

The Heartbeat

January 2026

A Minute with Mike

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Every Sunday:

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group – 4:30-7

A new year. A new calendar. 2026 has arrived.

A survey taken a few years ago found that 45% of the American population makes a new year's resolution. Though these resolutions varied, some common ones were self-improvement, furthering education, exercise and weight loss, and making better financial choices.

Only 8% of those who make resolutions each year are actually successful in keeping those resolutions for the year. It seems that, for the most part, new year's resolutions lead to failure. A follow-up survey of those who made resolutions found that the ones who succeeded in keeping their resolution were no happier than those who failed to keep their resolution.

The only conclusion I can gather from this is that making and keeping a new year's resolution is not a pathway to happiness. It seems that there is no correlation between keeping a resolution and being happy.

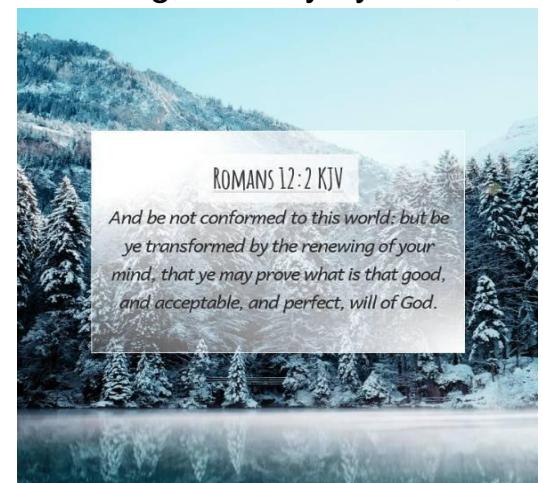
I would like to suggest that there is a better way to find joy in our lives: walking with God and sharing in the fellowship of other believers. In doing that, God will bring happiness and joy into our lives.

"You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever." (Psalm 16:11)

Blaise Pascal, a French mathematician from the 1600's said, "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every person which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the creator."

For this new year, 2026, I wish you the peace, joy, and love that can only come from above.

Blessings in Christ,
Mike



January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Youth Group	12	13	14	15 Midwest	16 Community Cupboard	17
18 Potluck Youth Group	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Youth Group Board Meeting	26	27	28	29	30	31

Schedule of Events

15 Midwest – 11am

16 Pantry Handout – 4-6pm

18 Sunday Social after service

25 Board Meeting – 11:15 a.m.

***Every Sunday Evening Youth Group starting January 11*

****Every Week Invite A Friend*

December Averages

Worship - 60

General Funds- \$1960.00

Building Fund

Monthly Total- \$0.00

Weekly Needs

General Funds - \$2,125.27

Faith Promise - \$350.00

Building Fund - \$250.00

Sunday Servants

Greeters

04: Beverly R. & Connie M.

11: Kathy C. & Carmen M.

18: Mark & Amanda Behymer

25: Randy & Sharon Parks

Welcome/Communion Meditation

Rick Riggins/Rodney Parks

Lyndall Snowden/Kristie Oblak

Shirley Roberts

Randy Parks

Nursery

Brian & Christne Parks

Sharon P. & Carmen M.

Connie M. & Emery B.

Charlene A. & Addie M.

Monthly Servants

Elder Randy Parks

Deacon Rick Riggins

Deaconess Cathy Ulmer



Birthdays



03 Emery Behymer
04 Greg Abernathy
07 Rhonda Littrell
16 Sharon Parks
16 Dwight Morrow
18 Terry Arnett

18 Dee Tvrlik
19 Sammy Riggins
22 Rhonda Kluthe
23 Mark Behymer
24 Jim Abernathy
25 Becky Kluthe

Anniversary:

19 Dale & Shirley Roberts

Junior Worship

4 - Christen Parks
11- Rick Riggins
18 - Carmen Martinez
25 - Allie Taylor

BUT WE BELIEVE
THAT THROUGH
THE GRACE OF
THE LORD JESUS
CHRIST WE
SHALL BE SAVED,
EVEN AS THEY.
ACTS 15:11



Sunday Social!

Sunday, January 18th we will gather after worship for Potluck lunch and fellowship.
Join us and invite a friend or 2!



Thank you to everyone who supported our Angel Tree and our food baskets in 2025!
The amount of families we reached was incredible!
This was our largest Number yet!
God is Good all the time!

thank you

We would like to send out a Thank you for the wonderful support and love during the year of 2024.

We are thankful for each and every one of you. We pray that God continues to work through our church family in 2025 and so glad we are blessed to do it beside you. We cannot wait to work with you all this coming year!

Thank You

VCC Staff

Youth Group Dates

Youth Group will begin again
Sunday, January 11
4:30-7

Sign up in the foyer to help with dinner for the youth there are a lot of open spots.

If you are wanting to help out in other ways, contact Diane in the office! 309.784.5621



DRAW
NEAR
God
AND HE WILL

DRAW
NEAR
TO YOU

James 4:8



FORGET THE former THINGS
do not dwell in the past
See I AM doing a NEW thing
I AM MAKING A WAY
in the wilderness
and streams in the
wasteland.

ISAIAH 43:18-19

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