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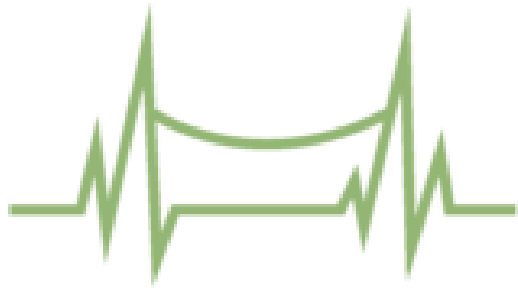
January 2026

Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship 10:30 am

Faith family, HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we turn the corner into 2026, I want to remind you of Paul's words in Romans 12:2. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." It's not just every year, but every day that we are presented with this opportunity - this choice, if you will. Will we mold ourselves after the patterns of this world, or will allow God to make us into what he wants us to be? Perhaps you've already started your resolutions for the New Year, or maybe you think resolutions are tired, boring and pointless. Either way, as Christians we need to ask ourselves, "What does the Lord ask of me?", not "What does the world want me to become?" Whatever it is about yourself that you want to change this year, don't forget that God wants your mind. He does not care how impressive you are to others, how you look and perform according to worldly standards. And the habit that he wants to see from you is a mind that is stayed on him. And consider the benefits of such a pursuit. When we seek to let God transform us through his Word, through prayer, through worship and devotion, the promise Paul gives us in Romans 12:2 is that we will be more able to discern the will of our Heavenly Father. In other words, we will better understand the mind of our Creator, the love of our Savior, the leading of his Spirit. Is there any resolution that can offer such a reward? I don't think so. This new year may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Happy New Year!

Pastor John Cleveland

# Mission of the Month



## THE BRIDGE WELLNESS SOUTH

Every January, our church family supports The Bridge Wellness South. This wonderful organization exists to support pregnant women in Henry County. Their impact is seen in every life saved, every mother supported, and every family strengthened.

When we support them, we're bringing real change to pregnant women and families in our community. The Bridge Wellness South doesn't just talk about saving babies; they are pouring into pregnant women with the truth of the gospel, and because of their mission, they are actually saving babies' lives. They believe that when pregnant women experience compassion, truth, and hope, eternal change can happen.

This month, we will be collecting baby care items and diapers so those needs are taken care of, and The Bridge Wellness South can continue to pour into the women they are supporting.

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## Church Happenings

### **Mens Bible Study**

Starting back 1/8, 7pm

Join the men of the Church every Thursday evening as they continue studying the book of Acts.



# Youth Hangout

**January 10th**

**January 24th**

**6pm - 7:30pm**

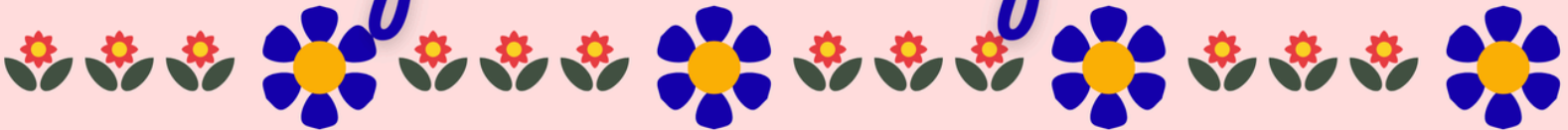


## Ladies Bible Study

Starts Tuesday January 13, 10am &  
Thursday January 15, 7pm

The Ladies of the Church will be diving into Ruth & Esther.  
Study guides are available in the Narthex.

## Girlfriends of Faith



**Saturday, January 17 at 10:00 a.m.**

Come and enjoy food, fellowship, devotional, and discussion of plans for future opportunities of ministry. All ladies are invited to attend brunch & meeting

# JANUARY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4 Communion 9 am Sunday School 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship
5	6	7	8 7 pm Mens Bible Study	9	10 6 pm - 730 pm Youth Hangout	11 9 am Sunday School 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship
12	13 10 am Ladies Bible Study	14	15 7 pm Ladies Bible Study 7 pm Mens Bible Study	16	17 10 am Girlfriends of Faith	18 9 am Sunday School 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship
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# Prayer Requests & Praises

