

*A Look at What's Happening at*

# Mt. Airy

BAPTIST CHURCH

*January 2024*

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## Spend this *Winter* in the *Word*

### 'BECOMING NEW' BIBLE READING PLAN

Dr. Shorter is challenging everyone to read through the 13 letters of Paul in chronological order in January and February. This is a 44 day reading plan. Suggested reading guides are available throughout the church or online.

### "LOVING THE WORD" - A One - Day Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday, February 10 | 9:00am - 12:00pm | Bldg. A | Brunch included

As Christians, we know we should love God's Word, but sometimes there are barriers that make it difficult to grasp. Too often we apply our Western biases to scripture which causes us to misunderstand or misread.

Join us for a study on Saturday, February 10, where we will explore how to remove some of our cultural blinders so that we can see the truth more clearly and love the Word more deeply. Led by Robin McDonald.

### LADIES' WINTER BIBLE STUDY

There will be a new 7 session ladies' Bible study beginning Thursday, February 15, in the Life Center classroom. A 10:00am class and a 6:00pm class will be offered. We will be studying "Encountering God" by Kelly Minter. Please purchase your book ahead of the class. Eunice Bardin will be leading this study. Call or text her at 864-308-9753 if you plan to participate.

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## Upcoming Events

### *Young at Heart Choir*

The YAH Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, January 3, and on Wednesday, January 10, at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.

### *Senior Singles*

The Senior Singles will meet on Thursday, January 4, from 10:00am until 12:00pm in Bldg A. Please join us for a project and lunch as we kick off the new year! Contact Andrea Hodges via text/call at 864-380-3180 if you can attend.

### *Ladies' Group Meetings*

- The Dot Tripp WMU Group will meet on Tuesday, January 9, at 6:30pm at Buffalo Cornbread in Piedmont. Our mission will be gathering needed baby items for Piedmont Women's Center.
- The Margaret Mitchell WMU Group will meet on Wednesday, January 17, at 2:00pm in Building A.

### *Young at Heart*

YAH will meet on Thursday, January 18, at 11:00am in Building A for lunch. Please contact Maripat Herring at 864-905-3192 if you plan to attend.

## New Members for 2023

These friends joined Mt. Airy in 2023. If you would like to drop them a card or email, please contact the church office for mailing information.

Brad/Aspen Allison  
Douglas Brandel  
Steve Brenner  
Chris/Lindsey Coleman  
Katie Dawkins  
John/Juliana Dechert  
Robert/Sandi Elrod  
Sydney Faust  
Mark/Elizabeth Fishburn  
Vic/Bev Gunter

Aiden Horton  
Barry, Christie, Claire & Reece Jones  
Jake Kohlenberger  
Ron/Tracy Lippard  
George/Season Mauger  
Perry, Robin & Kade McFall  
Lilly Kate McGaha  
Tim/Brenda Meech  
Tom/Susan Nasworthy  
Brandon, Heather, Ava & Claire O'Shields

Pete/Sherry Padgett  
Robert Phillips  
Katie Poole  
Simon Poole  
Anna Claire Porter  
Tim/Sandy Semach  
Linda Sturgill  
Barbara Tench  
Katie Thompson  
Austin/Maggie Welborn

## WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

As the winter season continues, please remember that the church office and The Life Center follow the Anderson 1 School District schedule during inclement weather. We will also post any service cancellations on our website homepage.

## Missions Update

### Christmas from Mt. Airy

Thank you, church family, for being so generous with your time and resources as we shared *Christmas from Mt. Airy* with our community.

Overall, you filled 424 volunteer positions. This was accomplished by everyone coming together, some serving multiple times, and the commitment of 8 BSF classes... all to live out James 2:15-17. We have received so many "Thank You's" from the schools, United Christian Ministries, Connie Maxwell, and others that should be passed directly to you.

You helped to sponsor 54 kids this Christmas, provided 7 families with food, prepared and made 104 visits to shut-ins and widows, sang at a nursing home and several of our shut-ins' houses, prayed for a week for Lottie Moon, served our community food at United Christian Ministries, including providing 150 meals, and you came out strong for "The Amazing Race" at Connie Maxwell - one of my favorite days ever serving with you.

Only God could have provided these opportunities and could have provided the resources, talent, and love that you demonstrated. May God richly bless you in 2024! - Rob Merritt, *Minister of Missions*

### Operation Christmas Child

Every month we collect items for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection held in November. The OCC items for January are washcloths and toothbrushes. Multi-packs are especially helpful. Collection bins are located in the LC and in the corridor between Buildings B & C. THANK YOU for packing and shipping 1197 OCC shoeboxes to needy children all over the world. Our country destinations so far are Burundi, Peru, Panama, and Ecuador. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

## Children's & Student Ministry



CentriKid Camp

When: July 12th - 14th

Where: Boiling Springs, NC at Gardner Webb University

Scan the QR code for details & registration info!

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camps

The winter Children's Ministry calendar of events will be available in early January at [www.mtairybaptist.com/kids](http://www.mtairybaptist.com/kids). Be sure to check it out!

PARENTS' MEETING: A Parents' meeting for students going to Winter Conference will be on Sunday, January 7th, in the Life Center following the 11:00 service.

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## WAVE HELLO TO THIS YEAR'S VBS THEME!

Come join us for a fun-filled week where kids are challenged to recognize the difference between the lies (or half-truths) of culture and God's unchanging truth.

Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock!

**VBS 2024**  
**JUNE 23-27**

6:00pm - 8:30pm