

SCRIPTURE KEYS TO A JOYFUL NEW YEAR

Hold fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
Pray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18)
Pray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Neglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)
Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11,16)
Exercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
Aim at sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
Redeem the time (Ephesians 5:15, 16)

— Gus Nichols

BIBLE QUIZ

Fill in the blank to complete this verse from 2 Corinthians: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new _____. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

- A. Creation
- B. Beginning
- C. Season
- D. Covenant

Answer: A (See 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV)

FAITH IN ACTION

A Christian is someone who makes it easier for others to believe in God — not through perfection, but through kindness, grace and love in everyday life. When people see Christ’s compassion in us, they’re drawn closer to Him.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK...

January is a cold month; however, there is a solemn beauty in the winter chill. The life forces of the trees and shrubs have moved deep underground in the roots— so that they may rest and re-group for the next life cycle.

Just like the 3rd Core Value of our NALC Church, all of God’s creation is ‘Traditionally Grounded’. We are sustained by the beliefs and doctrines of our ancestors. We are ‘rooted’ in the traditions they passed on to us.

In the same way that Mary ‘pondered’ all the events unfolding around her, let us grow in the beauty of our past, and move into the future that God has in store for us.

Pastor Don Safrit

CHURCH CALENDAR

- 1/1 **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
 1/4 4:00pm Middle/High School Youth Meeting in FLC
 1/5 5:30pm Yount Group Meeting in Assembly Room
 1/6 **EPIPHANY**
 1/11 **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
 4:00pm K-5 Youth Meeting in FLC
 4:00pm Young Adult 2026 Planning Meeting in Assembly Room
 1/17 9:00am-12:00pm Confirmation Class
 8:00am-8:00pm FLC Reserved (Lisa Phelps)
 1/18 3:00pm Men of Faith in Assembly Room
 4:00pm All Youth Meeting in FLC
 5:30pm-6:30pm Confirmation Class
 1/19 **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**
 1/23 6:30pm "I Can Only Imagine" Movie Night in Assembly Room
 1/25 4:00pm HOST Luther League (MS/HS Youth)
 1/31 10:30am-4:00pm FLC Reserved (Stephanie Barkley)

WEDNESDAYS – 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

- 10:00am – Bible Study / Chapel
 6:30pm – Handbells
 7:30pm – Choir Practice

SUNDAYS – 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

- 9:00am – Refreshments & Fellowship
 9:30am – Sunday School
 10:30am – Worship



- 1 – Allen Kirks
 12 – Chase Lingle
 19 – Daisy Bost
 22 – Frankie Livesey
 24 – Shirley Peeler
 Ethan Fisher
 Delores Eller
 Jennifer Ousley
 29 – Todd Fink
 31 – Gennene Parker

ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 – Gail & Ed Gurley
 23 – Joe & Tammy Petrea
 26 – Randy & LeaAnn Buckwell

CUB SCOUTS

Dates: Thursdays – 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29
Times: 7:00pm-8:00pm

WiFFLe

Dates: Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings in FLC
Times: 10:00am-11:00am

FACS Basketball

Dates: January 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 21st
Times: 3:00pm-7:00pm in FLC



JOIN US FOR A MOVIE NIGHT!

The Women of Faith are sponsoring a movie night on Friday, January 23rd at 6:30pm in the Assembly Room. **EVERYONE** is invited to join us to watch the film **I CAN ONLY IMAGINE**, a 2018 Christian biographical drama based on Bart Millard's life journey before writing the popular MercyMe song. Directed by the Erwin Brothers, the film is rated PG and runs 1hr 50min. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Please feel free to bring your favorite movie snack(s) AND your most comfortable chair(s) to enjoy the movie experience!

**Please email or call the church office if your birthday/anniversary has been missed.*



FOREVER STRONG

Dear Friends, Donors, and Ministry Partners,

On behalf of Dylan Jones Academy, thank you for standing with us as we enter another year of remarkable ministry impact. Because of your prayers, generosity, and partnership, 208 students received 180 days of quality, Christ-centered education in a school where every child is known, valued, and given the opportunity to thrive.

Your support made it possible to provide 78,480 nutritious meals, offer vital health screenings through the NutriCare and EquiHealth programs, and extend medical, nutritional, and spiritual care to students and their families. These efforts have restored health, strengthened families, and helped children remain in school.

Academically, our learners excelled, and we joyfully celebrated the graduation of 34 PP2 pupils and 17 Grade 6 students. Community events (Prize Giving Day, Prayer Day, and Graduation Day) reflected the strong and growing bond between DJA, local families, and the church.

Thank you for investing in the spiritual, academic, and physical well-being of these children. Together, we are raising a new generation of godly, confident, community-transforming leaders.

If you know someone who may be interested in sponsoring a child, we would be grateful for the connection.

Serving together,
The DJA Ministry Team

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YOUTH CORNER

Youth will meet in the Family Life Center 4:00pm to 5:00pm:

January 4th –

Middle School/High School Youth: Sheets Family.
We will be planning Luther League for January 25th.

