

## Opportunities at Chadbourn Baptist

Monday, January 01  
Happy New Year 2024!

Wednesday, January 03  
Prayer Meeting-6  
Choir-7

Sunday, January 07  
Sunday School-9:45  
Worship/Communion-11  
Un-Decorating Party-3

Wednesday, January 10  
Prayer Meeting-6  
Choir-7

Friday, January 12  
Office Closed

Sunday, January 14  
Deacons Meeting-8:45  
Sunday School-9:45  
Worship-11

Tuesday, January 16  
Elderberries-11:30  
Backpacking Party-6:30\*

Wednesday, January 17  
Prayer Meeting-6  
Choir Rehearsal-7

Sunday, January 21  
Sunday School-9:45  
Worship-11

Wednesday, January 24  
Prayer Meeting-6  
Choir Rehearsal-7

Sunday, January 28  
Sunday School-9:45  
Worship-11

Wednesday, January 31  
Prayer Meeting-6  
Choir-7

Happy  
Birthday

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

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### Office Hours

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

# The Enabler

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WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS

Alexis Burchette

Rhonda Wagner



January 14  
8:45am

WEDNESDAYS  
Prayer Meeting - 6 PM  
Choir Rehearsal - 7 PM



EVERY SUNDAY - 9:45 AM  
We have a class for YOU!

JANUARY  
2024



## Klondyke Elderberries

January 16, 2024

On the Menu:

Vegetable Soup and Sandwiches

Today only happens once,  
make it count!

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

Global Missions Offering collected:

\$768.00



## January Deacon of the Month

Ron Hinson

## Welcome / Ushering Team

Pat Nealey / Nell Strickland



### From the Pastor

Let me begin 2024 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 David, Dr. Edwards, Joyce Beaver and all the Choirs blessed us with great music. Christa Fowler and the Missions Committee really worked hard coordinating gifts to 9 needy families and really putting on our first Brunch with Santa. Thank you all for your work. Many have been blessed this 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 our looks. It says something about our attitude. 3. SHUT-UP Watch our 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 our 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 2024. May God help us achieve those lofty goals.

In God's Grace, David Vess



**Tuesday  
January 16  
\*6:30\* pm  
Backpacking Party  
at the CBA building**



Words cannot express how thankful and blessed I am to be able to partner with such a loving and giving church. As I reached out for assistance in meeting the needs of several high school students, you did not hesitate to be the hands and feet of Christ. Because of the generosity of Chadbourn Baptist and

other local churches, 9 high school students were able to receive clothing, hygiene products, gifts and Food Lion grocery cards. On behalf of WCHS, the 9 students and families, and myself especially, I offer a big heartfelt THANK YOU!

Merry Christmas!

Kristen Britt, WCHS Social Worker



What a wonderful, caring church family!

Thank You for the prayers, calls, cards, visits, food and donations given during Keith's sickness and after his passing.

The funeral service and meal that followed couldn't have been greater!

Our love and appreciation to you all.

Elaine, Lisa, William and family



**2024 Offering Envelopes are here!**  
Use the *Initial Offering envelope* to help off-set the cost.

**CBC Stewardship Report**  
**Weekly Budget Needs for 2024**  
**\$4,041.68**

As a man held up his wallet, I heard him say,  
*"May I never find God's money in here."*

The church can't operate and do missions if you keep God's money in your wallet!

This is a promise from God - *'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'*

*Malachi 3:10 KJV*

### "And Now a Word from Dave"

Happy New Year, everybody!! 2023 has hardly faded & we're looking at a brand new year. I mean, it's practically "in your face." All the good things, all the bad things, all the things that went right & wrong....it's all in the past now. A fresh new year is giving all of us a "do-over."

2024 is like hitting a reset button that allows us to try again and be better. What are we going to do with 2024? Some of you may have already planned it all the way out to next December. To that I say, "May I have your autograph?" Good for you if you're one of those kinds of folk. Me? That's not me. I try to be, but it's not in my genetic make-up, I guess. Even looking at my January calendar page, it's not become as cluttered & full of ink like last month's page was. Oh, I'm sure that soon, those little boxes will have activities & times all penned in & eventually carried out.

The Un-Decorating Party on January 7 at 3pm (hope to see many of you there), Communion, choir rehearsals, a youth activity, Backpack Buddies on January 16 at \*6:30, ...you get the idea. Reading elsewhere in the Enabler, you're going to find opportunities for fun & service aplenty. If you're thinking of New Year resolutions to try & keep, you might think of being more involved in the life of the church. We do have a lot going on & we hope you'll be part of what's happening. In the end, it comes down to you. What do you have time for? What are you wishing to do for your church that goes beyond a tithe or offering?

Frances Ridley Havergal...does that name mean anything to you? I'm not surprised. You wouldn't know it unless you kept your nose in a hymnal. She wrote the hymns, "Take My Life and Let It Be" and "I Gave My Life for Thee." But I found an appropriate gem of hers that speaks of this new year. I want to share it with you.

#### The Year Before Us

Standing at the portal, of the opening year,  
Words of comfort meet us, hushing every fear;  
I, the Lord, am with thee. Be thou not afraid!  
I will keep and strengthen. Be thou not dismayed!  
Resting on His promise; What have we to fear?  
God is all-sufficient for the coming year.

The poem's last line should stay with us always, especially when 2024 is staring us in the face. Do you believe the poem's last line? Live in 2024 like you do.

Finally, thank you to my church family for helping me get through an "always not so simple" 2023. Thank you for your Christmas gift. Thanks for loving me in spite of my failings. Thank you for your encouragement, for accepting me as I am. I'll continue to try to serve God the best way I can in this new year. And I'll be counting on you to help me make good on that.

Looking forward to sending another brief epistle your way next month. Carry on, everyone!