have witnessed in the last 18+ years. The list could go on and on! Seeing how God is doing a work, in, and through us is amazing!

I am filled with a profound sense of anticipation and hope when I think about what God has done at Hillcrest this past year. We have also witnessed God's grace and mercy in countless ways. As your pastor, I want to remind you of a fundamental truth that fills my heart with joy: **the best is yet to come!**

The Bible has many promises that point to a future filled with hope and blessings. One of my favorite scriptures is Jeremiah 29:11, where God says, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This verse reassures us that God's plans for us are good and that He is constantly working in our lives to bring about His perfect will.

As we enter this new year, let's hold onto this promise. Let's believe that, regardless of what we have faced or are currently facing, God has a wonderful plan for each of us, and He is leading us toward a future filled with hope and prosperity.

The start of the new year is a time for renewal and growth. It's a chance to let go of past disappointments and embrace the possibilities that lie ahead. Philippians 3:13-14 encourages us to forget what lies behind and to strain forward to what lies ahead, pressing on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Let's use this time to renew our commitment to our faith, our families, and our community. Let's challenge ourselves to grow spiritually, deepen our relationships with God and each other, and serve our community with greater love and compassion.

Sometimes, it can be hard to understand why things happen the way they do or to see the purpose in our trials. But we must remember that God's timing is perfect. Ecclesiastes 3:11 reminds us that "He has made everything beautiful in its time." Trusting in God's timing requires faith and patience, but it also brings peace and assurance that He is in control and that His plans are unfolding as they should.

As we begin this new year, let's do so with hearts full of hope and expectation. Let's believe that God is going to do amazing things in our lives, in our church, and our community. The best is truly yet to come, and I am excited to see what God has in store for us.

I encourage you all to take some time in the coming days to pray, reflect, and set your intentions for the year ahead. Let's support one another in our journeys, uplift each other in prayer, and work together to make this year one of great blessings and growth.

May God bless you abundantly in this new year. Happy New Year, and remember, the best is yet to come!

Laboring and Loving it!

Preacher Larry

READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR 2025			
Date	Scriptures	Date	Scriptures
1-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 1-2; Matthew 1-2	17-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 34-36; Mark 12-14
2-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 3-5; Matthew 3-4	18-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 37-38; Mark 15-16
3-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 6-8; Matthew 5-6	19-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 39-40; Luke 1-3
4-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 9-10; Matthew 7-8	20-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 41-42; Luke 4-7
5-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 11-13; Matthew 9-10	21-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 43-44; Luke 8-10
6-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 14-15; Matthew 11-12	22-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 45-46; Luke 11-14
7-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 16-17; Matthew 13-14	23-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 47-48; Luke 15-17
8-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 18-19; Matthew 15-16	24-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 49; Luke 18-21
9-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 20-21; Matthew 17-18	25-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 50; Luke 22-24
10-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 22; Matthew 19-21	26-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 51-52; John 1-5
11-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 23-24; Matthew 22-24	27-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 53-54; John 6-8
12-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 25-26; Matthew 25-26	28-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 55-56; John 9-12
13-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 27-28; Matthew 27-28	29-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 57-58; John 13-15
14-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 29; Mark 1-3	30-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 59-60; John 16-18
15-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 30-31; Mark 4-7	31-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 61-62; John 19-21
16-Jan	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 32-33; Mark 8-11	1-Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 63-64; Acts 1-4


Happy New Year!

What an extraordinary year 2024 was and I look so forward to what God has in store for us in the new year. Thank you to all our amazing adult and children choir members, you are wonderful, and I truly appreciate each one of you. Remember, if there are others that have been wanting to join the choir, now is the time, we would love to have you!

I want to wish my Hillcrest Family a Happy New Year and a blessed year ahead. May God's light guide each of us as we continue to follow Him in 2025.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

