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# ***Shore Lines***

## ***January 2025***





Dear Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

First Corinthians is part of my current reading and Scripture study, and I am mulling over 1 Corinthians 3:4-9 which says:

“<sup>4</sup>For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.”

In 1 Corinthians 3:4-9, Paul addresses the disunity of the church. The church at Corinth is splintering, fracturing themselves based on their favorite ministers. Paul explains different servants of Christ serve the church in different ways and during different seasons. Paul planted, and Apollos watered. Chronologically and functionally watering is distinct from planting, yet both planting and watering intend to grow crops. Growth is the goal, and God is in charge of the growth. Paul and Apollos are far beneath God who is the ultimate Church builder.

I wish I could say that the churches I have served during my time as a minister were always unified and happy, but that has not always been the case. Some churches have followed wayward people rather than God. Some churches have consisted of factions within the church who fought to impose their will. Whatever the case has been, I have always found a lack of unity difficult. It’s sad, frustrating, and seems like it should be avoidable.

Perhaps churches can prevent or heal division by paying attention to Paul’s rebuttal. God is in charge, and he uses various servants in various ways to grow his church. We can look to God as the Chief of the Church because, in fact, he is. And we can appreciate the giftedness of each Christian, discerning how God has uniquely given them a task to help the Church grow. It is simple. If it is so simple, why is it that Corinth became so confused? Why do churches today find themselves confused? Maybe we forget what Paul reminds us. God is growing us. We can trust him over anyone else.

May the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the unity of the Holy Spirit dwell richly in Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church and in each of us.

In our Lord Jesus Christ,

Pastor Dane





## INVITATION TO PRAYER

### *The God Who Speaks*

*Just think about the wonder of having a God who speaks-not a distant deity who gives orders from heaven, but one who actually wants to talk to you!*

*Now, why would the God of creation come to earth to die for our sins, rise from the tomb, and give us His Holy Spirit in order to communicate with each of us?*

*Well, here are a few reasons:*

- 1. God loves you.*
- 2. God desires an intimate relationship with you.*
- 3. God longs for you to trust Him and for your faith to grow strong as you see the fulfillment of His words.*
- 4. God wants you to experience all He's planned for your life and He'll guide you to fulfill His purposes.*

*Take time this week, month, new year, to get away from distractions so you can listen to the God who wants to talk to you. \**

Please join us for group prayer gatherings (everyone is invited!):

- First Saturday prayer gathering: Feb. 1st at 10 AM. (Praying for Lost Souls)
- CCPC Prayer List prayer time Thursday Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.
- Drive Thru Prayer at CCPC: Friday Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 21st 10:30-Noon.

If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please call the church office at 910 579-7356 or email [prayer@calabash.church](mailto:prayer@calabash.church).

## Happy New Year

The Prayer Ministry Team

\* adapted from Charles Stanley devotional

## New Prayer Resources Available

Please visit the Prayer Room or the Prayer Resource display rack in the hallway to review and /or take any of these new resources:

"What the Bible says about Prayer"

"Why We Pray" by William Phillip

"Praying for Your Unsaved Family and Friends" Brochure

"Speaking God's Language" by Joni Eareckson Tada

Prayer Ministry Team





## Traveling on My Knees

Last night I took a journey  
To a land across the seas  
I didn't go by ship or plane  
I traveled on my knees.

I saw so many people there  
In bondage to their sin,  
And Jesus told me I should go,  
That there were souls to win.

But I said, "Jesus, I can't go  
To lands across the seas."  
He answered quickly, "Yes you can  
By traveling on your knees."

He said, "You pray, I'll meet the need.  
You call, and I will hear.  
It's up to you to be concerned  
For lost souls far and near."

And so I did; knelt in prayer.  
Gave up some hours of ease,  
And with the Savior by my side,  
I traveled on my knees.

"As I prayed on, I saw souls saved  
And twisted persons healed,  
I saw God's workers strength renewed  
While laboring in the field.

