



# January 2018



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7 9 Bible Study 12 DeGreening after service	8	9	10	11	12	13
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### Greetings from your pastor!

We have finished the Christmas season, and have the exciting prospects of a new year in the world and church in front of us. It is time for all of the tasks and ideas we said "let's wait until after Christmas," and so let the work begin! First, there are several brief after-church committee meetings coming up that are opportunities to support our youth and children's programming. These leadership meetings are intended to solidify our programming, while providing space for ideas to be heard and volunteers to be recruited.

I'm preaching the first and last Sunday in January. The first Sunday will be an Epiphany sermon on the wisemen arriving and what that can teach us. The last Sunday will be a sermon entirely unrelated to planning and working on church things, because after the month of January we could probably use a break!



Finally, I want to give people the opportunity to get to know me better, without digging into Sunday morning time. I will be at the Lobby coffee shop here in town on Wednesday evenings in January, and maybe that could be used as a time to get to know one another, and I would also love to have some conversation about the types of scriptures and topics you would like me to preach on. If meeting up at a coffee shop sounds like something you would like, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Peace and blessings in the New Year:  
Pastor Zane Ridings

### From Shari and David . . .

Together, we are now moving ahead with longest night of year in the northern hemisphere behind us. As we move away from the Winter Solstice of December 21st, one of the first steps forward is celebrating God's light coming into the world in a new way in the birth and life of Jesus. Then as we move ahead into the new year, we pray that Jesus' light shining in your lives will continue to help light the way.

As we continue to walk with you all, Pastor Zane and the amazing congregation known as Lebanon First Christian Church, we are grateful.

We recall John Newton's words in the last verse of the song he wrote in 1779, using "we" and "us" instead of "I" and "me":

*"Through many dangers, toils, and snares, we have already come; 'tis grace hath brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us home."*

Whether as individuals or as a congregation, you all have walked a sometimes incredibly tough road in the last years. Yet here you are, still standing. Maybe bruised, maybe with some wounds, yet still standing; your hope not extinguished, and your faith unyielding.

As we look forward with mixed feelings to our last few months with you, we truly want to fulfill—fill full—your call to us. You asked us to help mentor and coach you as a congregation and newly called pastor. And we aim to finish strong, as it would be remiss for us to do otherwise.

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### CHURCH EVENTS

- Sunday Morning Study 9:00 AM All are welcome!**
- DeGreening of the Church Sunday, January 7 after service**
- Youth Committee Meeting Sunday, January 14, after service**
- Service at the Oaks Sunday, January 14, 6:00 PM Come Join In!**
- Martha CWF Group Tuesday, January 16, 2:00 PM**  
At Janet Lowe's - First lesson in new study. **All women invited**
- Church Board & Elders Meetings Tuesday, January 16**  
6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Church Board
- Coaching Sessions Saturday, January 20 Time TBA**  
**Potato Bar lunch provided**
- Children's Committee Meeting Sunday, January 21, after service**

### Birthdays

- Doris Westfall 1
- Chelly Walker 8
- Dwight Cannon 10
- Jason Morgan 13
- Curt Christie 15
- Earl Hunter 26

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**Continued from Shari and David:**

As such, we will be offering more “coaching sessions” aimed to equip *those who are interested* with more tools, skills, and resources to bring to bear in the months and years ahead. The heart of those sessions will be on Saturday, January 20, with a buffet of five different sessions to choose from in the morning and afternoon. Pastor Zane, we’re looking forward to meeting with you that day. And at the same time we feed our mind and souls with tools, skills, and resources, we’ll feed the body as well with a baked potato bar around lunch time (hosted by David and Shari).

*Anyone else who is interested will be welcome* to join the three of us. You can decide if you’re interested in any or not at all. Your choice entirely. After the first of the year, we’ll share more details about the five specific sessions.

And to be clear, it’s not that either of us is anything particularly special, but just like you, we are made in God’s image. And perhaps like you as well, we’ve walked some pretty dark roads ourselves, and needed tools, skills, and resources to survive as well as to find healing ourselves. So we’ve dedicated much of our lives to equipping ourselves to share with others along the way. That’s part of the reason we said, “Yes” to your call to coach you and your newly called pastor.