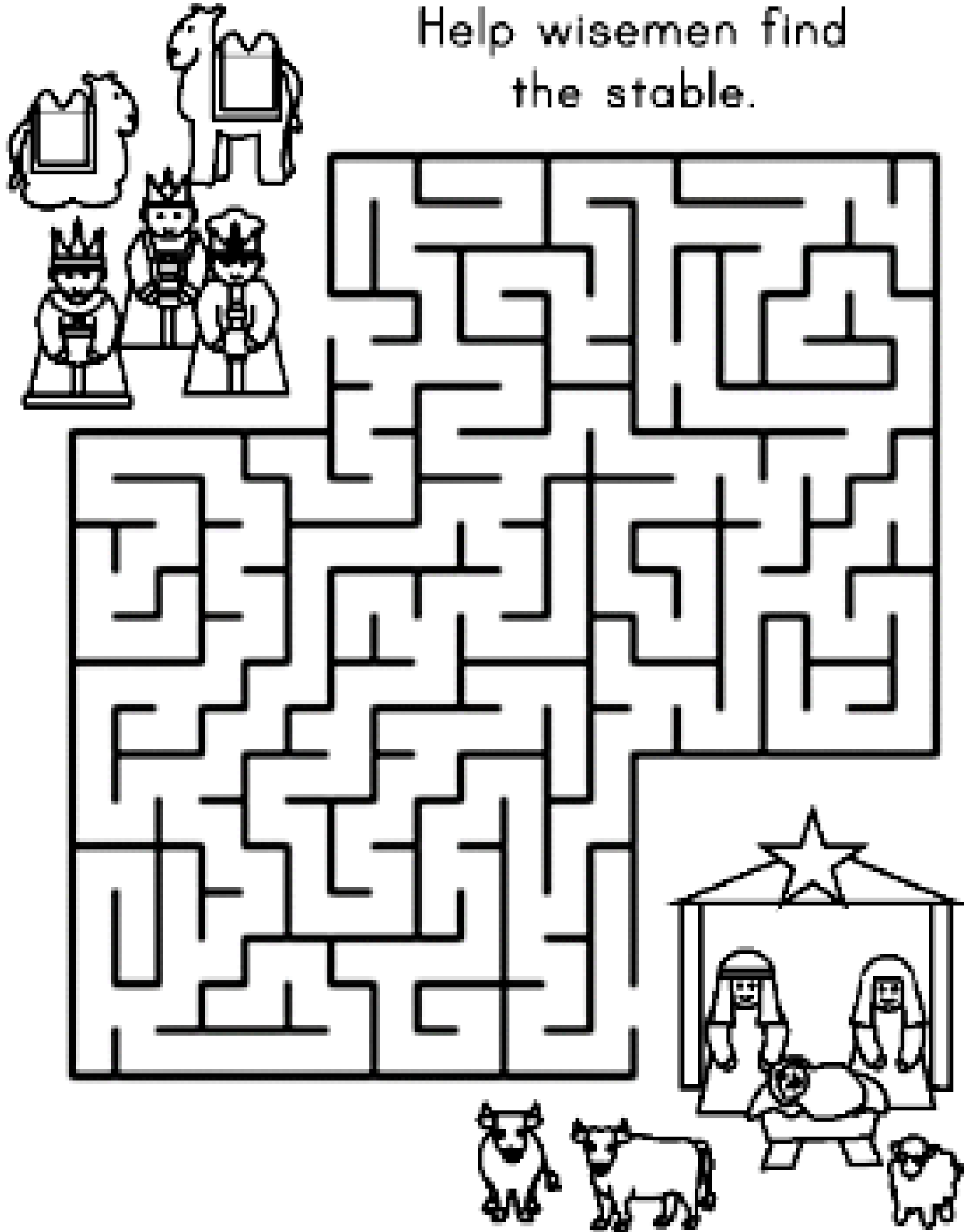
New Years Blessings,
Billie Joe



*Music Notes
From: Billie Joe,
Music Director*

KID'S PAGE

Help wisemen find
the stable.



January Celebrations

01/02 Millie Harmon
01/02 Jackie Turner
01/04 Danny Coker, Jr.
01/04 Tom Glasscock
01/05 Charlie Lopez
01/06 Gail New
01/06 Kenneth Stringer
01/08 Keith Dobbins
01/08 Tina Reeves
01/09 Anne Callaham
01/09 Fernando Lopez
01/09 Tony Riddle



01/12 Bell Jennings
01/12 Crystal Romo
01/15 Chris Vinson
01/17 Deanie Ellison
01/20 David Poole
01/22 Mike Dalrymple
01/22 Larry (Trey) Moore
01/23 Colton Childs
01/24 Harriette Hester
01/25 Ryan Clary
01/26 Tonya Smith
01/27 Rachel Smith
01/29 Bill Alewine





*Happy
Anniversary*

01/12 James & Doyce Ford
01/29 Danny & Misty Coker





ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVING OPPORTUNITIES


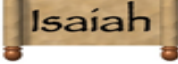
 **Men's Monday Night Bible Study at 6:30**
Meets in the Fellowship Hall to continue the chronological study of the Bible by chapter.

 **Wednesday Activities**
ACTEENS – Meets at 5:45
Girls 7th – 12th Grade are all welcome.

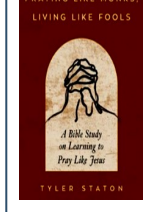
 **GA's RAs**
GAs – Girls
RAs – Boys
Meets at 6:00– 6:45
1st-6th Grades

 **Transformed Student Ministry**
Wednesday Nights at 6:30-8:00
Grades 7-12—Bring a Friend
Meeting is in the Youth Room


 **Mission Friends**
Starts @ 7:00PM
Mission Friends (3-5 Years old)


 **Truth Seekers Class (1st-6th grades)**
 Bible Study and Prayer Meeting
In the Sanctuary

 **Family Night, Wednesday, Jan., 8th**
All meetings are the same except:
 **Ladies of Grace**
Meeting at 6:30 in the Social Hall
Wear silver or blue. Bring a New Year goodie or treat to share.
 **Happy New Year!**
Bring a Friend! We will have a Photo Booth to kick-off 2025.

