

TODAY: January 9



- ◆ 8:30a Elder / Deacon Prayer
- ◆ 8:45a Prayer Time (all ages)
- ◆ 12:30p Elders Meeting in N126
- ◆ 5:00p **IMPACT Family Night Training** Meeting in E107



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

- Mon. Jan. 10—6:00p **Finance Committee** Meeting in Room N126
- Tues. Jan. 11—9:30a “**Quilting Ministry**” in Room E107
- Thurs. Jan. 13—Ladies’ **Bible studies** resume—9:30a (FMC) and 5:30p (N125)at the church
- Sat. Jan. 15—9:00a—12:00 Noon **New Members Class** in Room N126
- Sat.—Mon. Jan. 15-17—JR. High **Winter Blast** at Camp Pinewood/ Cost: \$95



[Regular activities on the back of the bulletin]



SAVE THE DATE!

- Jan. 16—5:00p **Teens to Togo** final planning for Service Auction in N126—
Service Auction will be Feb. 18
- Jan. 18—5:30p J.O.Y. Group “**Game Night**” at the church in E107—Pizza will be ordered in —**FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP**—Sign up in the foyer
- Jan. 23—6:00p **Missionary speaker** Jared Loucks (Adelphos-Paraguay)
- Jan. 24-26—BNN **Prayer Summit** at Camp Pinewood in McCall
- Jan. 26—6:00p—7:30p AWANA

“SNOW NIGHT”



SAVE THE DATE Cont'd



- Jan. 29 — 9:30a-11:30a **Safety Team Meeting** N129A-B for Security/Medical/Ushers
- Jan. 30—12:15p **Potluck & Annual Business Meeting** —Food Assignments: A—F = Dessert; G—M = Main Dish; N—Z = Salad
- Feb. 5—10:30a **Women’s Book Club** *When People Are Big and God is Small* by Edward T. Welch at Daren’s home



Deposit Report 2022	
January General Fund Budget:	
	\$51,476.72
WEEK: January 2, 2022	
General Fund:	\$11,800.30
Special Offering:	\$600.00
Deposit:	\$12,400.30
MONTH: JANUARY	
General Fund:	\$13,387.30
Special Offerings:	\$610.50
Deposits:	\$13,997.80

Online Church Directory Access:

- 1) Go to your Apple Store or Google Play app and search for "Church Center"
- 2) Download and open the app.
- 3) Follow the directions (search for Meridian First Baptist, verify your name etc.)
- 4) Bottom right hand corner the "Directory" tab allows you to share your information and to access the directory.
- 5) Your picture in the upper right hand corner allows you to update your information and access your profile.

Please contact Sarah Crapuchettes for assistance and questions:

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MERIDIAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



January 9, 2022

9:30 AM Service

Pianist: Michelle / Song Leader: Benjy
 Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Dave
 Hymn #48—*Holy, Holy, Holy*
 Song—*Psalm 99*
 Special Music: Savannah & Riley
I Love You Lord
 Song—*Majesty*
 Hymn #2—*Praise To the Lord, the Almighty*
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 99 Alan
 Message: “*Holy is He!*”
 Text: Psalm 99 Pastor Randy
 Closing Hymn #18—*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*



6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Michelle / Song Leader: Scott
 Song—*I Will Enter His Gates*
 Song—*Shout to the Lord*
 Song—*Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down*
 Special Music: Myleigh
 Scripture Reading: Scott L.
 Message: “*Enter His Gates*”
 Text: Psalm 100 Pastor Randy



MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS:



January 9:
Nursery:
 AM: Dennis / Linda
 SS: Gloria / Penny
 PM: Susie / Savannah
Sound Techs: Jason/Kurt/Yakov (AM)
 Kurt/Yakov /Joseph (PM)
Security: Gary M. (AM) Elaine (PM)



January 16:
Nursery:
 AM: Robin / Ilyana
 SS: Darlene / Jayne
 PM: Serena / Girls
Sound Techs: Andrew/Jonathon/Shannon/
 John (AM) (PM)
Security: Brian (AM) Alan (PM)

MISSION FOCUS:

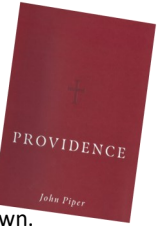
January



Peter & Jamie Hudson

ABWE / Colombia

- We love the opportunity to serve our neighbors and community during the holidays, but most importantly, getting to share Christ’s love with others and why we truly celebrate Christmas.
- We have held several “*novenas*” on different blocks in our neighborhood. *Novenas* are a Catholic, nine-day religious ceremony, during the time leading up to Christmas from Dec. 16-24, however, we have re-invented it to a more evangelical style. It has been fun singing, retelling the Christmas story and sharing in some Colombian Christmas foods.
- This year, like most years, certainly has presented its challenges, and we have some decisions coming up soon about our house, some other personal things, and how to lead the church next year.
- In all of the wildness, we reflect this Christmas on God’s truth, faithfulness, and goodness to us.
- We also couldn’t be here without your prayer and financial support, love, and grace to us.
- We are so very thankful for each and everyone one of you, and whatever circumstance of life you find yourself in this Christmas, may the One who formed and created you, be your biggest gift of all this season.



Welcome to this new little corner of the Book Nook! The goal is to spotlight, once a month, a book that you may want to consider making your own. This month, we start off with a book that isn’t easy to overlook (it’s big and the title is bold) but it may be off-putting. It’s long—just over 700 pages. The cover is simple and unadorned—a scarlet dust jacket with a cross and a single word riveted across the front in white letters. There’s no flash. No fanfare. No typical enticements to turn in here, roll up your sleeves, and get to work.

But should you choose to do so, the rewards may radically impact your joy, your awe, and your knowledge of God. This is John Piper’s readable, pastoral *magnum opus* entitled *Providence*. Should you venture in, you will be carried, as with the best of spectacular drone photography, through the vast topic of God’s mighty and Fatherly hand over all things as seen in the biblical history presented in the Old and New Testaments. This work offers no dry, remote theological discussion. Instead, Piper sweeps up close to show the events and principles of the Old Testament and links them with the New Testament. We see afresh so much more of what God achieved through Jesus’ death on the cross. And then, amid all the glory, we see ourselves and what our lives can and should be.

One professor from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary wrote of this book: “Here is hope when health fails, enemies assail, dreams unravel, relationships crumble, and calamities destroy. Here is strength for enduring difficulty, facing uncertainty, and overcoming anxiety. Here is the sweet experience of our Father’s bountiful goodness in the special care and conduct of his providence.”

In the beloved hymn “O Worship the King,” composer Sir Robert Grant admitted the near-impossibility of putting words to His grandeur: “Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?” Thankfully, Piper undertook to do just that.

—Submitted by Daren Blake