

GOSPEL NOTES

Retirement Homes Ministry

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News, updates, and encouragements for the church family at **BLACK JACK O.F.W.B.**



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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A new year is now upon us, it is a new year that looks bright and full of promise. Our staff of James Wiggins, Tam-mie Everett, and myself look forward to serving our church and our Lord in the coming year of 2018. I encourage you to pray daily for the ministry of Black Jack Church. We must always remember to thank the Lord for His hand in our church and our lives. All the credit goes to Him and Him only.

This year the opportunities will be here but the responsibility for each one of us will be to accept these chances to serve our Lord and commit our time, talents, and our tithes to the cause of Christ and the promotion of His work through our church. To each volunteer and each member of our church I want to say thank you for your hard work, time, and money given to this ministry. But we cannot be happy with the past, the future demands we keep our eyes on the Lord and stay within His will for our lives. My prayer for this church and for each member is that God's will be done and accepted in each one's heart, including my own. The verse of scripture that I place in every one of my pastor's notes is I Corinthians 5:17 and it reads like this: "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creation, old things are passed away, behold all things are made new." That verse summarizes my thoughts for January 2018. With Christ we can become new, whether that is for a new believer or a Christian of 70 years, with Christ the old is made new. May He be made new in your heart today.

*In His Service,
Phillip*

P.S. May I say thank you to all individuals and groups who remembered my family and I during the holiday season. Your gifts were greatly appreciated.

Add To Your Prayer List

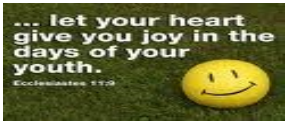
Mike Clark	Betty Watson
Morris Elks	Leon Hardee
Evelyn Evans	Geraldine Smith
Jean Evans	
Roy & Lois Gray	
Marie McLawhorn	
Mildred Paramore	
Doris Jean Hudson	
Kathy Riggs	

Quarterly Business Meeting!




There will be a business meeting Jan.31st @ 7:00 pm. Please make every effort to be here.

Date	Offerings	SS	MW	EW
12/3	\$8,959.42	147	159	-
12/10	\$3,387.62	143	218	-
12/17	\$5,141.36	170	170	-
12/24	\$23,979.04	131	201	-
12/31	\$4,835.00	120	168	-
TO-TAL	\$46,302.44	711	916	-
Avg.	\$9,260.49	142	183	-



<p>General Funds Received, Tithes & Offerings for month of December 2017 \$46,302.44 General Funds Received Church Fiscal Year-to-Date: \$201,655.39</p>

 Bible Readings for the Month	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17. Psalms 18-20 18. Job 13-14 19. Isaiah 34-39 20. Matthew 17-19 21. Romans 13-14 22. Genesis 28-31 23. Judges 12-16 24. Psalms 21-23 25. Job 15-16 26. Isaiah 40-44 27. Matthew 20-22 28. Romans 15-16 29. Genesis 32-35 30. Judges 17-21 31. Psalms 24-26
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Youth News

Happy New Year! I hope everyone managed to have a wonderful holiday season. 2018 will be the start of something new for Black Jack OFWB, but at the same time something familiar. Children's Church will be transitioning to an hour service. This is exciting as it allows specialized attention to the future of our church. Instead of a rushed 30 minutes, that involves interrupting the flow of the Adult service as the children wait for a message that is relevant to their situation, we will have an hour that allows us to give that age group the attention it requires. With this exciting new service also comes some hurdles. We are going to require volunteers now more than ever as the new structure is designed similarly to bible school with multiple stations. So, send us your prayers as well as your participation as we invest in our children.

Blessings,
 James Wiggins

Calendar of Church Events

Monday, Jan. 1		
Tuesday, Jan. 2	Woman's Auxiliary	6:30pm
Wednesday, Jan. 3	Bible Study / Wed. night Discovery / Youth Deacon's Meeting	7:00pm 8:00pm
Sunday, Jan. 7	Sunday School Morning Worship / Splash Adult Choir Practice Evening Worship	9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm
Wednesday, Jan. 10	Bible Study / Wed. night Discovery / Youth General Board Meeting	7:00pm 8:00pm
Thursday, Jan. 11	Golden Group Meeting	11:30am
Sunday, Jan. 14	Sunday School Morning Worship / Splash Adult Choir Practice Bible Study	9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm
Wednesday, Jan. 17	Bible Study / Wed. night Discovery / Youth	7:00pm
Thursday, Jan. 18	Circle of Faith	6:30pm
Sunday, Jan. 21	Sunday School Morning Worship / Splash Adult Choir Practice Evening Worship	9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm
Wednesday, Jan. 24	Bible Study/ Wed. night Discovery/ Youth	7:00pm
Sunday, Jan. 28	Sunday School Morning Worship / Splash Adult Choir Practice Bible Study	9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm
Monday, Jan. 29	Laymen's League Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Quarterly Business Meeting	7:00pm

Birthdays & Annivesaries

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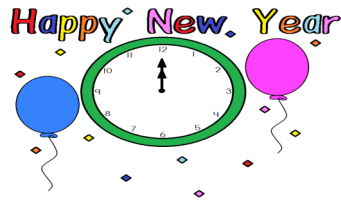
BIRTHDAYS

Jan 1 Kendall Daniels
Jan 2 Eddie Simpkins
Jan 3 Sue Stox
Jan 4 Jenna Dinkins
Jan 5 Allison Mills
Steven Stox
Jan 6 Dillon Taylor
Jan 7 Regan Sims
Jan 9 Paul Pierce
Jan 10 Bryan Evans
Jan 11 Carmen Ackerman
Jan 12 Fran Bland
Jan 14 Chris Corey
Jack Dixon
Jan 16 Heather Gray
Jan 17 Chad Clark
Jan 20 John Kite Sr.
Brian Malvin
Jan 21 Anne Rolfhs
Jan 23 Amber Greer

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 25 John Williams
Jan 26 Geri Simpkins
Jan 31 Lamur Buck
Carolyn Gaskins

Jan 6 Brian & Jessica Malvin



A New Year's Prayer

Our Father, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future. We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us - but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year. We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them. As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us, far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year. So, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.