



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

If you are on track to read the Bible through for the year, please contact the church office. You will be recognized **Sunday, January 10**. The 2021 daily readings are available at the Welcome Table and Event Table.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Beginning **January 17**, we will have Bible Study classes at 6 pm. Creation Class led by Neil Noland. Motherhood study led by Marsha McCorkle. Christianity and American History led by Bro. Jim. Theology 101 led by Daniel Rasor. Junior Theology class for Children 1st grade through 6th grade. Sign up at the Event table if interested in one of these classes. Childcare provided for children birth through Kindergarten.



SECRET SIS

Secret Sis forms are available at the Event Table and the church office if you want to participate in the 2021.



RECEPTION FOR CHRIS AND JAMIE AND FAMILY

Our Missionaries, Chris, Jamie, Brody, Selah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Anastasia have been with us since late April. They have spent their time in service and worshipping at our church and churches across Oklahoma preaching and telling others about International Missions, their time in Malawi and how the Lottie Moon Christmas offering support missionaries around the world like them. We will have a reception **Sunday, January 24** for the Schilt's as they prepare to go back to Malawi, Africa.



COVID 19 - Please Remember the Following When Coming to Church

- Love Thy Neighbor, Sanitize Thy Hands.
- Be respectful of others who are being more cautious.
- Practice social distancing.
- Masks are encouraged but not mandatory.
- Please allow a couple of empty seats on either side of you and your family.
- Please limit the number of people in the restrooms.
- **If you are not feeling well, PLEASE stay home!**

⇒ If you or someone within your household has been tested for COVID and has not received a test result yet, please refrain from attending services in person until you have received the results. We invite you to join us on Facebook Live.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY KICKOFF

Sunday, January 31 immediately following the morning service is a women's ministry event in the MPR. Lunch, Devotionals and information about the Grove FBC Women's Ministry for 2021. See Michelle Roberts for more information.



Grove's First Baptist Church

January 2021

Happy Birthday!

Ginger LaBlanc	6
Jaydon Hill	6
Katie Barrowman	6
Josh Carillo	7
Clark Pettit	8
Sondra Potter	8
Emmery Hinkle	9
Nevaeh Glass	9
Rick Deaver	9
Judy Asay	10
Lenora Flowers	10
Herman Drews	12
Justin Whitney	12
Frank Barbee	13
Teresa Tanner	13
Gary Witt	15
Jim Talbot	16
Davey Jackson	17
Ann Barrowman	18
Debbie Moore	18
Emma Mercer	18
Sharon Bettes	18
Linda Williams	20
Chris Schilt	21
Alix Nelson	23
Lynda Caudill	26
Terry Lloyd	26
Jeremy Watters	27
Baylee Gregg	28
Cindy Hamm	28
Derek Wright	30
Tony Caudill	30



Budget YTD

Budget Needs - \$728,066.82
Budget Given - \$723,000.48
Budget Shortage - \$5,066.34

Building Fund - \$38,011.13
Lottie Moon - \$11,286.00

I am writing this article just a few days before Christmas, 2020. My desire is to challenge you as a church for the new year, 2021. The consensus among the people I have spoken to is that 2020 cannot end fast enough. We are now embarking on a new year. What will this new year hold? Will we encounter some of the same challenges that we faced this past year? Will things ever get back to "normal"?

One thing that we are attempting to do in the new year is to put an emphasis on discipleship. The Scriptures are noticeably clear that a disciple is a follower of Christ. Jesus invested time with His disciples in preparation for going to the cross and returning to heaven. We need to invest time with our children, youth and adults to train them to be a more faithful and dedicated disciple for Christ. I think of the passage in Luke 14 where Jesus says three times that if we are not willing to follow Him, we cannot be His disciple. The standards are not watered down in order to have large numbers.

On Sunday, January 17th, we will begin a Sunday Night program of Discipleship Training.

From Our Pastor ...

We will have several classes for people to choose. We have traditionally had Sunday Night church but as Pastor, I am willing to commit to the Discipleship time if the church family will make a commitment as well. We will be offering different classes to pique your interest. Bro. Neil Noland will be starting back on his Creation Class and we will offer a variety of subjects to help you grow in the faith. Please mark your calendar and decide to commit to our discipleship program.

In the Book of Hebrews Chapter 5:12-14 we read, *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the actual words of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unacquainted with the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to distinguish between good and evil.* It is clear that God's desire is for His disciples to grow up and get off the milk and start taking on solid food. We want to help you by providing training that will "grow you up" in the faith. In this world of uncertainty, we need grounded and solid followers of Christ. Will you make the commitment to be one?

One final thought, on behalf of the staff, I want to thank the church family for the generous Christmas bonuses this year. All of us on staff have been blessed by the faithfulness and generosity of this wonderful church family! God bless you and have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Bro. Jim