

## BOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

# Mewsletter January 2023

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#### **Happy New Year!**

How To Live The New Year

Life is a journey; I will live it trustingly: "though I walk through the valley of the shadow... I will fear no evil: for though art with me" (Psalm 23:4).

Life is a task; I will live it obediently: "we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:22).

Life is a mission; I will live it helpfully: "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another" (Ephesians 4:32).

Life is a contest; I will live it earnestly: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).

Life is a battle: I will live it courageously: "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid; for the Lord thy God is with thee" (Joshua 1:9).

#### **Choir Notes**

Happy New Year! As 2022 draws to a close and a brand new year is quickly approaching, I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the choir, musicians, and sound technicians. What a blessing you are! Thank you for the beautiful music and your dedication and faithfulness.

The choir practices every Wednesday night immediately following Prayer Meeting. We would love to have some new members in 2023. Joining the choir would be an excellent New Year's resolution!

I hope your New Year is filled with music and overflowing with love and blessings from above!

Ellen "I sing for joy at the works of your hands." Psalm 92:4

#### 2023 Mission Project: Shoeboxes

In November, we were able to send off 44 shoeboxes as Christmas gifts with the gospel message to children around the world. What an amazing opportunity we have to reach children for Jesus Christ! This year we want to do even more! To provide us all an opportunity to give throughout the year, we will have a basket in the foyer and collect different items for shoeboxes every month. In the course of your regular shopping or grocery pickups, we hope that you will consider adding some of these items to your list. Children are divided into 3 categories: ages 2-4, 5-9, & 10-14.

### January's Shopping List

- winter hats
- gloves
- scarves
- sunglasses
- t-shirts
- socks

#### Wednesday Night Fellowships

We invite you to join us for our weekly Wednesday night fellowships **starting January 18th** through May 17th. Every Wednesday, we will enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship followed by the kids and youth programs at 6:45 PM and adult Bible and prayer meeting at 7:00 PM. If you aren't already on a team and want to help out with preparation or clean up, please see Bethany McDonnell.

## Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

#### **January Events**

**Donuts & Coffee Fellowship** 1st Sunday @ 9:30 am

**Deacon's Meeting** 4th Wednesday @ 7:30 pm

**Business Meeting** 8th Sunday after service

Wednesday Fellowships begin 18th Wednesday @ 6:00 pm

Women's Bible Study 19th Thursday @ 5:45 pm

Seekers WMU Meeting 30th Monday @ 6:30 pm

#### January Birthdays

- 1 Josh Herring
- 1 Connie Mercer
- 1 Michelle Brinn
- 7 Tim Phillips
- 8 Joshua Herring
- 11 June Groover
- 12 Vickie Moore
- 20 Ben Parker
- 21 Barbara Ralston
- 23 Anthony Shiver

#### **January Flowers**

- 1 OPEN
- 8 Patty Barker
- 15 OPEN
- 22 OPEN
- 29 Ellen Terrell

Contact the church secretary, Kristy Howell, at (229) 403-9379 to contribute to our newsletter or to the flower calendar.

#### **Highlights from December**

We started off the very first weekend in December with our Live Nativity presentation. Thank you to everyone who helped us share our Savior's birth to our community!



In the middle of December, our kids, youth, and families caroled to our local Boston Baptist friends!



The youth enjoyed having a Christmas party at the Herring's Barn. They played games, threw frisbees, made s'mores, and just had a great time hanging together celebrating the start of Christmas break! The youth also made gingerbread houses one Wednesday evening.



