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# **The Home Visitor**

## "Here We Go"

The New Year offers a transitional opportunity for us, not only individually, but also as a community of faith, to look back where we've been, to consider where we may be headed, as we attempt to best understand where we are.

Remembering our past experiences, helps good and not-so-good, enables us navigate and negotiate the present and helps us to set a course into the future. The Advent has now passed, and we've received but a glimpse of the hope, peace, joy, and love of what has been, is, and will be, not only gifted to us, but also, offered to the world in and through the Church.

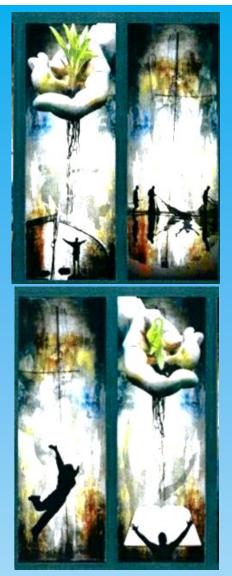
Christ has come for the world to know, and following the light of the Epiphany, we, individually and corporately, are to remember all that we have seen and heard in our past, ask for the eyes to see, the ears to hear, and the hearts and minds to understand, where we are, so that we may follow forward where the Savior of the World will lead us.

There is much mystery and intrigue surrounding the three wise men, although our encounter is rather brief. However, as brief an encounter as we have, I am deeply convinced that their encounter with the Christ Child changed each of their lives, and their life together, to the point that they, "went home by another way".

Turn a few pages and the Gospel Story reveals that the disciples, "left everything, and followed Jesus". The Christmas Story begins The Greatest Story ever told. Full of mystery and intrigue, this story, The Story, reminds us, invites us, informs us, and implores us, as we find our lives changed by our encounter with the One who came into this world for us, lived for us, died for us, rose in power for us, and prays for us, individuality and corporately, as the Body of Christ, to be inwardly strong, growing in faith, outwardly minded, sharing our faith, while remaining upwardly focused, trusting in the gracious mercies of the Triune God, who was, who is, and the One who will be.

As we enter this New Year, might we embrace the opportunities presented us and might also, our lives reflect hope, peace, joy, and love.

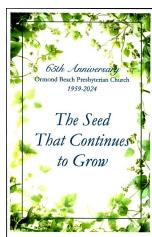
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#### SPECAIL NOTES

- Office closed for New Years 1/1
- Office closed MLK Day 1/15
- Feb. Home Visitor article deadline is Wed. Jan. 15.
- