

My Church Family,

This is not a typical Pastor'-Note, but rather follow-up to our yearly Church Business Meeting this past Sunday.

- We reelected Deacon Richard Mayes to the Board of Deacons, and we elected Church Arndt, Jerry Lyman, Sarah Storey, and April Wilcox to the Church Board (Chuck, Jerry, and Sarah to two-year terms, and April to a one-year term). I am grateful for their willingness to serve and ask you to constantly uphold our church leaders in prayer.
- We adopted a 2025 budget (you can pick up a copy in the church foyer). We had some considerable discussion because we have run a deficit in 2024 and need to make financial adjustments. The adopted budget represents the preferred 2025 budget. I also handed out two alternative budgets so everyone could see what making different cuts looks like.

We will make every effort to not run a deficit in 2025. It is important to not confuse deficit and debt. Our church is not in debt, we covered this year's shortfall from the church's saving.

Church finances are always an adventure of faith because they completely rely on the tithes and offerings of the church members. The financial stability of our church is tied to your faithful and consistent giving and to reaching more people.

- Finally, I shared that the time has come for our church to pray and actively look for the next pastor. Knowing that Susie and I would not be here forever I began praying for

wisdom and direction on this last year. In the April of this year our Church Bible Reading Plan had us in the book of Deuteronomy, and there I read, **“The LORD our God spoke to us at Horeb, saying, 'You have stayed long enough at this mountain'”** Deuteronomy 1:6 (NASB). At this point Moses is in his fortieth year of leading Israel, and the next generation now needs to move. Moses, however, is not the leader for this, Joshua is. So, please pray with me for a Joshua, the next leader/pastor of our church.

Following this clear word to me, I asked God to help me flesh this out in practical terms because transitions need to be handled well. Beginning in January, we will form a pastoral search committee to lead the search and transition. I will remain at my post as pastor during that time, but not past May 16, 2026. However, my prayer is that God will bless us with the next Pastor long before that date, please join me in this.

I have already heard several rumors on why I am retiring from being your pastor. It is not because I am upset about something, nor is it because of our finances, or some other negative reason. It is simply because I got a clear word from God and a sense that our church needs a fresh and younger leader to thrive and do the work God has for us as a church.

To God be all glory. Merry Christmas. And, I love you, your Pastor



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

A special prayer request for the Criswell family for the passing of Jerry,
Bob Clayton, Philip Law, Bud Guyton, Deanna (recovering from a stroke), Claire Wendel (pneumonia), for our Country,
Our community, Our Church, Our Families,
and those dealing with addiction(s).

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray,
Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin,
John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker,
Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,
Christopher Sula, Dylan Briggs

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and/or e-mail **Judy Mahar** at ldpbcprayer@gmail.com with your prayer requests.

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor , Richard Mayes - Head Deacon ,
Sue Kluding, Gabi Cox, Chuck Arndt, Barb Deibler

Christmas Schedule



Christmas Baskets -

Saturday, December 21st
LDPBC Food Ministry
(9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.)

Sign up at the Food Ministry during regular hours of operation

Christmas Caroling -

Saturday, December 21st
(Meet at the Church at 4:30 P.M.)

Candlelight Communion Service

Tuesday, December 24th (6:00 P.M.)

Christmas Worship Service

Wednesday, December 25th (10:00 A.M.)

November Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesday @ 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages @ 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday 9-11 AM
- Women's Ministry - Wednesday @ 10:00AM

BUNCO – Monday, January 6th @ 11:30 am

Fellowship Refreshments were provided by:
“Han's Class & Youth”

Thank you

Next week “Bart's Class” is up!!

2024 Ballot Results

(terms will begin in January)

- Chuck Arndt (2 year term)
- Sarah Storey (2 year term)
- Jerry Lyman (2 year term)
- April Wilcox (1 year term)

Deacon Board

- Richard

Giving
December 1, 2024

Offering:
\$5037.00

Facilities:
\$105.00

Food:
\$130.00

Missions:
50.00

Lottie Moon:
\$339.00

World Hunger:
\$124.00

Attendance:
82

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM

Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

Saturday: Youth Hang-Out 6-9 PM

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Be Saved
Acts 4:12

Sunday Services 10:30am & 6:00pm
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Yearly Bible Reading Plan - 2024
December 9th - December 15th



DAY 1 - 1 Chron. 27-29
(Proverbs 9)

DAY 2 - 2 Chron. 1-2
(Proverbs 10)

DAY 3 - 2 Chron. 3-4
(Proverbs 11)

DAY 4 - 2 Chron. 5-6
(Proverbs 12)

DAY 5 - 2 Chron. 7-9
(Proverbs 13)

DAY 6 - (Proverbs 14)
DAY 7 - (Proverbs 15)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.