

**MANGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER**  
Rick Aultman—Pastor



FROM THE PASTOR

As we look forward to the upcoming new year, we should heed the advice from God's Word: "Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit --- yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." (James 4:13-15)

The Lord knows that we are prone to focus on our own plans and reminds us in the previous scripture that we should be focused on the Lord's leadership. There is nothing wrong with having goals or ambitious desires, but we should let God guide us. God wants us to be in a relationship with Him; that's why Jesus came and died. When we live without God's direction and blessing we weaken our fellowship with Him. When we seek God's will for us and strive to do His will, our relationship with Him is made stronger. That is why the Lord is so adamant that when we look to the days ahead, we seek His leadership. It is all about the relationship.

Believing and Belonging, Bro Rick

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Prayers for a safe and happy New Year.

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There will be a Newlywed / Chili Cook-off on New Year's Eve beginning at 6:00 pm. This is a youth fund raiser. Please join us and support our youth. \*\*\*\*\*

Women's Bible Study beginning in January will be "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer. \*\*\*\*\*

Be sure to pick up the January Birthday calendar in the foyer. \*\*\*\*\*



January 7th – Charline Odom – Lynne Allen  
 January 14<sup>th</sup> - Jessica McKay – April McClure  
 January 21<sup>st</sup> – Melissa Duckworth – Elizabeth Butler  
 January 28th – Rachel Gandy – T.J. Thompson



January 7th – T.J. Thompson – Jessie Cater - Erica  
 Graham  
 January 14th – Sarah Parrish – Malena Orr – ShyAnn  
 Carnice  
 January 21<sup>st</sup> - Jean Aultman - Danielle Roshto -  
 Shirley McQueen  
 January 28th – Sonya Arendar – Mona Chisholm

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**IN GOD WE TRUST**

**ONE NIGHT: Student Worship Event**

On Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, our students will take part in an area-wide student worship event at FBC, Monroe. The youth group will leave MBC at 5:00 pm, eat supper and continue on to hear “The Good Time Band”. Each student should bring \$10.00.

GLOW will begin again on January 10<sup>th</sup> for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. We will meet from 5:45 pm to 7:00 pm on Wednesday nights.

**Samaritan’s Purse**

Items needed for next year are small toys: rubber balls, stuffed animals, Hot Wheels, etc. and hair brushes and combs. Please no war related items or liquids.

**Care & Share**

Items needed for January are dry beans: Great northern, black-eyed peas, navy, pinto and butter beans, along with peanut butter.

**Care Groups**

This is just a reminder to our Care Group leaders to contact your families for the purpose of finding out ways that we, as a church family, can minister to them.

There are cookbooks still available. See Rachel Gandy or Sherry Calhoun to purchase one. Cost is \$15.00