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Zion Memorial

Bollinger’s Chapel

The Shepherd

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**January 2024**

**PAST0R’S NOTES**

**A Journey’s End**

By the time you receive our first newsletter of the new year, I will have announced my resignation for the Bollinger’s Chapel and Zion Memorial Charge. The past four years have been some of our most treasured. God led us here and, in that time, we have shared some of our most memorial ministries. We have added a prayer room to our churches, a remodeled fellowship hall for Bollinger, we had updated our technology, we increased our monthly visitation, we added a library at Zion and have added the ministry of our newsletter which I pray will continue. In addition, we have added ten new members to our church roles. This decision was not an easy one to make, but this past year cancer has taken its toll on our emotional and mental faculties, but never our faith. It has reminded us how fragile life is and I have promised Doris we will finally take some time for ourselves. You have touched our lives in such special ways, and we have shared times of laughter and some with tears. We pray for your continued growth not only in numbers but most of all in your faith journey. We will continue to serve as your ministerial team until June 30th which will be our last Sunday. We love you all dearly and will always remember those sacred times that we have shared.

In His Service,

Stephen R. Pickard, Ed. D, CLM

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Dear Church Family,

Steve and I want to thank you all for your generosity this Christmas. We have enjoyed the cakes, candies, all your gifts and have been richly blessed by your cards and letters.

This past year has been a struggle for Steve & I as we dealt with all my treatments for breast cancer. I’m blessed to say that as of right now I am cancer free and doing well. I just need to get my taste buds back, so I feel more like eating again and gaining a few pounds, so my doctors and Steve won’t be so concerned about my weight. This successful outcome, I contribute to our Lord and all of you. Thank you so much for your support and prayers. We love you and we have been blessed by you. 2024, here we come. It’s going to be a great year for all of us.

Love you all,

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**January Birthdays**  **January Anniversaries**

**5th - Jerry Saunders 18th – Dale & Rachael Cozort**

**15th – Clara Hunt**

**17th – Steve Pickard**

**28th - Alaina Alexander**

**30th - Johanna Gilliland**

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**Prayer Requests**

**Always pray for all members of both Bollinger’s Chapel and Zion Memorial with extra prayers for:**

**Bollinger’s Chapel**

**Ann Barus**

**Elaine Phillips & McEntyre Family**

**Bruce Weaver**

**Danny & Regina Alexander**

**Francis Shull,**

**Steve & Doris Pickard**

**Mary Gordan**

**Betty Brown**

**Bob & Ella Mae Benton**

**Keith Bishop**

**Junie Barrett**

**Herman Messer**

**Bill King**

**Jordan Ferrell**

**Brandy Garrison**

**Charlene Hutson**

**Dolly Maltba**

**Annie Mae Whisnant**

**Lora Hutson**

**Carolyn Eller**

**Brenda Lavender**

**Emma & Alaina Alexander**

**Melba Carroll**

**Wanda Reep**

**Robbin Cotter**

**Gary Joy**

**Tina Neal**

**Gail Pennell**

**Don Hunt**

**Lisa Hoyle**

**Imogene Keaton**

**Johnny Lowman**

**Angie Price**

**Linda Deal**

**Linda Helms**

**Cathy Marshall**

**Childers Family**

**Leigh Ann Gantt**

**Mary Jane & Willliam Lee**

**Zion Memorial**

**Jerry & Maxine Propst**

**George & Terry Davenelos**

**Steve & Doris Pickard**

**Gene Turnmire**

**Jennifer Abee**

**Glendora Edwards**

**Bill Berry**

**Reba Clontz**

**Wilson Sherrill**

**Joyce Cable**

**Krissa Bollick and Noah**

**Crystal Planton**

**Don Hunt**

**Reba Pritchard**

**Keith Palmer**

**Stella Shuping**

**Sundae Bowzer**

**Ella Reece**

**Dale Cozort**

**Peggy Standefer**

**John & Lynn Sietz**

**Virginia Franklin**

**Laura Jarrett**

**Barabara, David DeVries**

**Freida Yates**

**Preston Lang**

**Gary Grigg**

**Childers Family**

**Carol Abee**

**Tina Baker**

**Daphane Mozley**

\*\*\* Pray for our Nation and all branches of our military, police, firemen, medical personnel and all other essential workers, victims of the wars around the world.

