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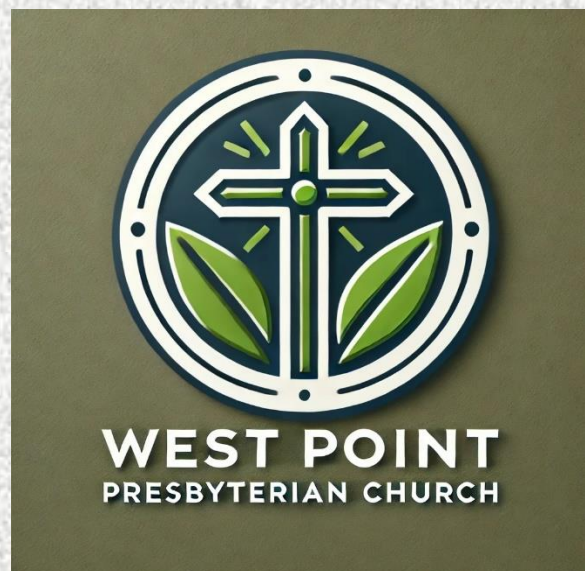
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January

West Point Presbyterian Church Calendar

Liturgist-Pat Sprayberry Usher-Lori Heath
3rd Sunday Hosts-The Cagle Family

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3 LEO 8am	4
5 1 st Sunday Unity Service w/FBCWP @ WPPC	6	7	8 Worship Service at Lakewood 10 am	9	10 LEO 8am	11
12 Communion Sunday	13	14	15 Lions Club	16	17 LEO 8am	18
19 Covered Dish/Session	20	21	22	23 Worship Service at The Manor 11am	24 LEO 8am	25
26	27	28	29 Worship Service at Lakewood	30	31 LEO 8am	

Happy New Year

GOD IS ALL YOU NEED

let spirituality
be your new years resolution
may God bless you
we wish you the happiest of years
God is all you need to succeed



The LORD bless thee,
and keep thee:
The LORD make his face
shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
The LORD lift up his
countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

Have a Blessed & Happy New Year



By Rev Jerry Ledbetter...

"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."
- Philippians 3:13-14

As we enter the New Year, it's natural to reflect on the past - celebrating victories, mourning losses, and recalling moments of growth. But the Apostle Paul reminds us that while

reflection has value, our ultimate focus should be forward.

God calls us not to be held back by regrets, mistakes, or even past achievements. Instead, He invites us to trust Him for the future, knowing that He has plans to grow and use us for His glory.

The New Year is an opportunity to embrace God's grace anew, leaving behind the weight of yesterday and running with perseverance toward the life He has set before us. Whatever challenges or uncertainties lie ahead, we can move forward with confidence because He goes before us.

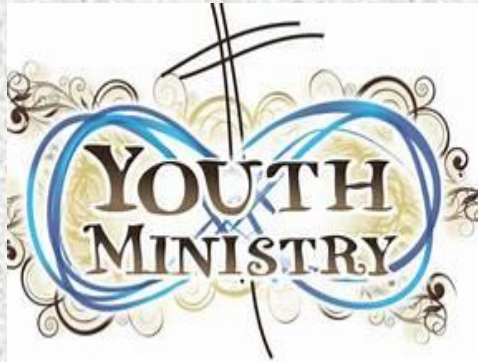
As you step into the New Year, take a moment to surrender the past to God. Ask Him to give you a clear vision for what He desires to do in and through you in the days ahead. Then, press on with faith, knowing that the prize of His presence and eternal joy is worth every step.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your faithfulness through this past year. As I step into the New Year, help me to leave behind what hinders and embrace the plans You have for me. Give me the strength to press on, trusting in Your guidance and grace. In Jesus' name,

Amen

~Jerry



Disciples Youth Group by Rev Sherrad Hayes

The Disciples Youth gathered for one last celebration at a Christmas Party in December. We enjoyed a Christmas breakfast, for dinner! Bacon, pancakes, breakfast casserole, and plenty of snacks. We played Dirty Santa, watched some Christmas Classics, and read the Christmas Story from Luke's Gospel.

