

Fun Times

New Year Word Scramble

- NABOLSLO _____
- EBACLTREE _____
- ADCALREN _____
- TNFECIOT _____
- TDWNNUOOC _____
- VEE _____
- OIKSEWRRF _____
- SMEGA _____
- PHAYP _____
- LUREINSSTOO _____
- WEN AEYR _____
- TAYRP _____
- ISCUM _____
- ETMI _____

Answers inside

Sheet Pan Onion Crunch Chicken

2 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 10 oz chicken cutlets
- 1/4 cup Monterey Jack cheese
- 6 oz green beans
- 1 1/2 oz Caesar dressing
- 1 unit crispy fried onions
- 1 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon cooking oil
- Soy Sauce
- Salt & pepper

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place 2 TBSP butter in a small bowl and bring to room temperature. Pat chicken dry with paper towels and season all over with salt & pepper. Place the pieces on one side of a baking sheet. Brush tops of the chicken with 1/2 TBSP Caesar dressing (save the rest for serving). Sprinkle with the cheese. Crush the crispy onions and sprinkle over the cheese, pressing to adhere. Roast on the middle oven rack for 5 minutes. Meanwhile, wash and dry the green beans. Trim the beans if needed. Once the chicken has roasted for 5 minutes, remove from the oven. Carefully toss green beans on the empty side of the cooking sheet and drizzle with cooking oil and soy sauce. Return to the middle oven rack and bake until the green beans are tender and the chicken is browned and cooked through (12-15 minutes). Toss the green beans with 1 TBSP of butter. Season with salt & pepper. Serve the chicken and green beans with garlic bread.

Jeremy & Sarah Prichard

Connection Point

United Baptist Church ~ January 2024

United as One Body in Christ



Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,

The new year is a wonderful reminder that we can leave things in the past and move forward in Christ. Often, we make plans to try to change our life in the new year. We set resolutions and goals. Some stick. Many do not. We focus on changing something. I want to take a moment, not to challenge you to do something, but to reflect on who you already are in Christ. When Jesus begins the sermon on the mount, he describes the identity of the kingdom believer. Mike has covered much of this in his last sermon series. In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus describes the results of such kingdom residents within our broken world. He describes his followers as light and salt. He wasn't asking them to do something different, but to see themselves in a different light. Because of Christ's work within our hearts, we can mold the culture around us. Just as salt preserves and enhances the flavors of the things it encounters; our lives shape the culture around us. Just as light reveals things and creates a new perspective, our actions and words reveal God's work in our lives and open a new perspective for others to see. Take some time this new year to reflect on the ways that the Holy Spirit has shaped your life and how your ordinary, daily life with Jesus is shaping the culture around you. Kingdom work is often subtle but is always powerful. How do we take what we know of the good news of Jesus and use it to help bring change around us? How do we act as the flavoring of a society – people whose reactions to situations change the experience for many? Or as light –offering new perspectives for others? Jesus suggests that we act differently, but that it will begin because our identity is rooted in our relationship with God our Father. What might be possible if that is the case?

In Christ,
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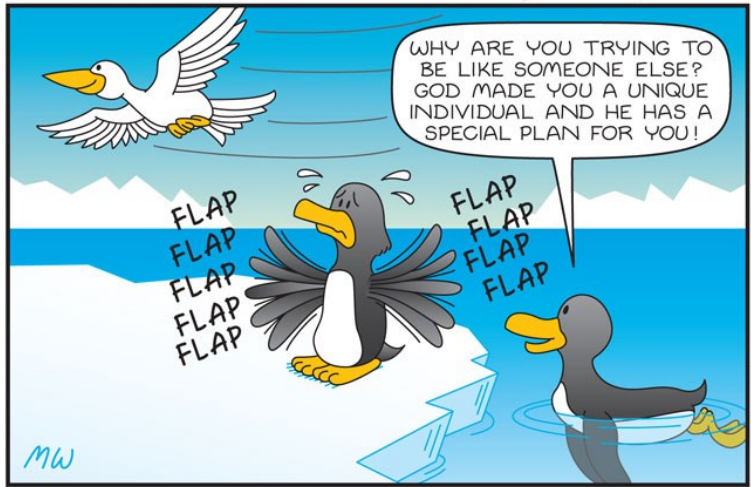
~ Sundays ~
Bible Study 9:30
Service 10:45 am
Nursery provided
~ Wednesdays ~
Meal 6:00
Bible Study 6:30
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**Office Hours**  
Monday to Thursday  
9:00 am to Noon &  
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Closed Fridays

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## ENVOIOUS PENGUIN

A Joyful Toon by Mike Waters



A heart at peace gives life to the body,  
but envy rots the bones. — PROVERBS 14:30 NIV

## Child Protection Training

If you work with the children at church in Sunday school or the nursery or if you want to help in that area, child protection training is required. We will have a training session during the afternoon on Sunday, February 11th.



