

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, 01-03-16

ELDER NOMINATIONS

JANUARY 3—10, 2016

List of eligible members and ballots are available from the ushers.

2016 Offering Envelopes

The 2016 offering envelopes are on a table outside the church library. Please stop by and pick up your envelopes this week. If you do not have offering envelopes, please contact the church office, ext. 18. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes for accounting purposes. Please use the 2016 envelopes beginning the first Sunday in January. Your 2015 envelope number may be different from the 2016 number.

Deacon Ordination/Installation

Sunday, January 3, 2016
Evening Worship Service

There will be a reception for the new deacons in the gym immediately following the evening worship service.

Widows' Fund

The Church established a Widows' fund for the substantial (and often on-going) needs that come upon some of those who are widowed and live to an old age. (This is different from the Sympathy and Service fund which meets the short-term needs of all of our members.) The reserve balance in this fund has been slowly but steadily declining over the past months. If you are able, above your tithe and other giving to the church, to give to rebuild this fund, please consider making a year-end or even better, monthly gift to the widows' fund. We praise our God for His provision for those that look to Him.

The Lord's Supper
January 17th
Morning services

VISITORS

Please sign the Friendship Register.
Be sure and fill in your address and phone number.

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Have you ever wanted to read through the entire Bible in a year? Have you ever tried – and failed? Have you done it in the past and want to do it again? We are going to dedicate a Sunday school class to help you read through the Bible in 2016. Every week the class will “preview” the reading assignment for the upcoming week and will “review” the reading assignment from the previous week. The preview will include outlines, key doctrines, important memory verses, maps, etc. The review will allow for questions and comments.

The first class will start on December 27 in the large Sunday school room down the hall from the church office (C-209) to preview the first few days (since January 1 falls on a Friday). The classes will be recorded and put on the church website. The class notes, outlines, and slides will also be on the church website. So if you miss a week or two, you will be able to catch up even if you are away from the church. If you have any questions, you may speak to Pastor Spears (864) 430-7389.

Join the Choir!

The beginning of the new year is a terrific time to join the choir! The Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, January 13. If you are interested in being a part of this vibrant ministry of singing and worship leadership, please see Director of Music, Verlyn Smoker, following a worship service or call him at [864-979-9378](tel:864-979-9378). Visitors are most welcome and the only requirement for membership is a love for the Lord and the desire to sing His praise! Rehearsals take place in the choir room—directly beneath the Sanctuary—each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come and join your voice with the choir!

**JOINT SESSION/DIACONATE MEETING
MOVED TO TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH.**