

MANGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER
Rick Aultman—Pastor



January 2025

I want to begin the new year with a thought from one of my favorite devotionals. This is an awesome commentary on our yesterday, today, and tomorrow from Oswald Chambers.

The God of Israel will be your rear guard. — [Isaiah 52:12](#)

Security from Yesterday. “God requireth that which is past.” At the end of the year, we turn with eagerness to all God has for the future, and yet anxiety is apt to arise from remembering the yesterdays. Our present enjoyment of God’s grace is apt to be checked by the memory of yesterday’s sins and blunders. But God is the God of our yesterdays, and He allows the memory of them to turn the past into a ministry of spiritual culture for the future. God reminds us of the past lest we get into a shallow security in the present.

Security for Tomorrow. “For the Lord will go before you.” This is a gracious revelation, that God will garrison where we have failed to. He will watch lest things trip us up again like failure, as they would do if He were not our reward. God’s hand reaches back to the past and makes a clearinghouse for conscience.

Security for Today. “For ye shall not go out with haste.” As we go forth into the coming year, let it not be in the haste of impetuous, unremembering delight, nor with the flight of impulsive thoughtlessness, but with the patient power of knowing that the God of Israel will go before us. Our yesterdays present irreparable things to us; we have indeed lost opportunities that will never return, but God can transform this destructive anxiety into constructive thoughtfulness for the future. Let the past sleep, but let it sleep on the bosom of Christ.

Leave the Irreparable Past in His hands, and step out into the Irresistible Future with Him.

Believing and Belonging, Bro Rick

Ministry Opportunities:

Don't forget:

1. Get your tickets now for the Dry Bones Men's Conference on Feb.7-8
2. Sign up for Men's or Women's Retreat

Family Altar

Our family altar night will be on January 5th. Worship guides will be in the church foyer.

Ladies Game Night

Ladies' game night will be on Monday, January 6th
at 6:00 PM.

Newsletter

The MBC Newsletter is available by mail or email on request.

Birthday Calendars

January Birthday Calendars are available in the foyer. We honor our Senior Saints over seventy:
Jan Butler, Mona Chisholm, Elaine McKay, Peggy Wood.

CentriKid Camp

The CentriKid Camp 2025 will be held June 16-20. Please see Melissa Duckworth is to register by **January 31st**. A deposit of \$75.00 is due at registration.

Care & Share January:

Peanut butter, Dry Beans: Black Eye Peas, Great Northern, Navy, Pinto, Butter Beans.

Shoebox January:

Remember that after-Christmas shopping is the perfect time to pick up discounted items for the Shoebox Ministry.

Sunday School

Join us at 9:30 AM each week for Sunday School. Going to Sunday School builds a sense of community and teaches important Bible lessons; it helps strengthen faith, develop good character, and support spiritual growth. If you have any questions about the groups, contact Scott McKay at (318) 355-5139.

Ladies Ministry

Beginning January 1 at 5 PM, the ladies will start The Bible Recap; you can see Jessica McKay or Tracy Hoggatt for more information.

Dip Into the New Year

January 10 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Ladies and girls of all ages, come join us for a fun-filled night of :

Food (Bring your favorite dip), Games, Prizes, Craft (making bracelets). Prizes will be given for the tastiest dips. To sign up, please use the QR code below or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer.



Deacon & Staff Dinner

Deacon and Staff dinner is set for February 1st in the Family Life Center at 6 PM.

Flowers for Sanctuary

Anyone who would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for services, please contact Alicia at (318) 366-9287 to add your name to the calendar.



January

January 5 – Charline Odom – Annabelle McKay

January 12 – April Hardie – Abigail – Emmalyn

January 19 – Leigh Anne Murry – Sharon Smith

January 26 – Mary Hoggatt – Savannah Hipp

February

February 2 – Charline Odom – Jeannie Deere

February 9 – Rachel Gandy – Sandy Lowentritt

February 16 – Hope Hawthorne – Tiffany Nobles

February 23 – Ashley White – Ainsley Miller



January

January 5 – Erica Graham – Mary Hoggatt

January 12 – Melissa Duckworth – Maria McDonald

January 19 – Andrea Spruell – Mackenzie Burns

January 26 – Sandy Lowentritt – Jeanie Deere

February

February 2 – Sonya Arender – Mona Chisholm – Ann Payne

February 9 – Ainsley Miller – Nikki Duncan

February 16 – Susan Morgan – Grant & Audrey Middleton

February 23 – Erica Graham – Mary Hoggatt

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