 **Men's Family Night Bible Study at 7:00**
Meets in the Mosaic Classroom
"Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools"
by Tyler Staton. Join Us for this last study in the series.
No Meeting in the Sanctuary on Family Night

PBA ADMINISTRATIVE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE AT THE PBA OFFICE ON JANUARY 27TH AT 6:45.
NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FROM JAN. 13TH

 **King Queen**
King & Queen (Ages 50 and older)
Thursday, Jan. 9th at 6:30PM
Food: Provided, a sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board. Money donations for food will be appreciated.
Activities: Games by Don & Sherry
Hostesses: Brenda Cox, Faye Bennett & Pat Brown
Senior of the Month: Brenda Cox
Coming in February:
K&Q Remembers: Elaine Hill
Jim Bland
Jean Taylor
Jo Rosshirt
Wilda Turner
If you have pictures to contribute, see Sherry Clardy before Wednesday, January 29th.


 **Mission Support**
Mark your envelope ACTS 1:8 to designate a donation to the combined fund to support West Virginia, Ocoee Outreach and other mission trips & efforts at Hillcrest.

JANUARY OPERATION CARE AND BACKPACK FOOD MINISTRIES
SUGGESTED DONATIONS
No expired dates accepted!
Pop Tarts, Soups with pull top lids, crackers, Jello Pudding and Fruit Cups.
We are still collecting 16 oz Peanut Butter for Backpacks.
Thank You For Supporting The Needs Of Our Local Communities

 **Van Ministry**
Van Ministry Volunteers Schedule Sign Up for 2025
We are looking for Adult Drivers willing to help with the Van Ministry to pick up Church Members for Wednesday Night and Sunday Morning and Evening Services.
A signup sheet is on the Bulletin Board.
If you are a Member in need of a ride or need to cancel a ride, call Alan Taylor 864-353-0476

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SCHEDULES AND EVENTS


 **Nursery Ministry**
Bailee Harbin Coordinator
Sunday Morning
Jan. 5 Jessica Mullinax & Mitchell Ezakovich
Jan. 12 Sherrl Cole & Kenetha Timms
Jan. 19 Byron Smith & Rhiannon Smith
Jan. 26 Lisa Foster & Diane Rentz
Sunday Evening
Jan. 5 David Havird & Christy Havird
Jan. 12 Bailee Harbin & Sonja Harbin
Jan. 19 Jessica Mullinax & Mitchell Ezakovich
Jan. 26 Sherrl Cole & Kenetha Timms
Wednesday Evening
Jan. 1 Byron Smith & Rhiannon Smith
Jan. 8 Kim Baldwin & Samantha Dies
Jan. 15 Brittany Holden & Kristi Callaham
Jan. 22 Debbie Childs & Donna Childs
Jan. 29 David Havird & Christy Havird

 **Children's Church Ministry**
Sherry Clardy Coordinator
Sunday Morning
Jan. 5 Millie Harmon & Cheryl Jones
Jan. 12 Samantha Dies & Edie Ford
Jan. 19 Dolly Ford & Linda Patterson
Jan. 26 Sherry Clardy & Rhiannon Smith


WELCOME to Children's Church
COME TO THE SANCTUARY ON SUNDAY MORNING AT 10:00AM AND AFTER ANNOUNCEMENTS, 4 YEAR OLD TO 4TH GRADES WILL BE DISMISSED AND ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S CHURCH SERVICE.

KIDS Power Hour
Sunday Nights at 6:00pm

In America, there are approximately 98 abortions every hour!
Join us on Sunday, January 19, 2025 as we set aside a special day to celebrate the Sanctity of Human Life and stand in opposition to the culture of death promoted by the abortion industry.
The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.
Isaiah 49:1

GIVING ALL LIFE A CHANCE TO LIVE
 **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**
SUNDAY 01.19.25

 **Associational Wide IMB Mission Study**
Will be held at Hillcrest Baptist Church, Sunday, January 5th at 6:00 PM
Guest Speaker IMB Missionary
We encourage all our Mission Discipleship Groups to attend and hear how she shares the love of Christ.

 **WOMEN ON MISSION**
WMU notes from Fran:
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Reminder: We are asking for donations to help give the gift of Camp for the Acteens. There are envelopes available in the Mission Hallway.
Thank you for all who helped with Prisoner packs this Christmas. We gifted 50 packages.
January has several 'Out of School Days' in Anderson County. A good time for Leaders to plan an outing for your group.
Not too late to give to the Lottie Moon Offering!