Our Socials



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## One Body in Christ

### Upcoming Events

- January 6 9:00 a.m.**  
Men's Discipleship is starting back up this month on Saturdays
- January 8 6:30 p.m.**  
Church Council Meeting
- January 10 6:00 p.m.**  
Potluck Meal  
6:30 p.m.  
Church Business Meeting  
(all members invited to attend!)

### Sunday Evenings 6:00

Season 2 of The Chosen will be shown in the Fellowship Hall! Come join us and bring a friend.

### Saturdays 9:00 a.m.

Men's Discipleship Coffee

### Saturdays 10:00 a.m.

Drive Up Prayer

### Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. Meal

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

### 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

10:00-4:00 Visitation

## Inspiration for the month

"Each new year, we have before us a brand new book containing 365 blank pages. Let us fill them with all the forgotten things from last year—the words we forgot to say, the love we forgot to show, and the charity we forgot to offer." - Peggy Toney Horton

## Call To Action

### 2024 Church Directory Information & Pictures

Due to the office by January 7

We have added a few new members since our last directory! Melanie will begin putting together our 2024 church directory and hopes to have it in your hands by February. If you would like to update your picture or have your picture in it, please get one to the church office. You can bring a picture by and Melanie will scan it for you. Or you can send her one to the church email (office.unitedbaptist@gmail.com) or text her one. There will be forms by the front doors if any of your contact information has changed. Make sure the office knows your birthday and anniversary! Jean loves to send you cards for your special days.

## Memory Verse

Ephesians 4:31-32

"Put aside all bitterness, losing your temper, anger, shouting, and slander, along with every other evil. Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ."

This year, get rid of the negatives (bitterness, rage, and anger). Choose to be compassionate of other people and yourself. Forgive everyone, including you, as God forgave mankind. Imitating God and letting go of negative emotions and behaviors will bring harmony to your life.

## Online Giving

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## CHURCH NEWS

### In-reach Outreach Team

Liz Andres is the In-reach Outreach team leader. She has recently organized a visitation time for homebound members, members who have not been to church in a while, and visitors. If you would like to join in, they meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you know of someone they could add to their visitation list, you can let Liz or the church office know.



## Cleaning Help

Meet Poppy, the quicker-picker-upper. She's a new addition to the cleaning help. She sweeps and mops the floors on a weekly basis. If you see her running around working, make sure you tell her hi and that she's doing a good job!



## November's business meeting



## Church Business Meeting

Our next church business meeting will be Wednesday, January 10th. There will be a potluck meal at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 6:30. Come find out what's happening around church and enjoy the food and fellowship.

## All About Us

### Membership for November

82 Total Membership

### Average Attendance for November

Worship : 39

Bible Study : 27

### Giving for November

Contributions : \$8,175

### Gifting for November

\$441 was spent on In-Reach / Outreach for missions and Serving Hands

## Financial News

We predicted our contributions would be \$90,000 for 2023. As of the printing of this newsletter, we have collected over \$99,000! Our budget was set at \$113,857. We were so close!

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped provide Christmas to some children in our community. We helped 11 children have a merrier Christmas this year.

resolutions, new year, party, music, time

Word Scramble Answers: balloons, celebrate, calendar, confetti, countdown, eve, fireworks, games, happy,

# January 2024

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## Regular Weekly Schedule

### Sundays

9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study  
10:45 a.m.  
Worship  
6:00 p.m.  
The Chosen Season 2

