

January
Jan 09 Elders meet at the building at 7:00 p.m.

THE BIRD THAT FINALLY TALKED

There is an old story about a fellow who lived alone and went to a pet store to buy a parrot. He thought the bird might fill some of his lonely hours. The very next day, however, he came back to complain, “That bird doesn’t talk!”

The store owner asked if he had a mirror in its cage, and the mad said he didn’t. “Oh, parrots love mirrors,” he explained. “When he sees his reflection in the mirror he’ll start talking away.” So he sold him a birdcage mirror.

The bird owner was back the next day to gripe that his parrot still hadn’t said a word. “That’s very peculiar,” said the pet expert. “How about a swing? Birds love little swings and a happy parrot is a talkative parrot.” So the man bought a swing, took it home and installed it in the cage.

But he was back the next day with the same story. “Does he have a ladder to climb?” the salesman asked. “That just has to be the problem. Once he has a ladder he’ll probably talk your ear off!” So the fellow bought a ladder.

The man was back in the pet store when it opened the next day. From the look on his face, the owner knew something was wrong. “Didn’t your parrot like the ladder?,” he asked. His repeat customer looked up and said, “The parrot died.”

I’m so sorry,” the stunned businessman said. “Did he ever say anything?” “Well, yes, he finally talked just before he died. In a weak little voice he asked, ‘Don’t they sell bird seed at that pet store?’”

Some have mistakenly thought that happiness consists of lining our cages with toys, gadgets, and other stuff. Excessive consumption has become the hallmark of American life. “Whoever has the most toys wins” seems to be the likely candidate to be the bumper sticker for an entire culture. But is it so?

There is a spiritual hunger in the human heart that can’t be satisfied by seeing one’s own image reflected back in vanity mirrors, playing with our grown up toys, or climbing the corporate ladder. Our hearts need real nourishment.

The love of family and friends, relationships over the pursuit of more things, personal integrity, a secure connection to God—these are the things that feed the soul. Have you chosen a life course that leads to a destination that matters?

Jesus told us this in His sermon on the Mount: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” (Matthew 5:6). He knew that our souls could never be satisfied with anything less than eternity. —Phil Johnson

2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THEME
“Joy Story”
You’ve Got A Friend in Me
June 26th - 29th

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK
Fun With 20:22

Keeping with tradition, here are the verses in the Bible in the books the have twenty chapters and twenty-two verses. Can you apply any of these verses to this upcoming year? Let’s see:

Exodus 20:22 - ***22 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘You yourselves have seen that I have spoken to you from heaven.***

Leviticus 20:22 - ***22 ‘You are therefore to keep all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them, so that the land to which I am bringing you to live will not spew you out.***

Numbers 20:22 - ***22 Now when they set out from Kadesh, the sons of Israel, the whole congregation, came to Mount Hor.***

Judges 20:22 - ***22 But the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves and arrayed for battle again in the place where they had arrayed themselves the first day.***

1 Samuel 20:22 - ***22 But if I say to the youth, ‘Behold, the arrows are beyond you,’ go, for the Lord has sent you away.***

2 Samuel 20:22 - ***22 Then the woman wisely came to all the people. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri and threw it to Joab. So he blew the trumpet, and they were dispersed from the city, each to his tent. Joab also returned to the king at Jerusalem.***

1 Kings 20:22 - ***22 Then the prophet came near to the king of Israel and said to him, “Go, strengthen yourself and observe and see what you have to do; for at the turn of the year the king of Aram will come up against you.”***

2 Chronicles 20:22 - ***22 When they began singing and praising, the Lord set ambushes against the sons of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; so they were routed.***

Job 20:22 - ***22 “In the fullness of his plenty he will be cramped; The hand of everyone who suffers will come against him.***

Proverbs 20:22 - ***22 Do not say, “I will repay evil”; Wait for the Lord, and He will save you.***

Ezekiel 20:22 - ***22 But I withdrew My hand and acted for the sake of My name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations in whose sight I had brought them out.*** continued

PRAYER LIST:
Laney Dillon—had tonsils and adenoids removed. She will be out of school for a couple of weeks. Keep her in your prayers.

