

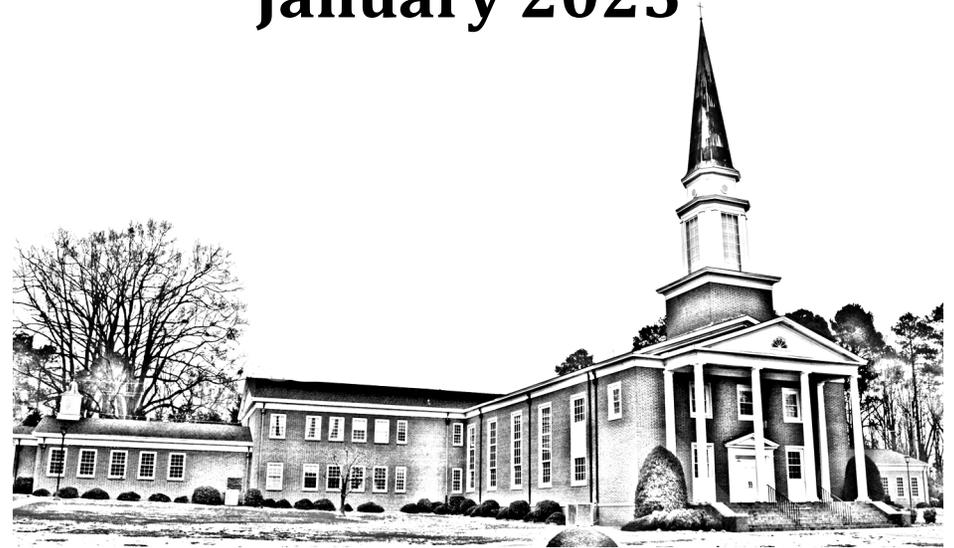
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Sundays @ 11:00 a.m. & ON DEMAND  
Sundays @ 5:30 p.m.  
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## Pastor Nick's Letter January 2025

Greetings, Church family,

December always seems like the busiest time of year at church and this December was no different! To mention everything in December would take up more space than I am allotted for this newsletter. I will make a few highlights though! On Sunday mornings, Dr. Croy and I preached in December on the Wise-men, the Grinch (King Herod), the shepherds, and Mary. We spent most of our time in Gospels of Matthew and Luke. On December 1, we had our hanging of the Greens service which kicked off the start of the Christmas season. Our sanctuary looks so beautiful this time of year. Earl and Evalane Poole always do a great job of making this service so special. On December 6, we had a joint Christmas choir out at the Troy TownStage with cookies and hot chocolate. While it was freezing cold, the warmth of Christmas cheer warmed our hearts. The Christmas play was a success! When you have children performing and food to eat, people will come! It is always a great thing when we have to set up tables in the youth building for overflow. I am so proud of the youth and children of Troy First Baptist Church for doing a phenomenal job. As always, our musicians were exceptional! A big thank you to Carri Hampton and Angela Park for directing the play and Amber Hogan, Wanda Sharpe, Hailey Wright, Melissa Taylor, and my wife, Jocelyn, for all their help with the props/set. We of course want to thank those who prepared the food and set up for our dinner. It truly takes a village or in this case an entire church! To God be the glory! My favorite service of the year is the Christmas Candlelight service. It is a special time of unity as we sing together and are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. We had the opportunity to bless families in need this year with Coalition for Christ, Montgomery County. After much shopping and wrapping (Thank you Bonnie, Rod, Joann, Jocelyn, Kathy), we were able to have our coalition day on December 23rd where we met the families, had refreshments, gave gifts to the kids, and most importantly gave them prayer and a copy of God's Word.

In Kid's Club this past month, the theme verse was Isaiah 7:14 "For the Lord Himself will Give you a sign, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son and will call Him Emmanuel." The children were a blessing on December 18th as we went out to carol to our church family. The kids also packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

After finishing the Christmas play, the youth have started back regular praise and worship time on Sunday nights. As we move into the year 2025, I believe the Lord has given us a vision. As Proverbs 29:18 tells us, "Where there is no vision, the people perish..." Our theme this year is "being Kingdom focused." (Matthew 6:33). I believe this will be the best year yet for Troy First Baptist as we have so much planned. I cannot wait to see how Jesus is glorified in 2025.

**In Christ, Pastor Nick**



## January 2025 Dr. Dwight Croy

Look closely with me at the passage known as the "Great Commission." This is our mission statement. In the military, soldiers follow their commander's mission statement and dissect it down to its finest points. Leaders will carry out the command intent no matter the directive in all their specified areas. Jesus Christ gave us such a mission statement. Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV says, **"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."** So, we have to ask ourselves are we meeting the goals of our Commander, Jesus Christ. Look at the directives. Look at the verbs. **"make disciples," "baptizing," and "teaching."** Even the youngest of Christian believers can carry out this mission. Jesus gave us two great facts that should help us carry out this mission. They are the bookends of this mission. First, we speak and do upon the authority and power of Jesus Christ. Second, we have Jesus Christ and the empowerment of His Holy Spirit to do what He has commanded us. No one is to stagnate. Each member of the body of Christ, the church, can meet the mission. If you are a living and breathing born again Christian, you are discipling and you are teaching. As a Christian American we have been given in abundance a great revelation of Jesus Christ. Luke 12:48 **"For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more."** How does one start? You obey God with what He puts in front of you. You listen to the prompts of the Holy Spirit. You start with little things. God will be in charge of expanding your borders and responsibility. Many a spiritual leader started by setting up chairs for Sunday School or Bible Study. Obedient act after obedient act spiritual leaders are grown. If you are a committed follower of Jesus Christ, be determined in the living out of the great commission. Write down a name that you are trying to bring the gospel to. Pray for them and never let up. Whether you realize it or not, you are discipling every member of the body of Christ with your actions, words, and demeanor. May the Lord bless you as you continue to obey Jesus Christ in His personal mission handed to believers.