For Bible study in December, we have been reading and discussing each of the ways the Gospels begin, looking carefully about what each of them say (or don't say) about Jesus' birth. We saw how they each show us a picture of Jesus as the Son of God sent to save the world from a unique and interesting perspective. We focused especially on Luke's Gospel hearing how Luke beautifully

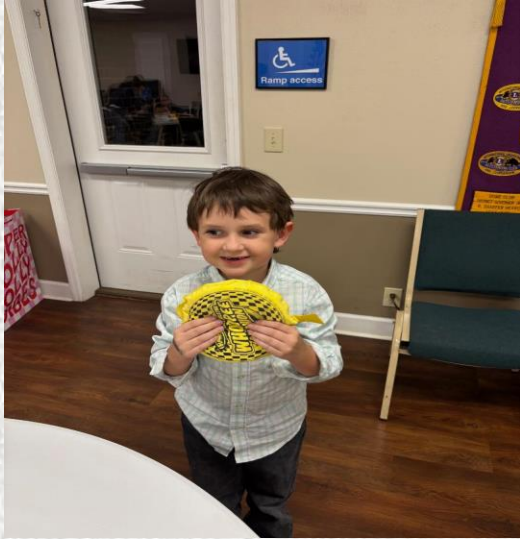
weaves together the conception stories of Elizabeth and Mary.

As I mentioned in previous newsletters, December marked our last month together as The Disciples Youth Group, a joint ministry of FBCWP and WPPC. The program is not continuing into 2025. While this is a sad occasion for us, this by no means marks the end of our churches discipling our young people! As a group we focused on marking this transition well, and continued to move towards what's been our goal with this group the entire time: a lifetime of following Jesus! Our group has been a few steps along this journey, and I remain immensely grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it!

Yours in Christ,

Sherrad

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Dirty Santa was Cooper's favorite game

Team B, (Lisa, Jackson, Will, and Owen) got creative with their use of the materials.





Team "A", (Will, Amy, and Abbie) hard at work at the start of the Gingerbread House competition.



Jackson, Will, and Owen, Team B was proud of their final product.



Team A had a strong win!



We always have a Scripture lesson based off the sermon, and we do a related craft.

We read Children's bible stories and we do bible related colorings and play bible games.

We have snacks and play.

Our awesome teacher is Ms. Terri!

Her helpers are Cypress McCoy-Small, Mr. Randy (the Candyman), and for special events Ms. Helen, Ms. Lachelle, and Ms. Debbie.

Sunday school 10:00 am-10:50 am Children's
Church 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

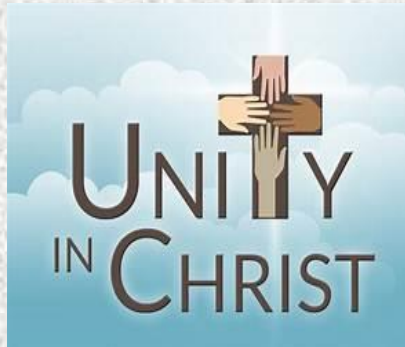


SUNDAY SCHOOL JOIN US THIS WEEK

We gather for prayer time at 10:00 am and head to Sunday School at 10:15.

Dan Bass facilitates the class in the Stanley Room. We will be working on a more general study of the book of Psalms.

Church Life Events



Our next unity service with First Baptist of West Point is January 5th. We will meet at WPPC @ 10:30.



January 19th is our next Session Meeting.



Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to noon, Eastern time.



Please mark your calendars, ladies!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8th at 5:30, at the home of Phyllis White, 321 Mote Road, West Point, GA 31833.

Phyllis will provide a light meal before we move on to our meeting.