Jimmy Ellington - Recovery from skin surgery & health

Kathryn Maskell - Diagnosed with Brain Cancer

Ellen Brown - Breast Cancer

Bob Brown - Unrelenting Pain

Sandy Jo Hilgefurd - Recovery from Knee Surgery

Faith Strickland - Continued Cancer Treatment

Kathy Rewerts - Upcoming Melanoma Removal Surgery

Elizabeth Bush - Shingles

Kristi Bush - Diabetes & General Health Issues

Anna Blount - Cancer Diagnosis & Surgery Recovery

Aleck Jones - Stints in legs, Recovery

Susan Jones - Recovery from Surgery

Nancy Burch

Terry Clotfelter - Early Stage Alzheimer's



# Session News

The December Session meeting was held on December 1 at the church at 5:30pm.

For the devotion, the Session read and discussed parts 1-3 of Chapter 15 of the Westminster Confession. The Session then reviewed a report from the church's social media manager Erin Evans highlighting social media analytics. In addition, a proposal was considered to expand the hours and duties of the social media manager to include creating blog and podcast content for the church's website. The proposal will be presented at the January 2026 budget meeting. Next, the Session approved an estimate from deacon Alan Dennis to repair roof leaks. The Session also approved a request from the Echols family to use church facilities to celebrate Skeet Echols' birthday on December 21 with a Varsity food truck. The Session then reviewed an updated edition of the new church bylaws presented by TE John Cleveland. The bylaws were approved and will be presented at the congregational meeting in January 2026. The Session then revisited the topic of installing security cameras in and around the church; a decision will be made pending approval of an estimate. The Session concluded the business portion of the meeting with updates on nominations for the offices of elder and deacon.

Specific prayer needs were discussed and lifted to God.

The date for the January budget meeting has been scheduled for January 5 at RE Keith Lovern's house. Elders and deacons will be present.

John Cleveland (Moderator), Jeremy Evans (Clerk), Gregg Coniglio, Keith Lovern, Andy Martin

## December Financials

December Income

\$36,777.88

December POP \$13,078.89

December Expenses

\$37,421.39





# Missionary Update



Greetings, Friends and Ministry Partners!

## **Equipping Christian Educators Across Europe**

Last month, we welcomed Dr. Vishal Mangalwadi, apologist and historian from India and a featured speaker for the February 2026 RMC Conference. Together with EducaVie, ACSI, and RMC, we hosted two days of training for teachers and parents of Collège Daniel. Drawing from his book *The Book That Made Your World*, Dr. Mangalwadi explored how biblical truth has shaped world history and society, encouraging educators to confidently apply God's Word in their callings. We also began planning next year's conference and learned about Truthapedia, a new AI-based tool being developed to help Christian educators worldwide teach from a biblical worldview. Please pray for the pastors and teachers preparing to attend the 2026 RMC Conference and for continued unity and growth within our Collectif network in France.



## **Encouraging Christian School Leaders from Belarus**

We also had the privilege of welcoming TeachBeyond Belarus' National Director and four Christian school leaders to France. Their visit offered mutual encouragement and a powerful reminder of the cost of Christian education in hostile environments. These schools operate under constant threat, often sheltered by churches and supported through great sacrifice. Please pray for their safety, perseverance, and for the possibility that they may attend the RMC Conference next February.

## **The Visuel Valet Podcast: Supporting Teachers**

Through the Visuel Valet podcast, EducaVie continues to equip teachers across 42 Christian schools in France. A recent episode featured an interview with Patrick Schmidt, Director of the Daniel School, discussing The Visuel Valet by Dr. Harold Klassen. This resource helps teachers connect all subjects—literature, art, math, and more—to the biblical story of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. Pray for our team to grow and for more educators and supporters to join this work of shaping the next generation for Christ.

## **Impact France Through Giving**

We are deeply thankful for your prayers and financial support, which make this ministry possible. Your generosity also supports the EPC France project in partnership with UNEPREF, including church-planting mentorship, leadership training, and new ministry initiatives.



May you be blessed this season as you continue to give generously.

Thank you for partnering with us in God's work in France.

Jeff and Veronique Kim