As we walk together forward from the longest night into Jesus’ light, as Tiny Tim says in “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens, we say, “God bless us, every one.”

Shari and David :o)

# THANK YOU!

Once again, we want to thank Wayne and Elaine McIntosh for the fun filled evening riding the train and oohing and aahing over the beautiful Christmas decorations as we rode the Tennessee Thunder Train.

**THANK YOU** to all who made it possible for us to help those who needed socks, gloves and jackets at Christmas. We gave about 25 pairs of warm, waterproof gloves, several dozen socks and several jackets. Those who received were very appreciative.

**What fun we had making decorations for the tree pertaining to advent.** We appreciate those who brought to us a message of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love as we worked on our creations. **Thank you** to all who made this time possible. A special thanks to Sheryl Kizer and Myra Ullfers.

## UPcoming EVENTS

### ATTENTION YOUTH COMMITTEE

Meeting to plan youth activities  
Sunday, January 14  
Right after worship service.

### ATTENTION CHILDREN COMMITTEE

Meeting to plan Children activities  
Sunday, January 21  
Right after worship service.



**Coaching Sessions**  
With Potato Bar Lunch Provided  
Saturday, January 20

### ATTENTION WOMEN

If you are new to Lebanon FCC or just visiting, We’d love to have you come to our CWF Martha Group which meets at 2:00 PM on the Third Tuesday of the month in someone’s home. January 16 meeting at Janet Lowe’s.

## OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION Terms beginning January 1, 2018

Chair of Congregation (Term through 2018)  
Vice Chair of Congregation (Term through 2018)  
Clerk (Term through 2018)  
Treasure (Term through 2019)  
Financial Secretary (Term through 2019)

Jon West  
KJ Ullfers  
Sheryl Kizer  
Doris Westfall  
Donna Beamer

### Registered Agent:

Curt Prosa

### Trustees:

Term through 2018  
Term through 2019  
Term through 2020

Marciel Gilmore  
Ron Van Vleet  
KJ Ullfers

### Elders

**Term through 2018**  
Donna Beamer  
Todd Lewelling  
Donna Lewelling  
Mary Lee Howell  
Curt Prosa

**Term through 2019**  
Mike Kizer  
Sheryl Kizer  
Ed Dart  
Joyce Dart  
KJ Ullfers  
Myra Ullfers

**Term through 2020**  
Nancy Prosa  
Jon West  
Nancey West

### Deacons

**Term through 2018**  
Colene Macklin  
Tina Morgan  
Cathy Johnson  
Van Johnson  
Grace Johnson  
Peg Vorderstrasse

**Term through 2019**  
Barbara Tarrant  
Steve Tarrant  
Ron Van Vleet  
Sharon Campbell  
Doris Modderman

**Term through 2020**  
Doris Westfall  
Marciel Gilmore  
Janet Lowe  
Lavon Gabrielsen  
Del Eggert  
Earl Hunter



### IN OUR PRAYERS:

Nancy VanVleet  
Cathy Johnson  
Mary Lee Howell  
Ed Dart  
Millie Patterson  
Jesse LeSeur  
Wayne McIntosh  
August Flieshman  
Diana Johnson  
Dale Johnson

Dale & Thelma Olsen  
Gertrude Debutts  
Mariam Swanson  
Rachel Dunn  
Donna Primasing  
Penny Sealy  
Patricia Love  
Deloris Wirth  
Vila Adkins  
Tyler Ruoravoara

Patricia Heckman  
Gerri Myers  
James Lenfesty  
Cyrus Wendling  
John Morgan

**Service People:**  
Sgt. Coury Gagne,  
Sgt. Scot Noss  
Cpt. Tory Petersen  
1st Lt. Kellen Peterson

**Pray for our Church, our Ministers, the Soup Kitchen, and our Regional Ministers.**

**If you know of any updates or corrections to this list, please let the office know in writing or by email.**