



# Hebron Community Church

## January 2025 Newsletter

### New Year, New Start

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NRSV)

Where has the time gone? It seems like just a moment ago me and my family were moving into the parsonage and starting our ministry with you and now a year and a half has gone by in the blink of an eye. This time has been a time of challenges, but also many blessings. I know I have been greatly blessed, and I am truly thankful that God has brought me here for such a time as this. Looking back over this last year and a half and looking forward to the coming year, I know that this coming year will be one full of blessing on our ministry together for the Lord’s sake, if we but remain focused on Him, and do everything for His glory.

As we look at this New Year, it’s a time full of energy. Many people make New Year’s resolutions for this and that. Some keep them, most probably don’t, simply because the enthusiasm is there, but the commitment isn’t always. Maybe this is you. Maybe you’ve started out a new year with many good intentions, only to get bogged down in the same habits that held you back the year before. Maybe you even had a resolution to do something that would help your spiritual life, such as reading the Bible every day, or taking an extra few minutes in the morning to spend time with God before starting your day. Before long, however, it gets harder and harder to get up any earlier when it’s so easy to hit the snooze button one more time or there’s just too much going on trying to get ready for work or getting the kids off to school, without having to walk them in because you got there late. I understand. I’m guilty myself and have been in the same position. I have made resolutions with the best of intentions only to find it hard to make new habits that replace the old, bad habits. Unless there is a true commitment behind these good intentions, they are ultimately doomed to fail, and when they do, we feel bad that we weren’t able to be stronger. For that reason, many stop making New Year’s resolutions altogether.

It’s often the same way with our Christian walk—many start out in the faith with much enthusiasm, but as soon as the storms hit, we lose our way because the commitment isn’t there. People forget that God never promised us a life free of

storms, only that He promised to be our shelter and our strength in the midst of life’s storms. And just like the New Year, when so many feel able to make a new start God allows us a chance for a fresh start whenever we call on His name. God’s love and grace are available to us every day of the year. No matter how bad we mess up, God is still there with His love, calling us back home. We don’t have to worry about our strength failing, because it will, but for that reason God offers us His strength to rely on. We aren’t strong enough on our own, but that’s okay. We don’t have to be. God’s strength will never fail us, if we trust in Him.

As you look forward to this New Year full of possibility, stay focused on God and everything else will fall into place. If you let Him be your guide, as an individual, He will bless you in ways you can't imagine and if we let Him be our guide, as a church, He will truly bless our church and our ministry in many wonderful ways this coming year. Paul reminds us in the verse above that whatever we do should be done for the glory of God. If we do that, everything else will be alright. It doesn't mean the storms won't come, but we have a shelter and strength greater than anything we can imagine and He offers it all to us freely. New Year's resolutions come and go, but our Lord is forever. If we focus on Him each day of the New Year and do everything for His glory, not our own, we'll have one blessed year.

I pray many, many blessings upon you and yours throughout this coming year, and upon our church, as we strive to give God glory in all that we do.

Your Servant brother in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Dustin D. James". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Pastor Dustin D. James

### Friendship Circle

Rather than having a regular business meeting in December, ladies of the Friendship Circle wrapped Christmas gifts for residents at Springview Homes. We are so pleased to do this each year.

Following wrapping the gifts, the ladies traveled to Toros Cantina to share a holiday meal.

When we gather to undecorate the church, January 11, we will bring treats for ALM to welcome them back from their Christmas break.

We will be working on the upcoming bake sale on January 18. This will be held along with the men's stew sale. Plans have begun on the spaghetti lunch, which benefits the Methodist Children's Home. The lunch will follow worship in February, watch for more information on this special day.

All ladies of the church are welcome to attend any of the Circle meetings which are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at the home of Betty Albright, at 7:00 p.m.

Happy New Year!

## January Birthdays

8th	Mike Gregory
9th	Adam McCauley
12th	Emily M. Vermeer
13th	Randy Lineberry
15th	Patty D. Ross
18th	Billy Williams
22nd	Melissa Holliday
24th	Catherine Freshwater
25th	Todd Barker
26th	Kate Creekmuir
27th	Sue Creekmuir
	Michelle Lee
29th	Cindy Cook

## Up Coming Events in February

- 9<sup>th</sup> Souper Bowl Lunch – Set up on Saturday
- 16<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti Lunch for Methodist Home for Children
- 18<sup>th</sup> Newsletter Deadline for February
- Every Tuesday night at 6 pm is Prayer meeting in the Prayer Room
- Every Wednesday night at 6 pm Bible Study
- Pastors Meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 9:00 am.

**Happy  
New Year!**

## January 2025 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4 Hut Reserved 12-5
5 Sunday School Worship / Communion	6 9-4 ALM	7 9-4 ALM 9 Pastors' Mtg. 6 Prayer Mtg.	8 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	9 9-4 ALM	10	11 9 Un- decorate the Church
12 Sunday School Worship	13 9-4 ALM	14 9-4 ALM 6 Prayer Mtg.	15 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	16 9-4 ALM	17 Stew Prep	18 Stew / Bake Sale
19 Sunday School Worship	20 9-4 ALM 7 Friendship Circle	21 9-4 ALM 9 Pastors' Mtg 6 Prayer Mtg..	22 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	23 9-4 ALM 6 Methodist Men	24	25 9 Day Apart
26 Sunday School Worship	27 9-4 ALM	28 9-4 ALM 6 Prayer Mtg.	29 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	30 9-4 ALM	31	1

### Nursery Schedule

### Greeters

### Acolytes

January 5th

Marty Graham & Jay Wilson

Marleigh Lankford

January 12th

Brenda & Maddie Moss

Carlos Montejo

January 19th

Pat Snipes & Betty Albright

Peyton McBride

January 26th

Robin Sykes & Maddie Moss

Annabelle Allred