Dr. Dwight Croy  
Associate Pastor  
US Army Chaplain Retired, Romans 12:1-2



**In Honor of Sissie Allen**

Vota Vita Class Fund by Faye Atkinson

**In Honor of Pastor Nick & Jocelyn Allen**

Tithes & Offerings by Frank & Ruby Sanders

**In Honor of Rod & Bonnie Kelley**

Operation Christmas Child by Harry & Deborah McRae

**In Honor of Janno Lewis**

Vota Vita Class Fund by Faye Atkinson

**In Honor of Jaylan McBride**

Youth Caswell Trip by Rodney & Bonnie Kelley

**In Honor of Larry Russell**

Tithes & Offerings by Carolyn Russell & Family

**In Honor of Alyria Tyson**

Youth Caswell Trip by Rodney & Bonnie Kelley

**In Memory of Dr. Benny Hampton**

Renovations Kitchen by Kenneth & Linda Whitesell, Jr & Family  
Renovations Kitchen by Peggy Hampton

**In Memory of Polly S. King**

Vota Vita Class Fund by Faye Atkinson  
Vota Vita Class Fund by Randall & Sharon Hartsell

**In Memory of Jim & Linda Ray**

Youth Class Fund by James & Hazel Spivey

**In Memory of Ryan Royal**

Baptist Children's Home by Harry & Debby McRae



As we step into the new year, we are reminded of the endless opportunities that lie ahead to serve and grow in our faith. The Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) invites all women to make this year a time of purpose and devotion, placing God first in everything we do.

In a world full of distractions, putting God first can often be challenging. But as women of faith, we are called to serve and spread His love to others. Through our mission work, we not only serve our community but also grow in unity with each other and in our walk with Christ.

The WMU provides a supportive environment where women can engage in prayer, outreach, and service projects that impact lives both near and far. Whether you're new to missions or have been serving for years, your presence and participation are invaluable. Together, we can accomplish great things in God's name.

We encourage all women to join us this year as we put God at the forefront of our mission. Let's dedicate our time, talents, and hearts to serving Him and bringing His light to others. If you've been seeking a way to connect deeper in faith and purpose, we welcome you to become part of this amazing group.

Let's make 2025 a year of action, prayer, and devotion. Join the Woman's Missionary Union today and be a part of something bigger than ourselves.

**"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." – Matthew 28:19**

Let us step forward together in faith, love, and mission!

Dr. Amy Blake Reynolds

**Thank You from Social Committee**

Thank you to all that helped with preparing food, setting up, serving, and the cleaning after the Christmas meal. Your efforts made the evening a big success and without you it could not have been done.

Last, thanks to all who contributed to the new kitchen....it made things so much easier!

Earle and Evalane, on behalf of the Social Committee



**Seniors Together**

**No activities planned for January 2025.**

The Seniors Together Committee will be meeting in January to plan trips/meals for 2025.

Keep watching for updates.

# January 2025

**Sunday School—10:00 a.m.**

**Morning Worship—Live & On Line 11:00 a.m.**

**Evening —Prayer Meeting & Youth 5:30 p.m.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Audio Team</b> <b>Matt DeHart</b>			<b>1</b> New Year's Day Office Closed No Fellowship Meal No WMU or Baptist Men	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Lord's Supper</b> <b>5</b> 10:00 AM Classes 11:00 AM Message 11:00 AM ONLINE Live  5:30 PM Prayer Mtg & Youth	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Trustee Meeting 6:15 PM ----- Deacon Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>8</b> 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Kids Club 6:30 PM WMU	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>9:45 AM Business Mtg</b> <b>19</b> 10:00 AM Classes 11:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM ONLINE Live  5:30 PM Prayer Mtg & Youth	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Kids Club	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Baptist Men's Day</b> <b>26</b> 9:00 AM Breakfast 10:00 AM Classes 11:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM ONLINE Live  5:30 PM Prayer Mtg & Youth	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM Mission Group I Lounge  6:30 PM Mission Group 2 Fellowship Hall	<b>29</b> 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Kids Club	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>Deacon of the Week</b> 5th - Mitchell Whitesell 803-367-6398 12th - Bradley Wright 336-807-7454 19th - Joe Huntley, Jr. 910-572-8534 26th - Jo Jo Huntley 910-572-8606	<b>Trustee of the Week</b> 5th - Bryant Hampton 910-975-1132 12th - Benny Hogan 910-975-4652 19th - Harry McRae 910-572-2562 26th - Earle Poole 910-220-1753		<b>Counting Team</b>  <b>Lucille Sabiston</b> <b>Melissa Taylor</b>	<b>Hospitality</b> Fellowship Hall Hazel Spivey ----- Vestibule James Spivey	<b>Nursery Worship</b> 5th - Sarah DeHart Lee Wright 12th - Carri Hampton Hailey Wright 19th - Jocelyn Allen Alyssa Hampton 26th - Denia Huntley Gay Huntley	<b>Elevate</b> 5th - Bradley Wright Hailey Wright 12th - Jocelyn Allen Raylon Hogan 19th - Lee Wright Anna Sharpe 26th - Evalane Poole Alyssa Hampton