

# The Messenger



## Credo for a New Year

I believe  
that I enter a glorious New  
Year to be filled with prayer  
and praise, with service to  
God and mankind, with  
inspired creative activity.

I believe  
That God's presence goes  
with me wherever I shall go  
this year, by train or bus or  
car or boat, slowly paced on  
foot, or high in air.

I believe  
His love is shining in my body,  
His wisdom guides my mind,  
His peace fills me with poise,  
His strength is ever at my  
call.

Oh, I believe  
That this is God's New Year

Elizabeth Searle Lamb

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Reach Up, Reach In, Reach Out

January 2012

## The Year of the Disciple

Ready, Set, Go! We're off to make this a year we remember forever! Start reading your Bible on January 1.

**God Sightings** isn't a theological study. It's simply about reading a few passages of Scripture, looking for what God will do each day, and sharing with friends. With *God Sightings*, we will learn to see God at work in our lives and the lives of those around us every day.

Don't forget all the tools available to help you get started:

### **God Sightings: The One Year Bible**

The clarity, precision, and power of The One Year Bible fuel quick understanding and lasting inspiration. Every day there's an excerpt from the Old Testament, the New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. Available in the New International Version for a suggested donation of only \$15.

### **God Sightings: The One Year Companion Guide**

Everyone will use the Companion Guide throughout the week to answer reflection questions and journal *God Sightings*. The grappling questions provide a focus too often missing in Bible study: looking past the pages to God himself. Available for a suggested donation of only \$3.

### **God Sightings: The One Year Small Group Leader Guide**

Anyone can be prepared to lead a group with this guide! This guide leads you through one-hour meetings where you'll help people Discover God's presence in unpredictable, everyday ways

Find astonishing freshness in God  
Explore penetrating, life-changing questions  
See God with brand-new eyes all week long

### **Weekly Reading List**

A list of readings for each week of the year for those who want to use their own Bible instead of The One Year Bible.

### **Monthly Sermon Series**

Pastor Gerry will highlight from the month's readings in his Second Sunday Sermon Series.

If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of your book, make your check out to SAUMC noted *God Sightings* and place in the offering plate.

### **God Sighting Small Groups**

Once a month on Wednesdays from 7-8 pm in the Chapel facilitated by Pastor Gerry (which Wednesday each month TBA).

Weekly on Wednesdays from 7-8 pm at the home of Mike and Deborah Pevler (7054 Bucktail Road in Hunter's Ridge) facilitated by Deborah Pevler.

Weekly on Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 pm on the church playground (or in the toddler room if inclement weather) facilitated by Katie Jenifer. Bring a bag lunch. Kids are welcome.

Once a month on Thursdays from 9-10 am in the Chapel facilitated by Pastor Gerry (which Thursday each month TBA).

For more information, please contact Katie Jenifer at [kjenifer@standrewsfayetteville.org](mailto:kjenifer@standrewsfayetteville.org) or at 488-8593.

*All those who want to be my disciples  
must come and follow me, because my  
servants must be where I am.*

*And if they follow me,  
the Father will honor them.*

*John 12:26*

See page 4 for reading schedule or go to our

## Building Update

Here's a rundown of the last 45 days:

- Insulation is complete
- Sheetrock hanging is complete
- Masonry is complete
- Front porch roof is installed
- Canopy is complete except paint
- Windows installed
- Glass installed
- Ships ladder is installed
- Sidewalk at Ramsey street is done
- Flat concrete work and curb is complete
- Gutters installed
- Aluminum fascia and soffit is done
- Doors are installed
- Power is on (hooray for heat)

Being done:

- Paint and wallpaper
- Ceiling grid in classrooms
- Inspections
- Make underground tie-in for downspouts
- Carpet and tile work
- Cabinets installed
- Counter tops installed

Furnishings are arriving for approval and boy do they look nice! There's still much to do, but a mid January grand opening is still the goal.

Anyone interested in doing a bit of yard work???

Please let us know. We may have the OK in the next couple of weeks to get this done.

The new replacement doors have been installed at the new canopy entrance. They match the doors on the new building and yes, they look so much nicer than those old rickety doors we had.

Thank you to all who continue to be faithful. Of those that turned in a written commitment: we have 100% participating. So far you have donated \$158,847.15. Then there are those who did not turn in a commitment, yet give faithfully. You have donated \$12,815.00. And for the casual giver, the memorials and some anonymous gifts we have a total of \$16,965.54 so far.

We are so blessed!! Thank you all. Because of your support, we have been able to make cash payments each month. Stay faithful.

As soon as we have the keys from Ellis Walker Builders, we will let you know of our grand opening and hope you will attend the dedication and celebration.



## Vacation Bible School June 18-22

All VBS leaders please pick up your materials on Sunday, January 8 after either service in the Fellowship Hall.

Planning for Vacation Bible School (VBS) has already begun and we don't want you to miss out on the fun! This is our biggest community outreach in children's ministry and it takes a small army of dedicated

ministry servants to make it happen!

