

The Presbyterian Church of Floyd

The Chimes

January 2017



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Dear Friends,

It is the beginning of a new year. It is a time for us to look to the future with hope, especially as we look to God to reveal his will for our lives. If any of us have experienced difficulty, or grief, or tragedy over the past year, then the beginning of 2017 offers a time to look ahead.

I remember vividly being asked in 2006 to share with a congregation what I believed was God's will for my life. At the time, I was thinking in terms of a vocation as I tried to answer the question. But I truly did not know what God had in store for me vocationally, and so I struggled to express God's will. Finally, it occurred to me that God's will had to do with relationship, and not vocation. I rose before that congregation and said, "God's will for my life is for me to love him, to trust him, and to joyfully accept his grace." Those are perhaps the most profound words I have ever uttered. Once I was in a relationship with God, then he could reveal what he wanted me to do with my life. It was soon thereafter that I began to grow spiritually by leaps and bounds.

I share this because it is never too late to seek a new and exciting journey with God. Perhaps 2017 is the year you have been waiting for. If the past year has been difficult or unfulfilling, then look forward with hope.

*Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;
guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.*

--Psalm 25:4-5

In the hope of Christ,

Pastor Bob



Prayer Concerns

Susie Vest
Lu Graham -- rehab
Mark Femrite - cancer
Lu Graham -- pneumonia
Buddy Haney - cancer
Brenda Bobbitt - cancer
Family of Elsie Graham
Shirley Sowers - cancer
Grady McKnight
Janie Blanchard - cancer
Norman Hylton - cancer
Barry Smith - lung cancer
Cathy Thompson
Family of Ralph Vest
Family of Sarabeth Hammond

All in harm's way

A new flower chart for 2017 is on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like to supply flowers for worship service, please sign up. Blue Ridge Florist will deliver to the church for \$5.00 and flowers can keep up to 3 weeks. You may also bring in wild flowers from your garden or shrubs.

** The Session will meet on Tuesday, January 31st at 5:00pm in the library.



Sunday School Snippets

Top left, Jodi Cromer's Elementary class puts on a wonderful Christmas program during worship.

Bottom left, Cy Lane's Junior class plays "Baronopoly," a game designed to teach them about life in medieval Europe. Why is that important? It's the setting from which Protestantism sprung!



Bible Study

Bible study is on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm at the church. All are welcome to study Scripture and discuss short sermons from a video series. Light snacks will be served.

Food Bank Donations

Please remember to donate food to our local food banks. We have two collection tubs located in the back hallway, by the fellowship hall. Canned vegetables or fruit: dried beans, rice, peanut butter and any non-perishable food items are accepted. Tubs are delivered to Plenty! and New River Community Action, both of which play a huge role in feeding our hungry neighbors.



We've gone digital!

All right, that's an exaggeration, but if you've missed a Sunday in the past few months, you can find Pastor Bob's sermon on the church website. Simply go to pcfloyd.org, click the menu icon, click "Worship and Fellowship," and click "Sermons."

Welcome New Elders

We will ordain and install Larry Koon and Lydeana Martin as church elders on January 15 during morning worship. Please pray that God will guide them and the rest of the Session through this new year.





Thank you from Pulaski Daily Bread

January Greeters

- 1/1 – Don & Brenda Williams
- 1/8 – John & Betty Getgood
- 1/15 – Skip & Marty Bishop
- 1/22 – Jan McCloud & Ann Shank
- 1/29 – Beth & Rick Willoughby

If you are unable to be a greeter, please swap dates with another member.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1/2 – Melissa Cantrell, Jodi Cromer
- 1/18 – Bennett Casteale
- 1/22 – Wanda Hylton,
Don Williams, Sue Osborne
- 1/29 – Peggy Burgin
- 1/30 – Autumn Vaughan,
Billy Cromer

Bible Study

Wednesday @ 5:30pm

Choir Practice

Wednesday @ 7:00pm

Men's Breakfast

Wednesday @ 7:00am

Prayer Shawl Knitting

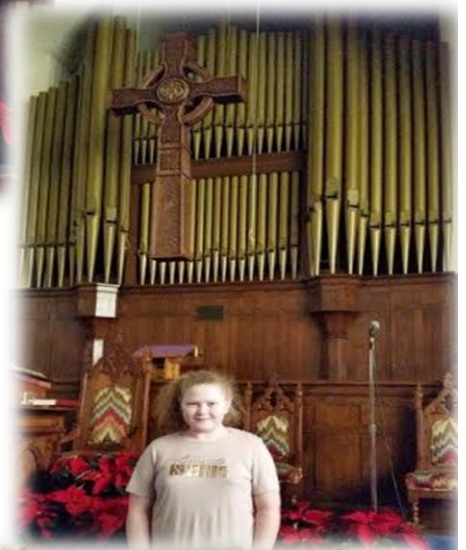
1st and 3rd Monday @ 1:30pm



Many thanks to the volunteers from our church who helped the Pulaski soup kitchen serve a festive Christmas meal again this year. Here they are!



Fun fact: At right, Brianna is standing under a cross made by St. Pierre Woodworking in Floyd!



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