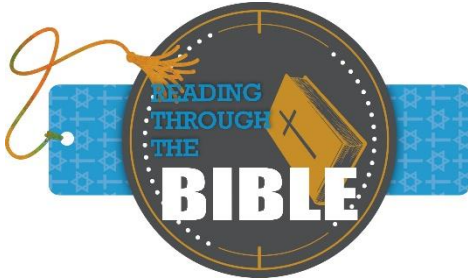


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The Gospel of Mark

Pledge to Read John or the Entire Bible in 2024

If you listen to the teachings of Jesus, you will quickly discover that Jesus knew the Old Testament quite well and quoted from it or alluded to it frequently. If you want to be a follower of Jesus, you will want to follow his example and learn all you can about Scripture.

To aid you in this endeavor, I am challenging the entire congregation to pledge to read part or all of your Bible in the year 2024. Most of you have several Bibles, and I encourage you to read from one of the translations that you find easy to understand. If you do not own a Bible, see me this coming Sunday and I will give you a New International Version (NIV) Bible.

On Sunday, December 31, we distributed Bible reading pledge cards in every worship bulletin. Because I am preaching from the Gospel of John through Easter Sunday, I decided to make the first option on the pledge card for you to read the Gospel of John in 2024. John is probably the most famous gospel, and it is quite different from the other three gospels. John includes fewer stories about Jesus, but the stories he does include are told in much greater detail than Matthew, Mark, or Luke offer. Read the story of “Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well” in John 4, or the story of “Jesus Healing the Man Born Blind” in John 9 for examples. I hope everyone reading this column will at least pledge to read the 21 chapters of John’s gospel during the coming year. This is not a difficult task, but God will bless you for your reading!

Option #2 is to read one book of the Bible per month. If you have never pledged to read more than one book a year, this might be a good option. You can finally get around to reading Revelation, a book you always wondered about, for one of your monthly readings. You can choose to read a couple of the “Minor Prophets,” which are much shorter books than the more famous prophetic books of Isaiah or Jeremiah. Or you can read several of Paul’s letters, and perhaps then wade into the Book of Acts to better understand Paul’s life and ministry, thus aiding your reading of his letters.

Options #3 and #4 offer greater challenges, but will benefit you greatly if you are ready to read your Bible every day. Option #3 is to read the entire New Testament, which requires you to average one chapter per day throughout the year. Option #4 is the most challenging—read the entire Bible in 2024. It will help you grow strong spiritually but will demand that you average four chapters of Bible reading per day. If you have previously read many books of the Bible, perhaps this is the year for you to take the plunge and read all of God’s word!

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



**Tony & Mary Virginia
Wadsworth
January 15**



**Wayne & Leslie Pritcher
February 5**



**Iona Grippando
February 5**



**Daniel Grippando
February 5**



**Linda Hankey
February 5**



**Jessenia Porras
March 5**



**Henry, Lauren, Jacob* &
Liam* Vasquez
March 19**



**James "JR" Rodgers
May 14**



**Jim & Lisa Osborne
May 14**



**Richard "Smitty" Schmidt
June 11**



Lowell & Lucy Parkes
June 11



Karen King
July 9



Barry Harlan & Vicki Shank
July 16



John "Jed" & Cynthia "Cindy" Atkinson
July 23



Wanda Leap
October 1



Troye, Liz & Grace* Payne
October 15



Jim* & Jackie Cafferty
November 19



Virgil Hudson
November 26



Joi Canavan
November 26



Victoria & Declan* Flynn
December 24

* Indicates Non-member



DEACONS BENCH

As we approach the threshold of a new year, many of us take part in observing the time-honored tradition of making New Year's resolutions. In years past, I have made New Year's Resolutions to eat better, exercise more, and watch less TV. Many years I've made resolutions to read the entire Bible or New Testament during the year. While this is more often than not a failed endeavor, I'm happy to report that some years have been met with success. But resolutions are not just promises we make to ourselves; they can also be commitments to personal growth and spiritual development.

Jonathan Edwards was an 18th Century New England Puritan preacher and theologian. He was a major figure of the First Great Awakening, a Protestant Revival, and author of the sermon "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," regarded as one of the greatest early American religious sermons and still studied in High Schools and Universities. In the winter of 1722 at the young age of only 19, Jonathan Edwards penned the first of what would become seventy resolutions. These resolutions run the gamut of self-examination, pursuing the glory of God, forsaking sin, time management, love, and humility. Edwards also understood that growth in holiness is not a one-time act, but a lifelong pursuit, one that requires a daily determination to live according to the truths taught in Scripture. I encourage you to read the 70 Resolutions of Jonathan Edwards as I believe you may find some inspiration for your own New Year's Resolutions. I've collected a few of my favorites below:

Edwards begins his Resolutions "Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humbly entreat Him by His grace to enable me to keep these Resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to His will, for Christ's sake."

