

## JANUARY 2026

Birth-  
days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1. Parker Wages Church Office Closed	2. David Parker Ralph Smith	3 <i>Corbin White David Lipe</i>
4	5 <i>Julia Lucius David Mears</i>	6 <i>Sam Farrar</i>	7 <i>Nell Thomas</i>	8	9	10 <i>Hannah Lucius Larry Lucas</i>
11 <i>Chuck Rich- ardson Deacon Meeting</i>	12 <i>Bob Griffin</i>	13 <i>Game Day</i>	14	15 <i>XYZ Trip</i>	16 <i>DNOW</i>	17 <i>DNOW</i>
18 <i>Bridal Shower for Aubrey Ramey &amp; Logan Smith @ 2:00</i>	19	20 <i>Denise McFarland</i>	21	22 <i>Jared Brownlee Madison Allen VIP</i>	23	24 <i>Phillip Hartley</i>
25 <i>John Estes Luke Crum</i>	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Kaylee Townsend</i>	31

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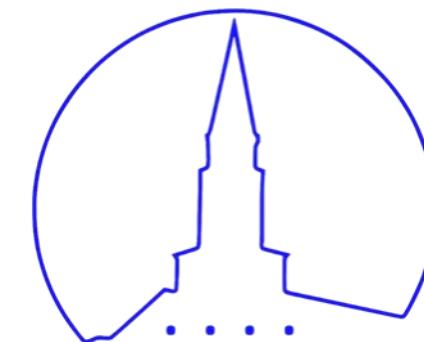
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# EAST HEIGHTS

## BAPTIST CHURCH

THE GRASS WITHERS, THE  
FLOWER FADES, BUT THE  
WORD OF OUR GOD STANDS

*Forever.*

ISAIAH 40:8



**Dear Church Family,**

Happy New Year! As we step into 2026, I am reminded of God's faithfulness and the hope we have in Christ. January is a time for new beginnings, but the best new start is always rooted in God's Word.

We are starting a new reading plan for 2026. I want to challenge you to read the Old Testament this year together as a church. I have some Bible Reading Plan handouts available for anyone who wants them. We will also have the Bible Reading Plan in the church bulletin, weekly. Pick up a handout and start reading the Old Testament today!

I encourage each of you to make 2026 a year of growing closer to God, trusting Him in all things, and living out our faith boldly. May God bless you and our church family richly this year!

**-Bro Jay**

**RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES:**

November Receipts	\$46,242.00
November Expenses	\$39,765.57
November (Deficit)/Surplus	\$6,446.43
Operating Cash	\$129,548.49
Faith Promise Cash	\$9,005.10
Capital Improvement	\$16,651.00

**From your Worship Pastor:****Welcome to 2026!**

**Can you guess the most famous New Year's Day Hymn in history?**

**"Amazing Grace," by John Newton, is the most famous New Year's Day hymn in Church history. Newton wrote and unveiled "Amazing Grace" to his Olney congregation on January 1, 1773.**

**The entire hymn is inspired by 1 Chronicles 17, a chapter that speaks of King David's past, present, and future. Newton does the same, reflecting on past grace, present grace, and the hope of future grace. It is a perfect way to begin the new year!**

**-Gary**

**Thursday, Jan. 15th**  
**Ray Rays (on Hwy 348)**  
 Leave church 4:30/ meet there 5:00  
  
*Remember to sign up!  
 \*2026 Calendars are now available\**

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**From your Children's Director:**

New Year's Day is the first blank page of your 365 page book. Let us pray that we write a good one!

We will soon have our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser to send our kids to Connect Camp this summer! You will see the kids at the church entrances selling tickets. You can support them by buying tickets or giving a donation. Tickets will be available in the church office for purchase. Our pancake breakfast will be on Saturday, February 28th in the CLC. Our kids are ready to help serve you to earn their spot at camp. Please make plans to join us!

It's hard to believe but it's time to start VBS planning! We are excited about our theme. It is Illumination Station so it's all about light! Kids will explore the glow of the world filled with neon, stars, and fun as they discover how Jesus shines in the darkness. As you make plans to spring clean, keep VBS in mind! If you have anything you think we could use, please reach out! If you have any questions related to VBS, pancake breakfast, or ways to serve and/or disciple children please call or text!

**Jennifer  
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**~~~Bridal Shower~~~**

**Sunday Jan. 18th. @ 2:00  
 For Aubrey Ramey & Logan Smith  
 (Son of Chris & Michelle Smith)  
 In the Children's Building**

**\*Amazon Registry****From your Youth Pastor:**

-Disciple Now Weekend or Dnow is January 16-18 and just a few weeks away. The cost will be \$45. The shirts will be ordered when you receive this, but I will order several extra shirts. So you can still sign up friends or yourself. Please include your T-shirt size when you sign up.

-Fuge Deposits are due February 1. The deposits are \$70 this year.

-Super Summer Deposits are due March 1.

-Winter Jam is Friday, March 6.

Admission is \$15 Cash at the door. However once inside, concessions are cashless.

**-Nathan**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

January 6 Students Return to Class

January 16-18 DNOW

February 1 Fuge Deposits Due

March 1 Super Summer Deposits Due

March 6 Winter Jam

March 9-13 Spring Break

**2 New Sunday School Classes**

will begin in January 2026,

Young Adults - Mike Pate rm. 211  
 and

College/Career - Jeff Brownlee @CLC