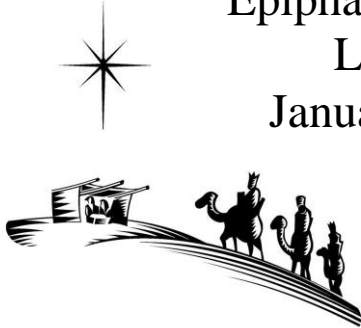


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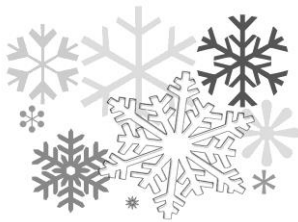
Epiphany of the
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January 6th



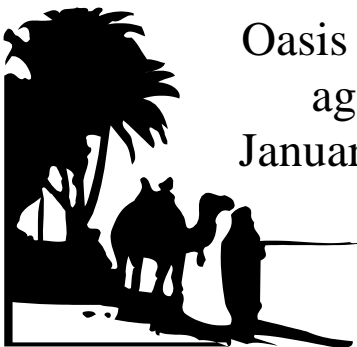
Session
Meeting
January 10th



Guest Speaker:
for January 3, 10, 17, 24,
and 31 will be
Pastor Andria Helm.



Oasis begins
again
January 13th!



Please watch
the bulletins
for
announcement
of our annual
meeting.

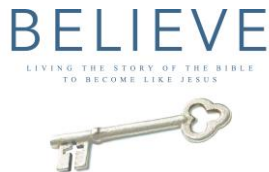


Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield

Join us for Sunday School!!

Adult Sunday School
meets on Sunday
mornings starting at
9:00AM. We are using a
study titled: "Believe."



This video based
curriculum covers the basic beliefs of the
Christian faith. It is written for new as well as
"old" believers. We are spending two weeks on
each lesson. Books and study guides are
available. Please join us!

Oasis



Oasis will begin on
January 13th after taking a
break over Christmas.
The Christmas Celebration
on December 9th was a
great time with more than
100 children, parents, and

leaders in attendance. We sang carols, were
entertained by the children, and decorated
cookies. Ten 4th graders were given Bibles.

Oasis leaders will be having a planning meeting
January 6th at 7PM. Upcoming events will
include our annual bowling party in February.
You are welcome at any time to come and join
us on a Wednesday evening.

Thank you to all who continue to lead, serve,
donate and pray, making our Oasis ministry
possible. A new sign-up sheet for preparing
meals is on the counter in the fellowship room.

January Library Corner

by Laraine MacLauchlan



Library circulation has been
wonderful - the children really
enjoy borrowing DVD's and
books to take home and most of
the time bring them back! We
have circulated over 50 items

between November and December. Hopefully
all of them will come back to the library! We're
also hoping in the new year to get the library

better organized so that young children,
preteens, and teens can more easily find the
books and DVD's they like to read and watch.
Yay!

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop

We will not meet until March,
but we will need volunteers for
the Thrift Shop each month and
the Food Pantry in February.



Thrift Shop Schedule for January

Sat. Jan. 9.....Donna Sholty..... Cashier
Sat. Jan. 16.....Jane Kearns.....Sort & Mark
Sat. Jan. 23.....Donna Sholty..... Tags

Food Pantry for January

Monday, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29.
Friday, Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26

Both men and women are encouraged to
volunteer. The Food Pantry is being heavily
used and is an important mission right here in
Flora. Hours are 9:45AM to 12:00PM.

Worship Committee

by Terry Langston

Our speaker for the month of January will be
Pastor Andria Helm.

We are still in need of Lay
leaders. If you have any
questions regarding this,
please talk to me. It is so
helpful to have volunteers for
this part of worship.



Year-End contribution statements are available.
If you have not received a statement and are in
need. Please contact me.

Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower

Next Session meeting is January 10th, 2016.

Stewardship/Mission

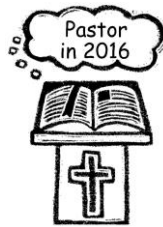
by Joe Mayfield

So... 2015 is behind us! It seems like a blur unless we slow down a second and reflect. For the stewardship and missions committee, we were ever thankful of the congregations faithful giving. The list of giving for mission projects is a long one. The food pantry, the new and improved thrift shop, oasis, the care fund, money for summer camp, One Great Hour of Sharing, the Joy Offering and our quarterly giving to our Presbytery. Just by looking around our community and seeing the needs each of us knows in our hearts that the need is great. We don't have to do everything, but as Christians we have to do something. Be praying we can make a difference in 2016 too.

Pray also we can get our new full time pastor in 2016.

Thank you again for your faithful giving. I know God wants us to stay committed to our ministering to our church family, our community, and the world.

May your 2016 be blessed as you bless others.



Seeking the best

I believe that appreciation is a holy thing — that when we look for what's best in a person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does all the time. So in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something sacred.