January 11th –

K-5 Youth: No one has signed up.
(If no one signs up, it will not happen)

January 18th –

All Youth: No one has signed up.
(If no one signs up, it will not happen)

January 25th –

Middle School/High School Youth: Faith to Host Luther League.
More details to come about how to help with food and activities.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Saturday, January 17th – 9:00am to 12:00pm

Sunday, January 18th – 5:30pm to 6:30pm



2025 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

Puzzle!

In the New Testament, followers of Christ are called by many names. Use the hints to fill in the blanks. Need help? Check an NIV Bible for the missing letters.

D _____ s
(Acts 6:7)



C _____ n P _____ e
(1 Peter 2:9)



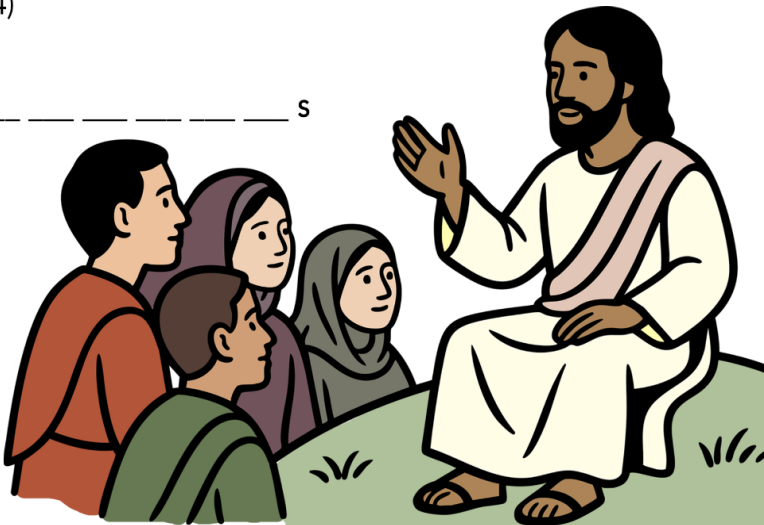
S _____ s of C _____ t
(1 Corinthians 4:1)

C _____ s
(Acts 11: 26)

B _____ s and S _____ s
(1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)

B _____ s
(Acts 5:14)

W _____ s
(Acts 1:8)



Answers: Disciples; Chosen People; Servants of Christ; Christians; Brothers and Sisters; Believers; Witnesses



Celebrate the beauty of winter with these fun snowflake-inspired treats!

What you need:

- Graham cracker squares or sugar cookies
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Pretzel sticks (snowflake arms)
- Shredded coconut or white sprinkles
- Mini marshmallows or candy pearls



What you do:

1. Frost each cracker or cookie.
2. Arrange pretzel sticks in a crisscross for the snowflake base.
3. Sprinkle with coconut or sprinkles for snow.
4. Add marshmallows or candy pearls to the ends for detail.

Lesson tie-in:

Remind kids that God made each of us unique—just like no two snowflakes are alike!
(Psalm 139:14, KJV)

DATE	TOTAL OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
NOVEMBER 30	\$5,382.00	53 Church Chat, 103 Worship
DECEMBER 7	\$7,241.00	51 Sunday School, 109 Worship
DECEMBER 14	\$6,620.46	41 Sunday School, 109 Worship
DECEMBER 21	\$5,246.00	60 Sunday School, 128 Worship

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH				
	JAN. 4	JAN. 11	JAN. 18	JAN. 25
Acolytes	Caylee Sheets, Reagan Bradshaw	Griffin Alderman, Sydney Alderman	Sailor Shoaf, Brooks Moody	Mia Spinella, Julianna Sheets
Audio/Broadcast Team	David Alderman, Aaron Smith, Jeff Mills, Jeff Overcash, Caitlin Rimmer			
Children's Church	<i>Children take Communion</i>	Amanda Meacham	<i>Children take Communion</i>	Wendi Bradshaw
Children's Message	Pastor Don	Lu Gamewell	Vicki Fink	<i>Faith Kids Sing</i>
Church Sign	Barbara Moose			
Communion Prep.	Ann Bruce & Wanda Mills			
Fellowship Refreshments	John & Ann Bruce	Jake & Barbara Moose	Tony & Sallie Herrin	Jeff & Wanda Mills
Lector	LeaAnn Buckwell	Meredyth Fisher	Chandra Fink	Jamie Sheets
Nursery	Carolyn Rogers, Crystal Bradshaw	Stephanie Barkley, Marissa Asbury	Jamie Sheets, Chris Earnhardt	Meredyth Fisher, Lela Brooks
Offering Tellers	Vickie Miller & Becky Williams			
Ushers	Charles Walker, Jeff Barger, Gwynn Harrison, Mickey Ousley			
2026 Council Members	Rhonda Alderman, Dwight Bradshaw, Randy Buckwell, Dallas Cobb (<i>Vice President</i>), Chandra Fink, Lisa Laws, Perry McKnight (<i>President</i>), Jake Moose, Laura Peeler (<i>Secretary</i>)			

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