### January

Jan 11 Men's Fellowship & Bible Study; 6:00 p.m. Jan 21 Game Night; 5:00 to 7:30 in Fellowship Room

### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY**

Men of the Church, join us this Thursday, January 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room for a night of great food and fellowship. Please respond to Wes so food can be planned appropriately. You can call, text or email Wes at (918) 607-8489 or huskerwes1@gmail.com or you can tell him you are coming.

## **BELATED NEW YEAR'S FELLOWSHIP**

Since we didn't ring in the New Year together due to sickness and more, let's have a belated celebration with a Game Night! Bring a few snacks to share and your favorite games. All ages are welcomed! See Wes or Kendall for more information!

## **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

Our Theme for Children's & Teens Bible Classes is "The Church Begins." Here is a peek at this month's lessons, the Big Picture Question and the Bible verse to practice.

January 07—Jesus Gave His Followers a Mission; Acts 1

January 14-The Disciples Replaced Judas; Acts 1

January 21—The Holy Spirit Came; Acts 2

January 28—(Big Truth Session): The Holy Spirit Changes Us; Galatians 5

**Big Picture Ouestion:** 

O: How does the Holy Spirit help Christians?

A: The Holv Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God's glory.

## This Month's Bible Verse:

"22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

# BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

### Non-Perishable Food Items: Peanut Butter Canned Tuna, Ham, Chicken Canned Soups, Stews, Chili w/pull top lids Canned Goods w/pull top lids Granola/Protein Bars Nuts, Oatmeal, Cereal, Crackers Beans, Rice, Lentils, Pasta Kitchen Staples (flour, sugar, salt/pepper) Pasta Sauce. One Box Meals or Mixes

# **Hygiene Items:**

Shampoo/Conditioner Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Floss Brushes/Combs Deodorant Body Wash

#### Winter Items Gloves

Hats Socks

### FROM THE PREACHERS DESK Sovereignty in the Garden

I'm so excited to be reading through the Bible this year. We have opted at my house to read through together and do a chronological reading plan. I love all of the things that constantly are brought to my understanding by the Holy Spirit as I seek God in His Word.

One of the things that stood out to me this last week was Genesis 3:14-15, which says,

<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life: <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed:

He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."

I've said before and I'm sure I'll repeat again, that my favorite Bible doctrine is the sovereignty of God. In this passage, that's exactly what gripped me this time around, specifically, God's sovereignty over Satan.

Consider punishments for a moment. Have you ever considered that when God pronounces a punishment, the punishment stands. In the Garden, God announces to Satan what his ultimate punishment will be, and what choice does Satan have? None.

Sometimes I think we forget that God has complete power over Satan. We get confused about this because we sometimes also mistake God's permissive will with His sovereign will.

God's permissive will is the limited authority that He gives to His creation, both angelic and human, to make some choices, namely, to obey Him or to rebel.

God's sovereign will is the authority that He alone exercises, and that none of His creation can affect. This also gets confusing to us because God is always able to cause even the rebellion of His creation's will to work out for the good of those who love God (Romans 8:28, Genesis 50:20).

So take heart. The countdown is on. The sentence of Satan's crushed head has been pronounced and what God has pronounced, Satan has no control over. No matter how bad things appear in this world, God and all who belong to Him already have victory.

Much love!

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## **FAMILY NEWS**

Gary Bodine-got a good report from his doctor (no cancer) after two surgeries. He will begin chemo treatments this month. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

Prayer List: Tim Evans, Claire Norris, Marvin Kline, Gary Bodine, David & Rita Carroll, Bob & Beth Brownlee, Richard Wartick, Eliza Conwell, Larry Helton, Carrie Harris, Julie DeSoignie, Kylie Lock

# What God Hath Promised

God hath not promised skies always blue, Flower strewn pathways all our lives through; God hath not promised sun without rain, Joy without sorrow, peace without pain. God hath not promised we shall not know Toil and temptation, trouble and woe; He hath not told us we shall not bear Many a burden, many a care. God hath not promised smooth roads and wide, Swift, easy travel, needing no guide; Never a mountain rocky and steep, Never a river turbid and deep. But God hath promised strength for the day, Rest for the labor, light for the way, Grace for the trials, help from above, Unfailing sympathy, undying love. -Annie Johnson Flint

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE** January

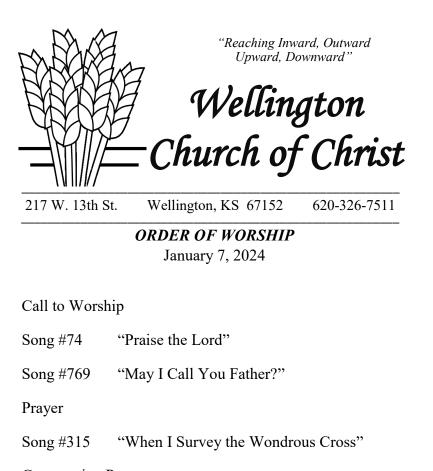
Jan 07—Audra Hudspeth Jan 21—Need Volunteer!

Jan 14—Linda Wartick Jan 28—Need Volunteer!

If you can volunteer, see Darlene Cooney!

If you are visiting today, welcome! We are glad that you have joined us in worshiping our God.

Hard & Neglected Truths	THOSE WHO SERVE	
Acts 12:1-5	<u>SUNDAY, 10:30 AM Jan 07 Jan 14 Jan 21 Jan 28</u>	
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4) God all, no what	Auditorium—17 Teens—7	
5) Prayer things	Bible Hour—14 Total—39	
Notes:	ELDERS Rex HarrisSCHEDULE OF SERVICI SundayTom NorrisBible Classes	m.
	DEACONS Wednesday   Nathan Bradbury Kevin Dodds Bible Class	m.
	MINISTER Wes LeFlore	



**Communion Prayers** 

**Contribution Prayer** 

**Contribution Collection** 

Song #705 "A Common Love"

Lesson

Song #882 "No Tears in Heaven"

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 study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.