I said, "Yes Lord, I'll take the job.  
Your heart I want to please.  
I'll heed Your call and swiftly go  
By traveling on my knees.

Written by Sandra Goodwin





## **ART IN WORSHIP**

**Pax**--This Latin word for peace is frequently seen in Christmas art and decorations, reminding us that Jesus came as the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). After announcing the Savior's birth to the shepherds, the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace ..." (Luke 2:14, NKJV).

**Our next Art in Worship will be held January 16, 10:00 am., classroom #3.**

## **This month we recognize past and present VOLUNTEERS of the FELLOWSHIP TEAM.**

Led by Elder Barbar Dresser and Darlene Hummer, the fellowship team engages Covenant Partners, friends of the church and community members in innovative ways to have fellowship. We encourage all to develop a sense of unity both inside our church and outside in the community to build up the Body of Christ. The team hosts and provides refreshments for Celebration of Life Receptions, bakes small loaves of bread for our visitors and works with other Ministry Teams when requested. Additionally, the Fellowship Team hosts the many social and events of the church.

If you are interested in serving God on the Fellowship Team, please contact Barbara or Darlene.

## **FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM NEWS YOU CAN USE**

We're starting off 2025 with a Soup & Chili Potluck Dinner! Today it's chilly outside, so that sounds awesome. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, January 25th**. There will be an Annual Meeting of Congregation and Corporation before we sit back to enjoy the soups / chili and spend time in fellowship with friends, old and new. The sign-ups start on Sunday, January 12th in the Narthex. Don't fret if soup or chili is not your favorite thing to make, there are other things to sign-up for. Looking forward to seeing you at this first dinner of the new year.

## **HANDBELL CHOIR**

We are always looking for people that would like to participate in our Handbell Choir. If you have some interest, or would like to know more, you are invited to meet on Thursday, January 9 at 5:30 PM. As we start up our 2025 schedule we will be covering some basics and we'll answer any questions you might have. I am hopeful (any prayerful) that our group will grow. We try to have fun along with learning to play in this instrumental ensemble. Janette Schroeder, Handbell Director

<b>Long Term Prayer Requests</b>
Julie Adams, Linda Batts, Betty Bond, Sally Bond, Sandy Brinegar, Rick Ellwanger, Phyllis Foley, Sue Greiner, Karen Grohsman, Diane Hahn, George Habel, Al Hertzog, Inge Hickson, Pat Huie, Maryann Krieger, Rosemarie Lacroix, Chris Lewis, Peggy Little, Vera Manning, Frank Mayberry, Gene McKelvey, Keith Rosdahl, Betty Schillinger, Dan Stinnett, Rob Waldron, Barbara Weber, Wendy Weber





HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY

## JANUARY

Dori Roberts	3
Anne Spooner	5
Betty Bond	5
Dennis Pilney	5
Bill Hummer	6
Jim Jones	7
Jean Bowling	8
Karen Scheboth	12
Peggy Little	14
Juddie Finison	14
Gladys Lampe	15
Betty Ankers	16
Mary Ann Krieger	16
Betty Hall-Robison	16
Peter Diefendorf	20
Dick Brown	21
Jim Crews	21
Marilyn Southern	23
Paul Kelley	24
Robin Gore	27
Tm Southern	28

## January

John & Betty Schliewenz	20
Leda & Altin Muka	20
Wayne & Mary Ann Krieger	23
Mike & Renee December	27
Charlie & Karen Toutant	30



# JANUARY

## “NEVER ALONE”

### BIBLE PRAYER AND READING

Day 1: [Genesis 28:13-19](#)

Day 2: [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

Day 3: [Isaiah 41:1-10](#)

Day 4: [Joshua 1:1-9](#)

Day 5: [Psalm 23:1-6](#)

Day 6: [Jeremiah 23:23-30](#)

