

**STATESVILLE AVENUE**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA**  
**3435 NEVIN ROAD**  
**CHARLOTTE, N. C. 28269**  
**January 4, 2023**



*"Your life does not get better by chance; it gets better by change."*

*Jim Rohn*

**-Pastor Gary C. Blackmon** delivered our Sunday, November 27, 2022, message entitled "**Are You Prepared?**" and chose scripture readings "**OT: Isaiah 2:1-5**" read by **Melanie Spears-Thomas** and "**NT: Romans 13:11-14**" read by **Harriett Davis**. **Cameron Alford** was **Liturgist**, **Jackie Wall** **Deacon on Duty**, **Harriett Davis**, **Acolyte**, and **Mr. Rogers** inspired us with his singing, **organ** and **piano** talents.

**-December 4, 2022**, Pastor Blackmon's message was entitled "**Love**" and chose scripture readings "**OT: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**" read by Grace Solomon and "**NT: Matthew 3:1-12**" read by Rosanna Cureton-Jones. **Barbara Carr** was **Liturgist**, **Laura Wallace** was **Deacon on Duty**, **Lance Wallace** was **Acolyte**, and of course, **Mr. Rogers** treated us to a wonderful organ and piano message.

**-December 11, 2022**, Pastor Blackmon's message was entitled "**Are You Prepared?**" and chose scripture readings "**OT: Isaiah 2:1-5**" read by **Melanie Spears-Thomas** and "**NT: Romans 13:11-14**" read by **Harriett Davis**, **Lauren Wallace**, **Liturgist**, **Charles Sammons**, **Deacon on Duty**, and **Mr. Rogers** delighted us with his musical talents.

**-December 18, 2022**, Pastor Blackmon delivered our message entitled "**Who was Joseph**" and readings were delivered as follows, scripture "**OT: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**" read by **Barbara Carr** and "**NT: Romans:1:17-7**" read by **Virginia Spears**. **Camron Alford**, **Liturgist**, **Deacon on Duty**, **Jackie Wall**, and **Mr. Rogers** again displayed his musical skills on the piano, and organ.

**-December 25, 2022**, Pastor **Gary Blackmon** opened our **Sunday Service** with the message

entitled, **"A Service of Lessons and Carols"** followed by the following: **Our Combined Choir** sang traditional Christmas hymns, **Harriett Davis, Rosanna Cureton-Jones, Laura Wallace, Antigone Crawford, Fred Sanders, Sandra Staton and Christophe Williams** read **Christmas scriptures. Julia Butler** sang a solo entitled **"O Holy Night,"** which was beautiful! **Wilburn Sanders and Pastor Gary Blackmon** ended the service singing a duet entitled **"Amen."** Our **Deacons on Duty** were **Laura Wallace and Jackie Wall, Lance Wallace, Acolyte** and of course **Mr. Rogers** put his musical talents to use on the Piano and Organ.

### OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Blackmon's office hours are:  
 Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
 704-596-4550 - Office  
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***"Pastor Blackmon can be reached at any time by cell-phone."***

### Daily Scripture Readings for January January 2023

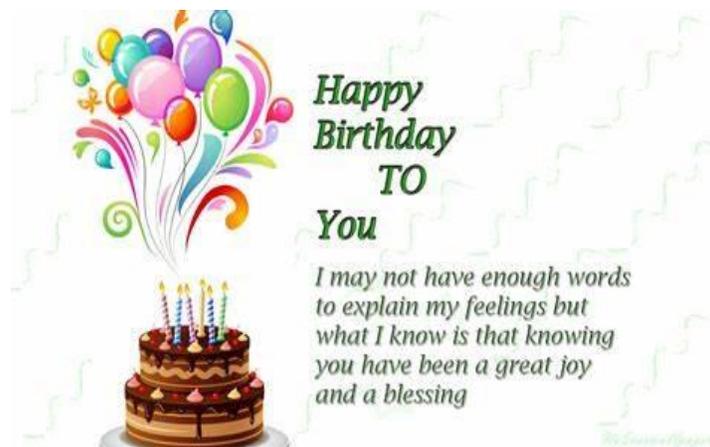
- \_\_\_1 Hebrews 1:1-14
- \_\_\_2 Hebrews 2:1-18
- \_\_\_3 Hebrews 3:1-19
- \_\_\_4 Hebrews 4:1-13
- \_\_\_5 Hebrews 4:14–5:10
- \_\_\_6 Matthew 2:1-12
- \_\_\_7 Matthew 2:13-23
- \_\_\_8 Matthew 3:1-17
- \_\_\_9 Matthew 8:1-17
- \_\_\_10 Matthew 8:18-34
- \_\_\_11 Matthew 9:1-17
- \_\_\_12 Matthew 9:18-38

- \_\_\_13 Matthew 10:1-15
- \_\_\_14 Matthew 10:16-31
- \_\_\_15 Matthew 10:32-42
- \_\_\_16 Matthew 11:1-19
- \_\_\_17 Matthew 11:20-30
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins**
- \_\_\_18 Matthew 16:1-12
- \_\_\_19 Matthew 16:13-28
- \_\_\_20 Matthew 17:1-23
- \_\_\_21 Matthew 18:1-14
- Ecumenical Sunday**
- \_\_\_22 Matthew 19:13-30
- \_\_\_23 Acts 3:1-26
- \_\_\_24 Acts 4:1-22
- \_\_\_25 Acts 4:23-37
- \_\_\_26 Acts 5:1-16
- \_\_\_27 Acts 5:17-42
- \_\_\_28 Acts 6:1-15
- \_\_\_29 Acts 7:1-22
- \_\_\_30 Acts 7:23-43
- \_\_\_31 Acts 7:44–8:3

### Loaves & Fishes

A Christmas Luncheon was held Thursday, December 22, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. An enjoyable Pre-Christmas celebration for all of the Loaves & Fishes Volunteers.

