



The Anderson Testament

PASTOR RON NAYLOR— FINDING DIRECTION IN THE NEW YEAR

- P/T Interim Pastor—Ronald Naylor
- Office Administrator - Julie Benagh
- Music Coordinator- Kirby Gilliam
- Director of Hand bells- Barb Bowman
- Financial Secretary - Ken Wilkinson
- Family Ministry Leaders—Kirby Gilliam & April Groves
- Organist/pianist - Judith Kimmer
- Maint. Engineer—Mike Schildmeier
- Asst. Maint Eng. —Jim Marvell

Do you want to know the secret of a long life? That's the question Michael Gartner's 95 yr. old father asked him one day seemingly out of the blue. "I guess so," replied Gartner, former president of NBC News. "No left turns", said his father. "Most accidents involving senior citizens happened because they made ill-advised left turns in front of oncoming traffic," he said.

Guidance is important and is one of the central concerns of walking with God. The prophet Isaiah points out that God's people have been gifted with an extraordinary onboard navigation system. "This is the way; walk in it". (Isaiah 30:21) This is the inner voice of the Holy Spirit that helps us discern where God wants us to be headed in the new year, 2024. It's better than GPS.

But the Holy Spirit's guidance system works when we're moving, not if we are just sitting. So put your life in drive. Tell God that you're listening.

And be sure that whether you're turning to the right or to the left, God's Spirit will always be waiting for you at the next intersection of 2024.

Faithfully, Ron Naylor, Pastor



COMMUNION



Join us in the New Year as we gather around *The Lord's Table* for Holy Communion on **Sunday, January 7th.**

Remember to bring **non-perishable** canned or boxed food and paper products, which will be dispersed to the needy in our community through *Operation Love*. No glass containers, please!

The third Sunday of the month is designated giving for the Christian Center. Please bring your donations of paper products, coffee, toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, and deodorant on **Sunday, January 21st.**

Items for both of these projects will be collected and delivered to Operation Love and the Christian Center by Jane Ford, Deacon.

Thank you, your donations have an impact!

WE'VE LOST MIRIAM BREWER

Long time member Miriam Brewer passed away December 27th, 2023. She joined the church in 1946! She was 91 years old.

She has lived in Florida for many, many years. Rozelle Johnson handled the arrangements.



NEW BABY FOR WALTER & ROBIN RENDEROS



Quinn Ann Renderos was born on Tuesday, January 2nd, 20 inches long and weighing in at 7 lbs, 7 ounces.

She joins Sister Maxine and brother Levi and a host of cousins and Aunts and Uncles of the church!

She is the granddaughter of Greg Noland and the late Ann Noland.

QUILT/SEW/CRAFT DAY



Several ladies in the church meet monthly for a quilting/crafting/sewing day in the upstairs Quilting Room here at First Pres.

*—They'll meet the first Sunday—the 6th!
10-3 is the time, bring a lunch, and enjoy fellowship with other crafty women!*

PRESBY PRIDE & PRESBY CHIX



Presby Chix is cancelled for January! Anderson Country Club will be closed.

The Men's Presby Pride will meet on the third Saturday in January—the 20th, at Frisch's at 9 AM. Between 8-15 men usually attend!

No programs, just good food and fellowship!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

FINANCE REPORT 2024

November Revenues	\$8,193
November Expenses	<u>\$21,526</u>
November Deficit	(\$13,333)
YTD Revenues	\$78,720
YTD Expenses	<u>(\$116,462)</u>
YTD Deficits	(\$37,742)



We had 4 Sundays with two paydays in November. Our pledged, non—pledged and memorial offerings were about normal for November. We had a nice Per Capita donation in November, thank you! The Per Capita donations really help our church with this assessment paid to the Presbytery.

This is the sixth month of our fiscal year. For the month our actual income is about 4% behind our budget and our expenses are unfortunately 30% greater than what we had budgeted. Our asset total in the sixth month of our fiscal year is \$904,931 which is \$46,463 better compared to last month.

Our total assets are lower by \$25,861 compared to November a year ago. This month and last month's expenses had several much-needed upgrades to our sanctuary sound and visual equipment.

Please consider helping to support the church's Christian Ministry programs in your pledges and donations. Your pledge and non-pledged offerings are critical for us to maintain sound fiscal stability. Please pray about it and do your best to support the church.

Thank you in advance.

Happy New Year to all,

Dick Wohlberg, Finance Chair

BOWLING PARTY JANUARY 21ST



The **Deacons** are putting together a fun afternoon of **bowling for the whole church!** On **Sunday, January 21st**, we will meet at Championship Lanes (Formerly **Cooper's Bowling Alley**) at **3:00 PM** for two hours of fellowship and bowling. This is the time to brush up your skills (or show them off) or just come and be in the presence of your friends in Christ.

The special price is **\$8.00 for 2 hours and includes your bowling shoes.**

Call the church office or email us and let us know if you will be coming so we may make reservations, or just show up!

Come and join the fun. Hope to see you there!

PASTOR RON KNEE SURGERY



Our P/T Interim Pastor, Ronald Naylor, is having knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, January 16th!

PRAYERS FOR QUICK HEALING!

He will be out for a few weeks—Pastor Chuck Compton and assorted supply pastors will be helping us during this time.

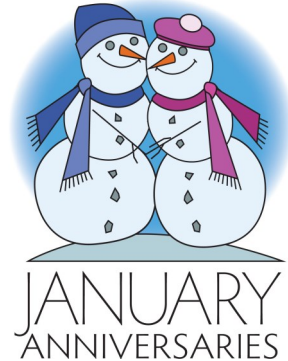
Cards and calls would be appreciated!

ANNIVERSARIES 2024

Garri & Lois George, January 4th, 48 years!

Connie & Michael Robinson, January 23rd,
53 years

*May God bless you with many more
years of happiness!*



CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS 2024



The Church Office will be closed
**Monday, Jan. 1st and Tuesday, January 2nd,
2024.**

Regular Church Office hours are 9-3, Monday
through Friday.

OFFERING ENVELOPES UPDATE



**It was determined not to order any envelopes
this year. We have plenty of previous year's en-
velopes—please utilize those! The company re-
quires a minimum order of 60 and we only use
about 8-9 boxes. Thank you for your under-
standing!**

2024 Birthdays

1/5 Bill Bowman
1/7 Cindy Peck
1/9 Levi Renderos
1/10 Sandra Davisson,
Matt Stapleton
1/13 Courtney Bostic
Gordon
1/14 Chuy Llamas
1/19 Jane Wilkinson
1/20 Garri George
1/21 Steve Benagh
1/26 Paul Schrenker,
Janet Runyon
1/29 Katie Wohlberg



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Psalm 105

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness.
Let the whole world know what he has done.
- 2 Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.
Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.
- 3 Exult in his holy name; rejoice,
you who **worship the LORD.**
- 4 Search for the LORD and for his strength;
continually seek him.
- 5 **Remember the wonders he has performed,**
his miracles, and the rulings he has given,
- 6 you children of his servant Abraham,
you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones.
- 7 **He is the LORD our God.**
His justice is seen throughout the land.
- 8 **He always stands by his covenant**—the
commitment he made to a thousand generations.

May you have a
wonder-filled and blessed 2024!



a new year,
a new beginning