Others on the prayer list: Darlene Larson, Dorothy Crisler, Lonnie Bennett, Helen Norris, Marya Young, Russell Day, Kendall Brundage, Duane McKinney, Larry Helton, Joe Brown, Connie Morris, Melinda Miller

January Birthday’s

Mary Ann Hennig—1st	Elise Wartick—3rd
Joshua Garver—4th	Joe Church—6th
Kayden Clark—9th	Jordyn Clark—15th
Parker Dodds—17th	Patsy Pierce—17th
Ada Francisco—26th	Eloise Francisco—26th
Martha Howell—27th	Lonnie Bennett—29th
Crystal Shields—30th	Merle Willey—30th

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE
January

Jan 02—Kaitlin Francisco	Jan 09—Linda Wartick
Jan 16—Kaylee Jenkins	Jan 23—Darlene Cooney

Matthew 20:22 - ***22 But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They said to Him, “We are able.”***

Luke 20:22 - ***22 Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”***

John 20:22 - ***22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.***

Acts 20:22 - ***22 And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,***

How many of these verses were you familiar with already? How many brought to mind the surrounding context that you know so well from many times reading?

Putting this together was a fun activity for me, but all fun aside, there are only a few things that truly matter in life and knowing the Bible is one of them.

By whatever means necessary, I urge you to make reading, studying and knowing your Bible a top priority, not only for 2022, but for the remainder of your life.

Much love and happy reading!
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Welcome to 2022 – Make Theology Simple
Selected Scriptures

Make Theology Simple:

1)

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Notes:

THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY, 10:30 AM

Opening Prayer
Song Leader

JANUARY 02

David Pierce
Kevin Dodds

JANUARY 09

Alan Shields
Kevin Dodds

Communion Talk
& Prayer

Marvin Kline

David Pierce

Contribution Prayer,
Collection & Count

Aaron Hines
Levi Turney

Aaron Hines
Levi Turney

Ushers

John Rayl
Parker Dodds

John Rayl
Parker Dodds

Closing Prayer

Rex Harris

Rex Harris

Elder in Charge
Deacon in Charge

Rex Harris
Alan Shields

Rex Harris
Alan Shields

ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY—December 26

Bible Class.....64
A.M. Worship.....89
Contribution.....\$3,274

WEDNESDAY—December 29

Auditorium—21 Teens—2
Bible Hour—8 **Total—31**

ELDERS

Rex Harris Marvin Kline
Ed Newberry Tom Norris

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE

Sunday

Bible Classes.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.

DEACONS

Nathan Bradbury Kevin Dodds
Aaron Hines Leroy Lewis
Mike Neal David Pierce
Wade Pierce Alan Shields

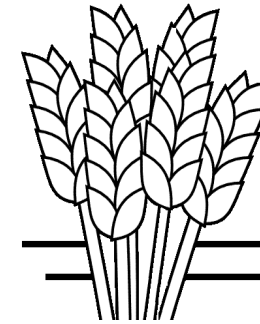
Wednesday

Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.
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MINISTER

Wes LeFlore

*If you are visiting today, welcome!
We are glad that you have joined us in worshipping our God.
Please feel at home with our family, and let us know how we can serve you!*



*“Reaching Inward, Outward
Upward, Downward”*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 2, 2022

Call to Worship

Song #709 “How Sweet, How Heavenly

Song #800 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Prayer

Song #342 “We Saw Thee Not”

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Song #648 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Lesson

Song #944 “What Shall It Be?”

Prayer

*Every Sunday during the sermon we offer
Children’s Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through
2nd grade. They will meet in the Fellowship Room for
stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.*