Day 7: [Matthew 18:15-20](#)

Day 8: [Deuteronomy 31:1-8](#)

Day 9: [Matthew 1:20-25](#)

Day 10: [Exodus 33:11-23](#)

Day 11: [1 Chronicles 17:1-8](#)

Day 12: [Psalm 73:21-25](#)

Day 13: [Deuteronomy 2:1-7](#)

Day 14: [Judges 6:6-16](#)

Day 15: [Psalm 139:1-12](#)

Day 16: [Psalm 139:13-22](#)

Day 17: [Jeremiah 1:1-8](#)

Day 18: [Jeremiah 1:9-19](#)

Day 19: [Deuteronomy 20:1-4](#)

Day 20: [Psalm 36:1-12](#)

Day 21: [Isaiah 43:1-7](#)

Day 22: [2 Kings 6:8-18](#)

Day 23: [Psalm 46:1-11](#)

Day 24: [2 Chronicles 32:1-8](#)

Day 25: [Deuteronomy 4:29-40](#)

Day 26: [1 Kings 8:54-61](#)

Day 27: [Psalm 16:1-11](#)

Day 28: [Zephaniah 3:14-20](#)

Day 29: [1 John 3:18-24](#)

Day 30: [Psalm 72:12-20](#)

Day 31: [Isaiah 58:11](#)

# January

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Office closed New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 am – prayer gathering
<b>5</b> 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible study	<b>6</b> 11:00 am – Woman's Bible Study	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm – Men's WebX	<b>8</b> 9:30 am - Fellowship 1:00 pm – Deacon 3:30 pm - Mission	<b>9</b> 9:30 am – Dorcas circle 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir	<b>10</b> 10:30 am – Prayer Ministry	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible study 3:00 pm – Lydia Circle	<b>13</b> 11:00 am – Woman's Bible Study 12:00 pm – Chatters 7:00 pm – Mary Martha Circle	<b>14</b> 7:30 am – Men's breakfast 9:00 am – Men's Bible Study 9:00 am - Crafters 10:00 am – Worship 1:00 pm – Discipleship 1:00 pm - Assimilation	<b>15</b> 2:00 pm - Tech	<b>16</b> 10:00 am – Art in Worship 10:30 am – Prayer gathering 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir	<b>17</b> 10:30 am – Drive Through Prayer	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Communion</b> <b>Food Pantry Collection</b> 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible Study	<b>20</b> 11:00 am – Woman's Bible Study	<b>21</b> 7:30 am – Men's breakfast 9:00 am – Men's Bible Study 9:00 am - Crafters 3:00 pm - Session 7:00 pm – Men's WebX	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir	<b>24</b> 10:00 am – Random readers	<b>25</b> Soup & Chili Pot Luck
<b>26</b> 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible Study	<b>27</b> 11:00 am – Woman's Bible Study	<b>28</b> 7:30 am – Men's breakfast 9:00 am – Men's Bible Study 9:00 am - Crafters 7:00 pm – Men's WebX	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir	<b>31</b>	<b>Feb. 1</b>



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**Session**

Sue Brandon, Barbara Dresser, Darlene Hummer, Brian Johnson  
George Brandon, Sue Brown, Tom Pressel, Dan Stinnett  
Mary Ard, Pat Robison, Debbie Ryan, Bob Volinic

**The Diaconate**

Judy Buschmeier, Don Decima, Donna Lee,  
Ray Beadnell, Jerry Coffey, Bonnie Lee  
Barbara Poe, Mark Ryan, Barbara Volinic

**CLP-1s**

Karen Scheboth  
Peg Stinnett  
Gloria Wimmer

**CLP-2**

Annelle Waldron (Leader, Whiteville Community)

**Group Leaders** Presbyterian Women – Debbie Ryan  
Presbyterian Men – Mark Ryan, Dan Stinnett

**Staff**

**Pastor – Dane Deatherage**

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