### BIRTHDAYS



### January

Thomas McClain	03
Otelia Erwin	06
Enya Flack	12

Ruebenna Flack	19
Dorothy Alford	28
Grace Solomon	29

## Deepest Sympathy

Continue keeping Jala McKenzie-Burns, Ken and Candace Wabibi families in your thoughts and prayers.



Chill, dude – it's just toys. It's not like you're delivering a vaccine or anything.

- Harriett Davis — Charlotte, NC 28269
- Elouise Ethridge - Twin Towers, 5343 Hamilton Ave., #2329, Cincinnati, OH 45224
- Retha Arnette - 21742 N 85th Dr, Peoria, AZ 85383
- Linnette Stinson — 10227 Park Willow Dr., Charlotte, NC 28210
- Alicia Roberts Gamble
- Loretta Gillespie/Linda
- Norva Morrison
- Jean Worsley
- Adrienne Orr
- Alice Porter
- Keith Faulkner

## Walking, Meditating, Riding Trail in our future?



**Know Your Bible** – Many different people wrote down the books of the Bible, but God is the real author. His Holy Spirit guided all the Bible writers. God used people to write the words, but He told each one what to say. - Crystal Bowman & Teri McKinley

Jesus came to earth to show us how much God loves us. He taught people how to love God and how to love each other. God used some of Jesus' followers to write about love in the Bible so we can learn about God's love too. **WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT LOVE?**

**What am I? I have a head and tail, but no arms and legs. What am I?**

1. What should we do because God loves us? (1 John 4:11)
  - a) Jump up and down
  - b) Shout "Amen!"
  - c) Love other people
  - d) Sit still and fold our hands
2. How long will God's love last? (Psalm 136:1)
  - a) As long as we obey Him
  - b) As long as we love Him
  - c) As long as we are good
  - d) Forever
3. Which of the following words describe what love is? (1 Corinthians 13:4)
  - a) Patient and kind
  - b) Nice and clean
  - c) Soft and warm
  - d) Sweet and sour

**NEWS, NEWS, NEWS**



*Got news to share, text your news or call the church office 704-596-4550 on Tuesday or Wednesday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. with your information.*

### **In The Kitchen – Woman's Day – Kitchen Tip**

**Crumble any leftover cake into fine crumbs and mix with buttercream frosting (1/4 cup frosting per 1 cup cake crumbs). Roll mixture into 1-in. balls, place on parchment-lined baking sheet, and refrigerate until firm, about 1 hr. Dip into melted chocolate or candy, melts and chill until set.**

**Tea – Make It A Ritual.** Try this trick to get a new habit to stick. Attach it to an existing one. If you usually grab a soda to power through your afternoon, explore unsweetened or low-sugar iced tea instead, or replace your second cup of joe with a stimulating mug of caffeinated tea.

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**YOU NEEDN'T REALLY BOTHER WITH THOSE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ANYMORE**



**Church family,** This message comes from Pastor Blackmon. On Sunday December 25, 2022, Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church was blessed by the wonderful voices of the choir that was put together for Christmas Service. "I am asking that we not let an opportunity like

this slip away. Therefore, I am asking for Voices to fill the choir stand. At the start we can do this once or twice a month. If you are interested, please contact me, Pastor Blackmon, or Mr. Rogers."

## "I AM" THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Protect the sheep before the enemy reaches them.



*Woman's Day* – Align your head and your heart – Om, no! Being out of tune with your emotional wellness can impact things like your heart health and your risk for chronic

*illness over time. "Mastering your thoughts and feelings is called emotional intelligence, and it's crucial to support good mental health," says Kiaundra Jackson, L.M.F.T., of KW Couples Therapy. Here's how: **Cultivate Healthy Coping.** Do whatever helps you chill out, whether it's mindfulness and meditation or sipping your favorite beverage with a good book. Creating a set of positive coping skills can help you manage your thoughts, feelings, and behaviors when life gets intense, Jackson says. **Move Your Body.** "As someone who struggles with anxiety, I know that physical activity helps keep my mind and emotions in check," Jackson says. You don't have to sweat out your feelings in an intense gym session – a long walk, playing with your kids, an impromptu dance party, and a leisurely bike ride all count. **Talk It Out.** Make it a priority to open up to people you trust, whether it's a close friend or your therapist. It lets you work through what's bothering you. It can also help others work on their emotional awareness when they see you sharing feelings, going to therapy, or positively handling stress, says Jackson.*

### **What am I Answer.**

1. Coin

### **Know Your Bible - Answer Key**

1. C
2. D

### 3. A

## CDC/COVID-19 QUESTION & ANSWER

*I recently spent time with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. I'm fully vaccinated and boosted. Do I need to get tested?*

According to the latest CDC guidelines, you should wear a mask around others for 10 days and take a COVID test about 5 days after you were exposed to the virus. If you develop symptoms, get tested sooner and isolate yourself at home. These recommendations apply regardless of your vaccination status. You do not need to quarantine unless you personally have symptoms of COVID or have a positive COVID test.

**Possible symptoms include** Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea



"I'VE DECIDED THAT INSTEAD OF BECOMING A NEW ME THIS YEAR, I'LL JUST GET A NEW YOU!"



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**Continue Praying for  
Our World!!!**