12. Resolved, if I take delight in it as a gratification of pride, or vanity, or on any such account, immediately to throw it by.

17. Resolved, that I will live so as I shall wish I had done when I come to die.

18. Resolved, to live so at all times, as I think is best in my devout frames, and when I have clearest notions of things of the gospel, and another world.

29. Resolved, never to count that a prayer, nor to let that pass as a prayer, nor that as a petition of a prayer, which is so made, that I cannot hope that God will answer it; nor that as a confession, which I cannot hope God will accept.

30. Resolved, to strive to my utmost every week to be brought higher in religion, and to a higher exercise of grace, than I was the week before.

56. Resolved, never to give over, nor in the least to slacken my fight with my corruptions, however unsuccessful I may be.

62. Resolved, never to do anything but duty; and then according to Eph. 6:6-8, do it willingly and cheerfully as unto the Lord, and not to man; "knowing that whatever good thing any man doth, the same shall he receive of the Lord."

69. Resolved, always to do that, which I shall wish I had done when I see others do it.

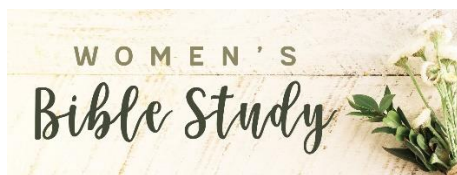
Brad Young
Deacon of the Month



NEW MEMBERS



Victoria Flynn joined our church on Sunday, December 24th. She comes to us as a previously baptized believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. She is pictured with her son Declan.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Happy New Year to all! May the New Year bring joy, laughter, good health, and gratitude for God's love for us in the Gift of

his Son, Jesus. May we all walk closer with Him in the New Year.

Our study in the book of Daniel will continue starting **Monday, January 8, 2024**. This study is in the Old Testament, but certainly can be applied to our day. Prophecy written in Daniel is here today and God's plan is being fulfilled now and tells of His Second Coming. Exciting!

There is room for you to join us on Monday's at 10 a.m.

Blessings from Bernie



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OUTING

Happy New Year!
Our luncheon this month will be on **Monday, January 15th**. We will be dining at *Asian Garden* in Bristow immediately following Bible study. We will meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. and carpool to the restaurant. If you would like to join us, please call me to get your name on the reservation list.

Blessings,
Jackie Fletcher

Asian Garden
12857 Braemar Village Plaza
Bristow, VA 20136
(next to Safeway)



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN?

Dear Church Family,
I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas season with those you love. The preschool and kindergarten are out on Christmas break right now, but boy did we celebrate big! Six Christmas programs each attended by more than 100 people, a visit with Papa Hoho and ended with wonderful Christmas Parties in Christmas Jammies! Loads of parent participation in all things! We are all looking forward to some time off from school, and a chance to get rid of all the colds and germs!

The kindergarten class donated \$600.83 this year to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Thank you for ordering Tana's Pot Pies – between church and school families support, we earned \$1300 in our fundraising efforts!

This month of January brings us to the halfway point of school, parent teacher conferences, and **REGISTRATION!** If you are a church member, you'll be able to register a little earlier than the public! Our currently enrolled families will register January 31st at 7:00 a.m. **Those that are church members and alumni to the school will register at 7:30 a.m. on 31st.** Those that are new from the community will register on February 2nd at 7:00 a.m. Please let me know if you are a member and want to enroll – I would love to show you around or provide a tour. We are also having an OPEN HOUSE on January 29th at 10:00 a.m. We will begin in the sanctuary with a presentation, then tours etc. Please feel free to attend, no reservations are needed.

If you are at all looking at some 'year-end giving', and want a great place to put those funds to use – we have the Mable Hudson Memorial/Scholarship Fund at the preschool. I do know that there are several families putting together a scholarship request packet for next school year, as they have as many as 3 children wanting to attend, so the cost is more than they can bear. If this is something that interests you, feel free to write a check to the preschool (HBCPK) and in the memo portion put “scholarships” or for the “Mable Hudson Scholarship Fund”. Thank you so much for your interest in helping others be blessed by this sweet school.