Won't you help touch the life of a child for Jesus this year?

For more information, please contact Katie Jenifer at 488-8593 or by e-mail at [kjenifer@standrewsfayetteville.com](mailto:kjenifer@standrewsfayetteville.com).



## Christian Education

Sundays 9:45-10:45 am  
 Sunday School for Kids Ages  
 3 Years Old – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

January 2012

B.I.G. Theme: Stories About Jesus

January 1 ~ The Wise Men  
 Matthew 2:1-12

January 8 ~ Jesus in the Temple at Twelve  
 Luke 2:41-52

January 15 ~ Jesus' Baptism  
 Mark 1:4-11

January 22 ~ Jesus Begins His Ministry  
 Luke 4:14-30

January 29 ~ Jesus Meets Peter's Mother-in-Law  
 Matthew 8:14-17; Mark 1:29-34; Luke 4:38-41



Our Mission Project for the season was mittens and gloves. We will collect another week. Many thanks for all the donations. There will be lots of warm hands this winter!

### UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS

Toddlers & Twos – Leaders are Megan Walker  
 & Megan Savage  
 Preschoolers – Leader is Deborah Pevler  
 K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Leader is Katie Jenifer

### DOWNSTAIRS CLASSROOMS

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Leader is Teresa Perry  
 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Leaders are Pam Strickland &  
 Jennifer Kundtz  
 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Leader is Craig Davis

## Confirmation Class: Making Disciples

All youth currently in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade or higher are invited to attend *Making Disciples*, a Confirmation experience beginning January 29 with an Organizational Meeting for mentors, confirmands, and their families at 4 pm in the Chapel. *Making Disciples* is a mentor-based confirmation program that pairs confirmands with adult mentors and guides them through a variety of learning experiences that will strengthen the student's understanding of the faith while connecting him or her with the community of believers in a personal way.

Topics explore the basics of Christian faith including God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, worship, the

Bible, gifts, ministry, baptism, spiritual life, death and resurrection, and the church.

Confirmation Sunday will be held on May 27 in conjunction with the Day of Pentecost. If you are interested in attending Confirmation classes, please sign up at *The Sign Up Place* by January 8 so that mentors can be contacted and trained in advance. Confirmation classes are free and all materials are provided.

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**Weekly Readings for January**

JAN	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT	PSALMS	PROVERBS
1-7	Genesis 1:1-18:15	Matthew 1:1-6:24	1-7	1:1-2:5
8-14	Genesis 18:16-31:16	Matthew 6:25-10:23	8-12	2:6-3:15
15-21	Genesis 31:17-43:34	Matthew 10:24-14:12	13:1-18:36	3:16-4:10
22-28	Genesis 44:1-Exodus 7:25	Matthew 14:13-19:12	18:37-23:6	4:11-5:23
29-2/4	Exodus 8:1-21:21	Matthew 19:13-23:39	24-28	6:1-7:5

**Birthdays and Anniversaries . . .**

*Happy Birthday to:*

- 1 – Sarah Hargis
- 1 – Morgan Smith
- 1 – Lael Bennett
- 2 – Sterling Morris
- 2 – Mary Ellen Parrish
- 3 – Don Watson
- 3 – Debbie Luttrell
- 5 – Ed Norris
- 6 – Cindy Sheriff
- 6 – Rachel Hefner
- 6 – Lauren Taylor
- 7 – Thomas Bill
- 7 – Hannah Unger
- 7 – Will Luttrell
- 9 – Michaela Acfalle
- 10 – Juanita Musselwhite
- 10 – Jane Ellen Melton
- 10 – Kate Kamionka
- 10 – Nathan Billman
- 11 – Riley Pevler
- 11 – Harlan Hott
- 12 – Heather Unger
- 12 – Daniel Carter
- 13 – Ron Spencer
- 13 – Dale Wood
- 15 – Raymond Sanders
- 15 – Jean Mostella
- 15 – Betsy Murray

- 15 – Brynlea Taft
- 16 – Pete Lorenzo
- 17 – Georganna Simpson
- 17 – Martha Byrd
- 17 – Mark Murray
- 19 – Jennifer Macrae
- 20 – Lucas Bates
- 21 – Tom Kamionka
- 22 – Mike Ellison
- 22 – Ricky Peaden
- 24 – Carolyn Davis
- 26 – Pat Peterson
- 26 – Jonathan Wood
- 26 – Matthew Wood
- 26 – C.J. Acker
- 29 – Phyllis Parker
- 30 – Amelia Murray

*Happy Anniversary to:*

- 1 – Gordon & Kathy Macrae
- 8 – Don & Jackie Hargis
- 12 – Jimmy & Mary Peaden
- 18 – Dwight & Brenda Hahn
- 19 – Harold & Marie Walkup
- 23 – Brian & Megan Walker
- 29 – George & Deborah Ballas