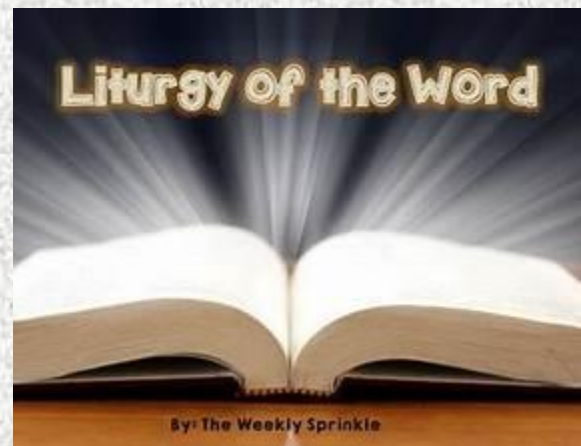
Please join us, we look forward to seeing you there.



TBD



If you are hesitant about volunteering as host/hostess, please be assured it's easy. We even have a cheat sheet. Also, don't hesitate to partner with someone. Makes for ½ the work and twice the fun. Our next Covered Dish Lunch will be on January 19th. Your hosts for this event are The Cagle Family.



Liturgist

Do you like help with the service?
Please add your name to the Liturgist sheet in the Narthex.

Our Liturgist for the month of January is Pat Sprayberry.



If you would like to bring flowers for our worship service, please let the Church office know. These flowers can be from anywhere! You are responsible for arranging the flowers and putting them in containers, and placing them in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning by 10:45 am.



Do you like to talk with/greet people? Sign up to be Head Usher for a month. It's easy and a great way to serve. You can even volunteer to assist the Head Usher a time or two to learn the ropes.

Head Usher for January is Lori Heath.



Session:

Lori Heath, Congregational Care (24), Debbie Von Hollen, Admin. & Finance (24), Kris Cagle, Building & Grounds (25), Tony White, Education (25), Randy Workman, Outreach(26), Dan Bass, Music & Worship (26),

Clerk of the Session: Bill Nixon

Treasurer: Ray Gilbert

Senior Pastor

Rev. Gerald (Jerry) Ledbetter

Organist Emeritus

Mr. Austin P. Cook, III

Music Director

Michael Ledbetter

Children's Church Director

Terri Workman

Assistant-Cypress McCoy-Small

Accompanist

Randall Smith

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February 13-15, 2025

Directed by James Murphy

Join Charlie Bucket in his adventurous tour of Willy Wonka's world-famous Chocolate Factory where he discovers the true meaning of teamwork, self-confidence and self-esteem. The delicious fun of Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory awaits you!



Our P.E.E.P.S. use their pennies for Jesus money to buy food for our little free pantry, won't you consider helping them?



Thornwell began as a dream in the heart of a young Presbyterian minister, William Plumer Jacobs of First Presbyterian Church in Clinton, SC.



We support all Law Enforcement Agencies as well as Fire and EMS!

Pastor Jerry does a weekly outreach, we call it LEO, (Law Enforcement Outreach), on Fridays at 8 am. If you would like to get involved see Jerry.



**Building a Better World,
One House at a Time**

For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God* Hebrews 3:4

Foundational principles

We at the Fuller Center for Housing believe that: We are part of a God movement, and movements don't just stop. We have been called to this housing ministry; we didn't just stumble into it. We are unashamedly Christian, and enthusiastically ecumenical. We aren't a church but we are a servant of the Church. We are faith-driven, knowing that after we've done all we can do the Lord will help finish the job — something that requires us to stretch beyond our rational reach. We are a grass-roots ministry, recognizing that the real work happens on the ground in communities around the world through our covenant partners — so a large, overseeing bureaucracy isn't needed. We try to follow the teachings of the Bible and believe that it says that we shouldn't charge interest of the poor, so we don't. Government has a role in our work in helping set the stage, but that we shouldn't look to it as a means to fund the building of homes.



A knock at the door might not seem like a big deal to many of us. But, to a homebound senior, it could signal the arrival of the only person they might see all day or all week long. It brings hope. It brings health. It brings the nutrition and care that will completely make their day. A knock from Meals on Wheels can even save lives.

THE POWER OF A KNOCK TRANSFORMS LIVES.