

## Opportunities at Chadbourn Baptist

### Sunday, January 01

Happy New Year 2023!  
Sunday School-9:45  
Worship / Communion-11

### Wednesday, January 04

No Activities

### Sunday, January 08

Deacons Meeting-9  
Sunday School-9:45  
Worship-11  
Undecorate Party-3  
J.U.M.P. Team-4-6

### Monday, January 09

Backpacking at CBA-7

### Wednesday, January 11

Prayer Meeting-6  
Choir-6:45

### Sunday, January 15

Sunday School-9:45  
Worship-11  
J.U.M.P. Team-4-6

### Tuesday, January 17

Elderberries-11:30

### Wednesday, January 18

Prayer Meeting-6  
Choir Rehearsal-6:45

### Sunday, January 22

Sunday School-9:45  
Worship-11  
J.U.M.P. Team-4-6

### Wednesday, January 25

Prayer Meeting-6  
Choir Rehearsal-6:45

### Sunday, January 29

Sunday School-9:45  
Worship-11  
J.U.M.P. Team-4-6

**J.U.M.P. Team**  
is for anyone 10-18 years old.

**Sundays 4:00pm-6:00pm**

Invite a friend and join us.



**EVERY SUNDAY - 9:45 AM**

We have a class for YOU!

### **January Nursery Calendar**

- 01 - Christa / Logan Fowler
- 08 - Doris / Wesley Caines
- 15 - Kay Honeycutt / Em Nobles
- 22 - Wendy / Wade Marshburn
- 29 - Amanda Britt / Janice McRae

### **Rev. Dr. David R Vess**

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### **Dr. Sharyn Edwards**

*Organist*

### **Ms. Joyce Beaver**

*Pianist*

### **Ms. Teresa Powell**

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### **Office Hours**

Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm  
\*Friday: 8:00am - 12:00pm



# The Enabler

## Chadbourn Baptist Church

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Thanks to everyone who used  
our mailbox for their Christmas  
cards this year.

**Global Missions Offering total:  
\$165.50**

**Klondyke Elderberries  
January 17, 2023  
On the Menu:  
Soup and Sandwiches**

### **January Deacon of the Month**

Sandra Nobles

**Welcome / Ushering Team**

Pat Nealey / Nell Strickland

## From the Pastor

Let me begin 2023 by saying a word of thanks to all of you for all the delightful Christmas cards and thoughtful gifts you sent our way at Christmas. We really appreciate you all remembering us during this special season. As always Dave Crumpler, Dr. Edwards and Joyce Beaver led the Adult Choir, Joyful Singers, Jump Team and Handbells to bless us with great music. So many helped gather and pack the 36 Shoeboxes we sent to Operation Christmas Child. Others worked very hard with the Toy Store so that many families had a better Christmas than they would otherwise. Much of her tireless work goes “unseen”, but as Jesus told us, Our Father sees all and especially likes the “unseen” work done in His Name. Thank you all for your work and I hope you had a blessed Advent and Christmas.

And, since it is New Year's, what could be more appropriate than some New Year's resolutions? New Year's resolutions. Do you bother with them? "I'm going to quit smoking," or "I'm going to lose some weight," or "I'm going to spend more time with my family." I sympathize with the fellow who was working on his resolutions for the New Year. One was to clean up his desk - he did ... and found last year's list of resolutions. Mark Twain offered one of my favorites - "This year I'm going to live within my means ... even if I have to borrow money to do it."

I like a list of resolutions prepared by the Rev. Walter Schoedel. He calls them '7-UPS for the New Year.' No, this has nothing to do with the soft drink. These 7-UPS fall under the heading of attitudes and actions. 1. WAKE UP Begin each day with the Lord. Rejoice in it. 2. DRESS-UP Put on a smile. It improves your looks. It says something about your attitude. 3. SHUT-UP Watch your tongue. Don't gossip. Say nice things. Learn to listen. 4. STAND-UP Take a stand for what you believe. Resist evil. Do good. 5. LOOK-UP Open your eyes to the Lord. After all, He is your only Savior. 6. REACH-UP Spend time in prayer with your adorations, confessions, thanksgivings and supplications to the Lord. 7. LIFT-UP Be available to help those in need serving, supporting, and sharing. If you're going to make New Year's resolutions this year, let me suggest Rev. Schoedel's list. Why do we bother to make New Year's resolutions in the first place? Why do we feel this need each January 1 to set new goals? Maybe it is because resolutions help us to identify our priorities. They answer the Question: how do I want to invest my time, energy, money, and talents in this New Year? The New Year reminds us that time is passing. It is up to each of us to maximize the potential of every moment in 2023. May God help us achieve those lofty goals.

In God's Grace  
David Vess



Monday  
January 9  
7:00 pm  
Backpacking Party  
at the CBA building



**WEDNESDAYS**  
Prayer Meeting - 6PM  
Choir Rehearsal - 6:45PM



The family of David Mitchell  
The family of Horace 'Hodge' Nance



- 07 - Austin Fowler
- 08 - Bishop Koa Edwards
- 08 - Ariel Rose Powell
- 09 - Alex Edwards
- 14 - Wesley Caines
- 15 - Debra Connor
- 15 - Jase Powell
- 15 - Debbie Thompson
- 21 - Thomas Carr
- 24 - John Beaver
- 24 - Savannah Cole
- 26 - Judy Morris
- 30 - Haleigh Fisher
- 31 - Debbie Faulk

### Stewardship Report

**Weekly Budget Needs**  
\$4,013.79

2023 Offering Envelopes  
are here! Contact the  
office if you need a box.

## “And Now a Word from Dave”

Happy New Year, everybody! We've lived through another year. A new “not-lived-in-year yet” is like a new fallen snow that covers everything and hasn't been sullied by footprints or vehicle tracks. It's ours to live how we wish, maybe the very same way we did back in 2022, but some folks like to change, try something new & challenging, or work at improving the things that did not quite work out right. Basically, a brand new year is like a “do over.” Golfers call it a “mulligan,” a shot that the golfer replays. As children we had a toy like that. If you grew up in the 60s, chances are you remember those little magic notepads that lets you draw over & over again on the same piece of magical reusable paper. When you wanted to erase your drawing or notes you wrote down, you just peeled back the plastic sheet (love the sound it made when doing that) and it erased everything you had drawn & gave you a blank slate again. They were called “Magic Slate Paper Savers”...they were pretty much the iPads of our childhood. I write all that to make this point. God erases mistakes. The things you felt bad about or feel you fell short on in 2022 can change. Ask God for help. In a sense, He'll lift that plastic cover sheet & you've got that blank slate to start over. Want to get 2023 off to a good start? Ask God for help. I suppose New Year resolutions are okay but almost everyone I know (myself included) ends up breaking them or no longer caring to continue with them. If you do something bad or find yourself regretting something, thinking, “Why did I do that?” Stop. Get with God and let Him know how bad you feel about it, and to help you in making sure it doesn't happen again.

Guess what God'll do? He'll symbolically lift that “magic plastic sheet” (He calls it forgiveness) and we start afresh & anew. Sooner or later folks, we're gonna fail, & fall flat on our faces. As Christians, we should feel bad about it. What you do after that pretty much determines where you are in your relationship with God. If you go uncaringly about your way, I'd believe you're not as close in your relationship to Christ as you may lead folks to believe. If, however, you may find yourself on your knees talking to God about it and asking His forgiveness, I'm gonna know you're pretty tight with God. Our Savior has given us a brand new year. Let's do our best to use it wisely and in ways that are pleasing to Him. Happy New Year & I'll be writing to you again – God willing – next month.