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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- JANUARY 1-7

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### Monday

New Years Day - Church Office Closed

### Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Mom's Gym Playtime (*Gym*)

### Thursday

6:15 p.m. College & Career Small Group (*489 Cherry St, Bluffton*)

8:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (*Gym*)

### Friday

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)

### Sunday

7:00 p.m. Children's Volunteer Training (*Sanctuary*)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Jan. 3-6 Tennessee Service Trip  
Jan. 18 Children's Ministry Volunteer Training- 7:00 p.m.  
Jan. 12-14 Middle School Ice Camp  
Jan. 14-19 Kentucky Service Trip  
Feb. 23-25 High School Ice Camp  
Mar. 31 Communion Celebrated
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December 31, 2023



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## SUNDAY'S SERMON

## EPHESIANS SERMON SERIES



## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY

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- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Studies (*Various Classrooms*)  
10:00 a.m. Children's Church (*Ages 2-6, B10 & B11*)  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service and Communion- Pastor Nick Ringger (*CMC*)  
*Message-* Looking Back and Looking Forward  
*Scripture-* Ephesians 2:1-7
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**Welcome!** We are so happy you are here to worship with us this morning. If today is your first time joining us, please pick up a gift at the Welcome Center. For more information about the church and its ministries, text "new" to 419-792-3625 and a member of the church staff will contact you.

**Contact Cards** are available at the Welcome Center or by scanning the QR code to the right. Please update any new information or share any praises and prayer requests. If you are new, please complete a card so we may stay connected.



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## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

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### Attendance on December 24:

Worship Gathering 500

### Giving for December 24:

\$25,315.59

Benevolent Fund 1,280.00

Building Fund 2,177.00

Christian Education Fund 825.00

General Fund 12,713.59

Missions Fund 6,767.00

Youth Fund 1,553.00

### Opportunities

**Men's Basketball:** Come out to the gym at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings for a game of basketball with other men. For more information, contact Gabe Meyer.

**Chair Setup Teams:** Volunteers are needed for the 2024 Chair Setup teams that help setup and put chairs away on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please email Trevor Meyer for more details. (trevormeyer28@gmail.com). The chair schedule will continue in 2024 following the same pattern as 2023.

**Gospel: Plain and Simple:** A new class focusing on Evangelism will be included in the regular Wednesday night schedule in 2024. Men and women are invited to join this 10-week class that will focus on the process of evangelism and becoming more effective in sharing your faith. Contact Dan Steiner for more information.

**Meals Needed:** Our missionaries to Colombia, Daniel and Martha Gateley and their two children, will be in the Bluffton area from January 13 to January 15. Five meals are needed from Saturday evening through Monday evening. Please contact Gera Bixel if you would like to provide a meal for them. The Gateleys will be speaking at Ebenezer Sunday, January 14.

**Teacher/Volunteer Training:** A required training is scheduled for January for all individuals planning to volunteer with any children's ministry. The training will be offered at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 7, and Thursday, January 18. This training will go over new additions, policies, and changes, as well as to review current policies. Please contact Hanné Streicher with any questions. Volunteers must attend one of these training dates.

**Service Opportunity:** A service trip to Kentucky to volunteer for a rebuild project with Samaritans Purse is being organized. The trip is scheduled for January 14-19. Contact Crystal Hanna for more information.

### Information

**Youth Mission Trip Meeting:** There will be a meeting for all High School Youth who would like more information on the summer mission trip to Bakersfield, CA. The meeting will be next Sunday, January 7, in the Conference Room following the worship service.

**New Church Office Hours:** With the New Year comes new office hours. The church office hours will be amended to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday. Please note that all bulletin announcements should be submitted by Thursday afternoon.

**Our sympathy** to the family of Carolyn Shaw, mother of Steve Shaw. Carolyn passed away on December 23 at her home.

**Our sympathy** to the family of Ralph Nonnamaker, father of Gina Burkholder. Ralph passed away on December 27 at the Good Samaritan Home in Arlington.

**Congratulations** to Ian & Kendra (Tuttle) Moser on the birth of their son Samuel James on December 23.

**Congratulations** to Erik & Natalie McNair on the birth of their daughter Samantha Noelle on December 29. Samantha joins brother Will and sister Penelope.

**Please be in prayer** for the team traveling to Tennessee on January 3 to serve with the tornado cleanup. Members of the team include

**Ice Camp Registrations:** Ice Camp registrations for Middle School (January 12-14) and High School (February 23-25) are available on the Church Center App and on the church website. The deadline for registrations is January 7 for Middle School and February 18 for High School. The Middle School trip is filling up fast, so don't wait to register.