

**STATESVILLE AVENUE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
USA**

**3435 NEVIN ROAD,  
CHARLOTTE, N. C. 28269**

**January 1, 2024**



**Pastor Gary S. Blackmon** delivered Sunday messages for the month of **December 2023**. We observed **Advent Sundays** as follows:

**Vanetta Baker and Jackie Wall** lightening Advent Candle of **Hope**, **Laronda Alford, Cameron Alford, and Christopher Williams** lighting Advent Candle of **Peace**.

**Derek & Clifton Cornelius** lighting candle of **Joy**.

**Harriett Davis & Sarah Stitt** for lighting candle of **Love**.

**James Rogers**, Director of Music, played piano and organ for the month.

We would like to thank **all participants** who assisted in making our Advent and Christmas Eve Sunday activities a blessing.



*January*

<b>Thomas McClain</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>Otelia Erwin</b>	<b>06</b>
<b>Enya Flack</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Ruebenna Flack</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Dorothy Alford</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Grace Solomon</b>	<b>29</b>



**-Elouise Ethridge - Twin Towers, 5343 Hamilton #2329, Cincinnati, OH 45224**  
**-Linnette Stinson - 10227 Park Willow Dr., Charlotte, NC 28210**  
**-Alicia Roberts Gamble**  
**-Loretta Gillespie/Linda**  
**- Norva Morrison**  
**-George Dunlap**  
**-Adrienne Orr**  
**-Ted Wall**  
**-Keith Faulkner**



### **Tiki's Dance School**

**Congratulations to the Dance School for a productive year. Their Dance Recital December 17<sup>th</sup> was very entertaining and inspirational. The next class begins January 11, 2024 from 6-8 p.m. here in the SAPC Fellowship Hall.**



**Elder Harry Greyard** presented the Committee on Representation Report. Elder Tommy Lawson (Covenant-Charlotte) was elected as the 2024 Presbytery Moderator and **Elder Gary Blackmon (Statesville Avenue)** was elected as the **2024 Vice-Moderator.**

### **Searching for Jesus**

When Jesus was born, a bright star appeared in the sky. Some wise men who studied the stars knew this was a sign that the Messiah had been born. They set out on a long journey to find Jesus by following the star. **What Do You Know About The Visit Of The Wise Men?**

1. From which direction did the wise men travel? (Matthew 2:1)
  - a) North
  - b) South
  - c) East
  - d) West
2. What reason did the wise men give for coming to Jerusalem? (Matthew 2:2)
  - a) They came to visit the temple

- b) They wanted to meet King Herod
  - c) They came to worship the newborn king
  - d) They wanted to ride their camels
3. Why didn't the wise men go back to see Herod? (Matthew 2:12)
- a) They were too tired
  - b) They wanted to go home
  - c) They were warned in a dream
  - d) They didn't have gifts for him

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Church Officers Workshop**

**January 13, 2024**

**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

### ***SAPC In Person Sunday School***

***9:30 a.m.***

### **Loaves & Fishes Pantry**

**Tu & Wed**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Th**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

### **Loaves & Fishes Phone Number**

**704-5964584**

## **Church Office Hours**

**Tuesday & Wednesday**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Church Telephone Number**

**704-596-4550**

**100%**

**Help us achieve 100% PAID Per Capita for 2024. Use your Pew Envelope to make your Annual \$30.00 Assessment.**



**"WE'VE GOT NEW YEAR'S EVE INVITATIONS FROM BOTH THE SNERDLEYS AND THE FINSTERS...WHO DO WE PRETEND TO HAVE A BETTER TIME WITH?"**

## **What am I?**

**Better touch me before you proceed to second. What am I?**

**Walking, Meditating, Riding Trail in our future? "Never Giving Up!!!!!"**



## **WELCOME**

***To all visitors who've chosen to worship with us on Sunday Mornings, we continue looking forward to a blessed Sunday.***

## LOAVES & FISHES PANTRY

Continue supporting our Loaves & Fishes Pantry by giving as many foods and/or food related items as you can. Your generosity is much appreciated. *Thank you for your donations.*

### Searching for Jesus Answers

1. C
2. C
3. C

### Better Homes & Gardens

Experts advise eating a wide variety of nuts to get lots of vitamins, antioxidants, and minerals.

2~That's about how many handfuls of nuts you should eat a day to boost your brainpower.

Older adults scored better on brain function tests after snacking on 60 grams – a little more than 2 ounces – of nuts a day for two months. They also scored 16 percent better on a verbal memory test.

### ***FYI***

***\*DON'T FORGET YOUR FLU AND COVID BOOSTER SHOTS!!!!***

***WEAR YOUR MASK WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO!!!***

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## What am I answer?

First base

## WOMAN'S DAY

### Get More Out of Your Walk

#### *Mix up your routine*

Woman's Day – "Look for new paths that add hills or inclines. When I want to round out my full-body workout, I'll do toning exercises with weights and stretches at home right after a walk, since my body's already warmed up."

Use those arms! – "Walk with good posture and pump your arms – don't just let them hang at your sides. The more muscles you work, the more calories you'll burn."

Practice interval training – "During a 30-minute walk, I like to do five intervals. In between your regular stride, try speeding up or pumping your arms or going uphill for a couple of minutes."

### **30 MINUTES**

Cutting your social media use to half an hour a day lowers anxiety, depression, loneliness, and FOMO (fear of missing out). To assess how much time you're spending now and set limits, download an app like *Freedom*.



# Happy New Year!



## THE WORD SEARCH BATTLE

### Happy New Year

Difficulty: Hard



Play this puzzle online at: <https://www.wordsearchbattle.io/topic/happy-new-year>

#### AULD LANG SYNE

BABY  
BALL  
BALLOONS  
CALENDAR  
CELEBRATION  
CHAMPAGNE  
CLOCK  
CONFETTI  
COUNTDOWN  
DANCING  
DECEMBER  
EVE

#### FATHER TIME

FIRECRACKER  
FIRST  
FLUTE  
GAMES  
GOWN  
HAPPY  
HAT  
HOURGLASS  
INVITATION  
JANUARY  
KISS  
MIDNIGHT

#### MUSIC

NOISE MAKER  
PARTY  
RESOLUTION  
SPARKLER  
STREAMER  
TIMES SQUARE  
TOAST  
TRADITION  
TUXEDO  
VOW  
YEAR

#### BABIES

BALLOONS  
BUFFET  
CONFETTI  
DANCE  
DECEMBER

#### DECORATIONS

EVENTS  
FAMILY  
FATHER  
FEAST  
FIRST

#### HATS

HOLIDAY  
HORNS  
KISS  
MUSIC  
NOISEMAKERS

#### OCCASION

PARTY  
PUNCH  
SINGING  
TIARAS  
TIME

“PRAY FOR THIS  
WORLD”