




January 2015


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> <i>New Year's Day</i> Office Closed	<i>2</i> 7:00pm Youth Lock In 	<i>3</i> 7:00am Youth Lock In Ends
<i>4</i> 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship/Children's Message 5:00pm WMU Meeting 5:00pm Youth, Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Worship / Children 7:00pm Trustee's Meeting	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> 7:00pm Prayer Meeting 7:00pm Youth & Children	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11 Human Trafficking Awareness Sunday</i> 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship/Lord's Supper 12:00pm CLC /Kitchen Meeting 5:00pm Youth, Men's & Women's Bible Studies 6:00pm Worship / Children 7:00pm Business Meeting	<i>12</i> 	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> 7:00pm Prayer Meeting 7:00pm Youth & Children	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 6:00pm Picnic & A Movie (Wall-E) 
<i>18 Sanctity of Life Sunday</i> 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 12:00pm Fellowship Lunch 5:00pm Youth, Men's & Women's Bible Studies 6:00pm Worship / Children	<i>19</i> 	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> 7:00pm Prayer Meeting 7:00pm Youth & Children	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Meals on Wheels—January 19th thru 23rd</i>						
<i>25</i> 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship / Benevolence Offering 5:00pm Youth, Men's & Women's Bible Studies 6:00pm Worship / Children 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> 7:00pm Prayer Meeting 7:00pm Youth & Children	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>

January Birthdays of the Month



4. Braden Noblett
 6. Bobbie Ford
 Jeff Wheeler
 Daniel Stall
 13. Rick Collier
 Sandra Holdeman
 14. Barbara Pate
 19. Bill Davis
 Carole Wilkerson
 21. Jayne Ewing
 24. Emily Ford
 Ronda Raynor
 Ken Spurgeon
 27. Christy Pyle
 28. Evelyn Barker
 Tyler Pinard
 30. Chad Pyle
 31. Joey Graves
 Elaine Johnston

Anniversaries of the Month



28. Jason & Christina Mabry



Can you believe that 2014 has come and gone by so fast? It just feels like a few months ago that I was writing my newsletter article for January 2014. Now I'm writing one for January 2015! Last year brought us some really exciting things like the U.S.'s surprising attempt for the World Cup and the Kansas City Royals World Series run. There were also some really significant losses too. Shirley Temple, James Garner, Mickey Rooney, Robin Williams, and Philip Seymour Hoffman all died this year. In our community we lost a brave Cedar County Sheriff's Deputy Matt Chism. Our church is still feeling the great loss of two Godly servants Scott Wilson and Richard Sanstra. Our nation was terrified when the first cases of Ebola showed up within our borders. We watched with a mix of emotions all the events in Ferguson. We also celebrated two new salvations, and three baptisms all on Easter Sunday. I have watched the people of this church grow in love and fellowship, and we have even seen our attendance grow. In all of these things God has shown himself to be faithful to us in good and bad times, as well as bless us with so many answered prayers. Whether victory or calamity, our God is unmoved. His plans are not thwarted as salvation history marches on. New Years not only reminds us of the year past, but of all the possibilities of the year to come. We remember all of the New Year's resolutions we made last year. With some we succeeded and with some we failed so miserably. I urge you to not be discouraged

by what you did not accomplish, but be encouraged by what you succeeded in. That's the great news of the gospel. There is forgiveness for our failures and the power of the Holy Spirit to pursue God's design for life. Paul teaches us in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." The beginning of a fresh new year should remind us of the fresh start we received at the cross. Instead of fostering feelings of failure, the New Year should bring feelings of thankfulness and gratitude. I'm starting a new New Year tradition this year. It is called a "Rememberlutions Jar," and it has been all over websites like Pinterest, Etsy, and BuzzFeed. However I have changed it to have a different purpose. Take any jar you like. You can decorate it or leave it plain. Spend 2015 putting in notes about how God has answered prayers, provided for you and your family's needs, or blessed you. They don't have to be monumental provisions to count for your jar. God blesses us so richly every day, but in 365 days it can be hard to remember specifically, so write them down throughout the year. You should also put in notes about areas in your Christian walk that you have made progress in. It can be about journaling, scripture memory, or meditation on the Word. Put little notes about gospel conversations you have had with people. Then at the end of 2015 pour out your jar full of notes and begin remembering the goodness of our great God, and celebrate the successes in your walk with Christ! Happy New Year! In Christ,
Pastor Jason

New Fellowships For The New Year

Starting in January we will be having two new monthly events.

1. *On January 17th at 6pm pack your family a picnic dinner and fellowship together while we eat. Following dinner we will show the movie Wall-e. Starting in February Picnic and a movie night will switch to the First Saturday of each month.*



2. *We will be having a fellowship lunch on the 3rd Sunday of each month. On January 18th after the morning worship service we will be having an Italian themed lunch.*



Please call Stacie Spurgeon (276-5047) or the church office if you or someone you know would like to ride the church van to services on Sunday mornings.

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