# MANGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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# January 2024

Happy New Year!! This is the time of year when many people will resolve to be a better person, improve themselves, or just personally grow in some way. I would like to make a couple of suggestions. Make time to do the following: 1) Spend time with God, 2) Spend time in God's Word, 3) Spend time with God's people, and 4) Spend time doing God's work. Over the next four months, I would like to discuss each of these "improvements" in more detail. This month, we think about spending more time with God.

God designed us and, as our creator, knows best how we should function to optimize our lives. Spending time with our creator is a step toward living our best life. Jesus set an example of prioritizing time alone with God. Let's face it, if Jesus felt like he needed to spend time with God, then how much more do we as fallen creatures need to do likewise? As we spend time with God and learn how to live our best lives, we will see that our relationships with others will be improved. We are relational beings, and spending time with God grows us in our ability to relate. As we spend time with God, we understand better who we are in Christ and thus relate better to ourselves. So, endeavor to spend more time with God and experience better relations with God, others, and yourself.

Next month, we will look at the importance of spending time in God's Word. Believing and Belonging, Bro Rick

#### **Quarterly Business Fellowship**

We will hold our quarterly business meeting and fellowship on January 28 at 6 PM. We will begin with a fellowship and refreshments followed by our quarterly business meeting. We are asking everyone to bring snacks, finger foods, and desserts for the fellowship.

## **Evangelism Conference**

This year's Evangelism Conference is in Ruston, LA, and will be hosted at Temple Baptist Church on January 22-23. If you are interested in going, please contact Bro. Rick.

## **Connected Groups**

Our Connected Groups will meet on Sunday evening, January 21, in our host homes.

### **Family Altar Night**

Our Family Altar night will be on Sunday evening, January 14. Worship guides will be in the sanctuary foyer.

### **Ladies Game Night**

We will have Ladies' Game Night on January 8 at 6:00 PM.

#### **Birthday Calendars**

Birthday calendars are available in the foyer. We honor our senior saints over seventy in January: Jan Butler, Elaine McKay, and Nanella Talley.

## Men's Chili Cook-Off

The Men will have a Chili Cook-Off on the evening of January 13. Our guest speaker will be Brother Buster Duplissey. All men are invited.

#### **Deacon & Staff Dinner**

Deacon, Staff, and Spouses' Dinner February 10 at 6:00 PM.

#### CentriKid Camp

The CentriKid Camp is July 5 – July 9, 2024. Please see Melissa Duckworth to sign up by February 1.

#### **Care & Share January**

Dry beans: Black eye peas, Great Northern, Navy, Pinto, and Butter Beans.

#### **Operation Christmas Child January**

Washcloths & Soap (Preferably Ivory Soap)



## **January**

January 7 – Rachel Gandy– Hope Hawthorne January 14 – Ann Church – Tracy Hoggatt January 21 – T. J. Thompson – Charline Odom January 28 – Ashley White – Ainsley Miller **February** 

February 4 – Mary Hoggatt – Savannah Hipp February 11 – Judy Gilley – Jeannie Deere February 18 – Rachel Gandy – Hope Hawthorne February 25 – Ann Church – Tracy Hoggatt



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