\*\*\*Please turn in to Doris Pickard any Newsletter announcements of upcoming events and all other items you which to have placed in the newsletter by the 3rd Sunday of each month. Please call my cell if you have someone that needs to be added to or removed from the prayer list. Thank you, Doris

**Church office hours are on Fridays.**



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**Each month that has 5 Fridays, the Pastor will not be in the office on one of the**

**Fridays during that moth.**

Zion, Fridays - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Church phone # 828/437-3444

Bollinger’s, Fridays – 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM & til meals are delivered.

Church phone # 828/368-0410

You can reach Steve Pickard by phone on or by email: psstppckrd@aol.com his cell # 828/244-2845 or

Doris Pickard at 828/234-9661, email: [drlgood@aol.com](mailto:drlgood@aol.com)

**Bollinger’s Chapel Announcements**

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Description automatically generatedMeals on wheels continue to be served on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Meal preparation will begin around 1 PM. Please contact Jean Childers (828/448-1273) if you wish to help by serving or make**

**donations, and if you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a meal. Please let us know any meals suggestions you may have.**

**Meals on Wheels Menu for January 2024**

**January 12th – Pintos and Cornbread, slaw, pizza bites & a desert**

**January 26th – Soup crackers, grilled cheese or pimento, fruit or a desert**

* **Meals on Wheels food preparation starts at about 1:30 pm in the fellowship hall kitchen**

**on 2nd & 4th Fridays.**

* **Pregnancy Care Center – Bollinger’s will once again start collecting items for children 1 month**

**to 2 years old to donate to the Pregnancy Center. Bring your items and place in a box located**

**in the Narthex.**

* **Food donations can be placed in the narthex.**
* **Please check Bollinger’s Chapel UMC, Facebook page. We are now**

**live-streaming Sunday Worship. Please call a Church member or us and let us know you**

**watch our service what you think and that you have listened to the service.**

**December Facebook - Sermon views = 119**

**Zion Memorial’s Announcements**



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* **Bring non-perishable food items for B.U.C.M.**
* **Collecting Cleaning Supplies for the Homeless shelters.**
* **Website has been updated**

[**www.zionmemorialmorganton.org**](http://www.zionmemorialmorganton.org)

**Please visit our website and click the link**

**or visit our livestream on Facebook**

**and Watch Sunday’s Worship Service.**

**You can Search Facebook for**

**Jerry Propst and a, Picture of Zion**

**Memorial. Then, at 11 AM on Sunday mornings and watch the service live.**

**Then call the church or leave a comment on Facebook or our webpage saying that you**

**listened to the service and your name, and you’ll be added to that Sunday’s attendance. Services link will be added by noon on Mondays or Sunday evenings, barring no technical**

**issues to the website. Newsletters containing announcements can also be visited on the**

**site as well. Hope you enjoy. We would appreciate your feedback.**

**December Facebook Sermon views = 103**

**Facebook Total for both churches = 222**

A crossword puzzle with many words

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# January Puzzle

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Happy New Year

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Brush away old heartaches.  
Learn from our mistakes.  
Another year is finally over.  
A new dawn awakes.  
  
Let the old year out.  
Welcome the new one in.  
Bury the bad things of the past  
As a new year now begins.  
  
Make your New Year wishes  
As simple as you can.  
Pray for peace and love,  
Not for wealth or fame.  
  
Pray for health and happiness.  
Pray for your fellow man.  
Pray for all the ones you love.  
Pray for those who've lost their way.  
  
As the midnight hour chimes,  
We leave the old and embrace the new.  
I wish the things you wish for yourself,  
And may God’s love stay with you.