Upcoming events at the school include the Kindergarten Information Meeting, End of the 1st semester report cards, Parent – Teacher Conferences, and fun events like 'Mitten Day', "Jersey Day" and our annual International Lunch! We are also busily trying to complete all the tasks for our reaccreditation...it's daunting, but so good for us to look at who we are, and do we do what we say we do, and are we investing in the next generation's spiritual growth? Parents are struggling with what to do about their child's education in today's society with so many inappropriate platforms, curriculums and policies. I am so grateful we offer a wholesome, godly approach to education where home, school and church can work together to give children a biblical worldview and rock-solid spiritual foundation like we do at Haymarket Baptist Church Preschool & Kindergarten. Thank you for your support of this ministry of the church which positively interacts with our community and pleases the Lord each day...I was reminded during the hectic pace of Christmas program rehearsals that these songs are not just a blessing to the parents, but to God's own ears as little ones sing praises to the newborn King – how pleased He is that children are being taught about the Savior of the world.

Happy New Year Everyone!

With Love,

Mrs. Laurie Frasz

HBCPK Director



December HIGHLIGHTS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <div>January 2024</div> 						
Key to Abbreviations IP – In Person Z – Zoom H – Hybrid (Zoom & In Person)	1 New Year's Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	2	3 5:30 Fellowship Meal ^{IP} 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting ^{IP} 6:00 Sign Language Class ^{IP} 7:00 Choir Rehearsal ^{IP}	4	5	6 8:30 Men's Bible Study ^{IP}
7 8:00 Deacon Meeting ^{IP} 9:30 Sunday School ^H 9:45 Deaf Ministry ^{IP} 11:00 Worship ^H – Dr. Olson 11:15 Children's Sunday School ^{IP}	8 11:00 Women's Bible Study ^H 7:00 Church Council ^H	9 4:30 Advanced Sign Language ^{IP} 6:30 Stewardship Meeting ^Z	10 5:30 Fellowship Meal ^{IP} 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting ^{IP} 6:00 Sign Language Class ^{IP} 7:00 Choir Rehearsal ^{IP}	11	12	13 8:30 Men's Bible Study ^{IP}
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SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN JANUARY 2024

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	USHERS	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	NURSERY WORKERS	FLOWER COMMITTEE	CHURCH GREETERS	BIRTHDAYS
Jan 7	TBA	Brad Young (captain) Dan Valentine Wayne Pritchler	Jed Atkinson Dinah Thompson	Heather Bayol Carol Valentine	Karen Frazier	9:15 a.m. Dottie Swain 10:15 a.m. Karen King Wanda Leap	Jan 1 Sandy Hoff Jan 2 Jessica McNeil Virgil Hudson Jan 5 Tom Kennedy Krista Kish Jan 6 Mary Ann Berry Jan 8 Erin Cafferty Jan 9 Brent Dixon Jan 11 Dinah Thompson Jan 12 Melissa Bacon Jan 14 Elizabeth Carey White Henry Terrant Jan 16 Nicole Morton Anna Duckett Jan 20 Jack Allue Jan 21 Annmarie Gough Jan 22 Joan Duckett Sheila Major Jan 24 Daniel Grippando Jan 25 Bettye Lee Montgomery Jan 26 Andrew Jinks Daniel Knighton Cecilia Jones Jan 27 Bonnie Ippoliti Mary Fitch Jan 29 Tanya Woodward Jan 30 Kaylee Duckett
Jan 14	TBA	John Hessenauer (captain) Keenan Bayol Jason Hudson Bernice Pearson	Christy Wisor Leslie Pritchler	Heather Bayol Carol Dixon	Trudi Grab	9:15 a.m. Dinah Thompson 10:15 a.m. John Burke Sherri Busick	
Jan 21	Randy Anderson	Jan Gray (captain) Jim Hardin Bob Coffey Jed Atkinson	Taylor Lambert Karen King	Heather Bayol Ty Arrington	Dinah Thompson	9:15 a.m. Ruth Nagy 10:15 a.m. Ernestine Meyer Carol Valentine	
Jan 28	Randy Anderson	Marvin Gray (captain) Johnno Cain TBA	Sarah Martin Susan Kaczmarek	Heather Bayol Amber Terrant	Cheryl Cox	9:15 a.m. Linda Hankey 10:15 a.m. Susan Kaczmarek Bernice Pearson	

DEACON OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY
Brad Young (571) 332-5004

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