### Wednesdays

6:00 p.m.  
Meal  
6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study

### Saturdays

9:00 a.m.  
Men's Discipleship  
10:00 a.m.  
Drive Up Prayer

### 2nd Monday

6:30 p.m.  
Church Council Mtg

### 2nd Wednesday

6:00 p.m.  
Potluck Meal  
6:30 p.m.  
Church Business Meeting

### 2nd & 4th Tuesday

10:00-4:00  
In-Reach/Outreach Visitation

| Sun                   | Mon                                          | Tue                                                | Wed                                                        | Thu | Fri | Sat                                                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                       | 1<br>Church Office Closed                    | 2                                                  | 3                                                          | 4   | 5   | 6                                                              |
| 7                     | 8<br>6:30 Church Council<br>*Ann Davis       | 9<br>10:00-4:00<br>Visitation<br>*Raymond Harryman | 10<br>6:00 Potluck Meal<br>6:30 Church<br>Business Meeting | 11  | 12  | 13                                                             |
| 14                    | 15                                           | 16                                                 | 17                                                         | 18  | 19  | 20                                                             |
| 21                    | 22                                           | 23<br>10:00-4:00<br>Visitation                     | 24                                                         | 25  | 26  | 27<br>Women's Conference<br>at Alamo Heights in<br>Port Lavaca |
| 28<br>*Darlene Walton | 29<br>*Patsy Howe<br>*Imogene<br>Kupfernagel | 30                                                 | 31                                                         |     |     | *Birthdays<br>♥ Anniversaries                                  |

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# 10 New Year Resolutions for Christians (in 2024)

**By Kay Schrock** Full Article: [www.aranchmom.com/10-new-years-resolutions-christians/](http://www.aranchmom.com/10-new-years-resolutions-christians/)

**Be a Peacemaker** - Matthew 5:9 - It is so easy to get worked up about things; world politics, community politics, people who wrong us, family drama, church drama, etc. But resolve to be the one who brings peace. Don't spread the rumors, don't listen to the stories, don't join the clique. Be the one who initiates peace and unity.

**Go to Church Regularly** - Hebrews 10:24-25 - speaks of gathering together to "spur each other on to good works". Let's all come together once a week and just set aside our life for a second to be reminded of His. Let's sing at the top of our lungs and pray with each other. Let's hear the preached Word and hug each other and be reminded that we aren't the only ones fighting this battle against sin and self.

**Read the Bible Daily** - Psalm 119:11, Psalm 1:2 - Hiding God's Word in our heart and meditating on it all day is Biblical practice, yet we read so little! When we quick read a verse or two to calm our conscience. we miss out on a deeper relationship with Jesus! He is our Redeemer, our Savior, and our Lord. Yet we rarely take the time to really know Him.

**Find Ways to Serve Others** - Find somewhere to volunteer-church, work, interest groups, hospital, soup kitchen, etc. Go beyond what is expected, really look for ways to serve. Find something extra to do for others this year. Whether that's a project, a weekly service opportunity, or a daily dedication to serving your family with cheerfulness. Do all things as unto the Lord.

**Be an Encourager** - 1 Peter 4:3-5 - Oh how discouraging our world can be! Especially as Christians, we face backlash and hatred on every hand. Nearly every workplace can become a minefield for a devout believer. They don't understand or support our way of life. Because of this, I beg you to make it your ambition to be an encourager! Encourage everyone, but especially the other believers!

**Start a Gratefulness Journal** - Start a gratefulness journal. One thing that always, always works to lift my spirits is to start naming things for which I am thankful. Not just speaking them into space - but actually thanking God. Especially during times of depression and sadness. If I start thinking about all my friends, I am so grateful for the friends who have stuck with me through uncomfortable times, when it would have been easier for them to leave.

**Post Only Positive Things on Social Media** - Philippians 4:8 I love social media, but it can be a trap. It also took me far too many years to realize that I was being foolish by arguing online. A few years ago I resolved to only share positive things. To share funny or encouraging things. Things to make people laugh or feel good. Because life is hard enough without me sharing every depressing statistic or every horrific world update. They will get that quickly enough. I want to be a gentle, happy presence. Of course, I share sad news about friends, at times. GoFundMe's etc, but I generally try to share only helpful things.

**Pray Every Day** - I want to, but it is a difficult practice for me, as I believe it can be for many Christians. I talk to God throughout the day whenever I think about it, but setting aside regular prayer time is hard. I think this must be because prayer is SO important, that Satan tries every which way to distract us. It seems that the most important things in life are hard to nail down.

**Be Hospitable** - Be the one. Determine that this year YOU will be the person who invites. If you can't invite, then suggest and at the very least, attend. Show up. Be uncomfortable. Negative feelings are actually not a bad thing. Work through them - they will make you more resilient and capable.

**Be Humble** - 1 Peter 5:5 - The thing I like to remind myself of, is that other people's opinion is worthless to me. Only what God thinks of me, matters! Whether others think we are good, or whether they think we are bad - throw it into the trash! I only consider whether God is pleased with me.