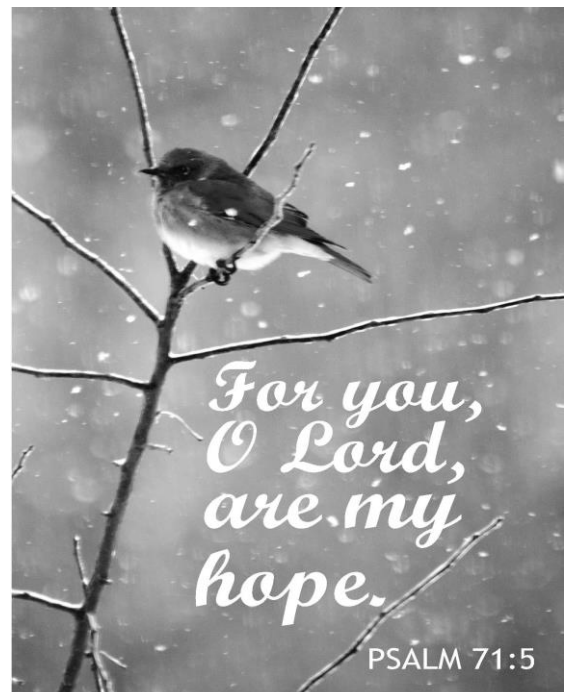
—Fred Rogers

Feed my sheep

When Katie Davis traveled to Uganda in 2006 to do missions work during her senior year of high school, she didn't expect to fall in love with the people and culture. She also didn't expect to return after graduation — or to adopt 13 orphans within a few years.

Davis, who details her adventures in *Kisses From Katie* (Howard Books), helps bring food, medical care, education and Jesus' love to hundreds of children while raising her 13 daughters. Yet she insists she's not particularly brave or strong. "I'm just doing what God called me to do as a follower of him," Davis says. "Feed his sheep, do unto the least of his people."

Although she's been exposed to diseases and deplorable conditions in Uganda, Davis willingly accepts the risks. "I'm much more terrified of living a comfortable life in a self-serving society and failing to follow Jesus than I am of any illness or tragedy," she writes. "I have yet to find where [Jesus] warned us to be safe."



Get ready for Epiphany

Many Christian denominations celebrate Epiphany each year on or near January 6. “Epiphany,” which means “showing forth,” celebrates the visit of the magi, or wise men, to the baby Jesus. These men, also known as kings, saw the star that led them to Bethlehem.



The fact that these wise men were Gentiles, not Jews, teaches us an important theological lesson: Their search for the Savior shows that Jesus came for all people.

In 1875, Philip Bliss wrote the hymn “The Light of the World Is Jesus.” The first stanza captures the meaning of Epiphany, a season of light:

The whole world was lost
In the darkness of sin,
The Light of the world is Jesus!
Like sunshine at noonday,
His glory shone in.
The Light of the world is Jesus!



A prayer for the new year

Eternal God, thank you for bringing us once again to the threshold of a new year. Help us dedicate each day of 2010 to following your will for our lives. Guide us, Lord, in all our decisions and actions, day by day and hour by hour. Help us accomplish all that you desire for us to do, until our mission on earth is finished. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

WELCOME 2016 !

A winning pattern for the New Year

Some anonymous wise person penned the following directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:


“You will never be sorry — for thinking before acting, for hearing before judging, for forgiving your enemies, for being candid and frank, for helping a fallen brother, for being honest in business, for thinking before speaking, for being loyal to God and the church, for standing by your principles, for refusing to participate in gossip, for holding your words when tempted to demean another, for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts, for sympathizing with the afflicted, for being courteous and kind to all.”

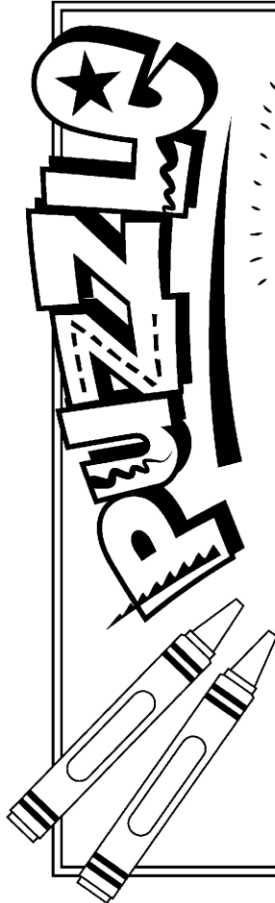
Choir Practice 9:30; Worship 10:15; Sunday School as announced

B=Birthday N=Nursery SR=Scripture Readers U=Ushers

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January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 	2
3 9AM Adult Sunday School N=TBA SR=Martha Clark SR=Joe Moss U=Kevin & Martha Clark	4	5	6 Epiphany of the Lord B=Kathy King	7	8 B=Mary Ann Banning	9
10 Baptism of the Lord 9AM Adult Sunday School N= TBA SR=Terry Langston SR=Mark Good U=Kevin & Martha Clark	11	12 B=Brenton Lee Jackson	13 Oasis Begins! 6:00PM	14	15	16
17 9AM Adult Sunday School N= TBA SR=Barbara Wilkinson SR=Susan Hollis U=Bob & Ann Brown	18	19	20 B=Jane Bishop 6:00PM Oasis	21	22	23 B=Terry Langston
24 9AM Adult Sunday School N= TBA SR=Laurie Brower SR=Gerry Hollis U=Bob & Ann Brown	25	26	27 6:00PM Oasis	28	29	30
31 9AM Adult Sunday School N= TBA SR=Sally Schmidt SR=Laurie Brower U=Terry Langston, Marlene Smith	<i>Feb 1</i>	<i>Feb 2</i>	<i>Feb 3</i> B=Lola Snavelly 6:00PM Oasis	<i>Feb 4</i> B=Reagan Catron	<i>Feb 5</i>	<i>Feb 6</i> B=Laraine MacLauchlan B=Joe Moss




PUZZLE

LET THERE BE LIGHT

In a world of darkness, God guides us so we can walk in his ways.


Directions: Write the name of each picture, subtracting and adding letters as indicated. Then fill in the blanks to complete 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV.

Y O U , A R E




-SW + L


-E-E + M




-ST + L




-B-A + L




-CH + T + S




D +



- T + S



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2 SAMUEL 22:29, NIV

Answer: "You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light." 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV

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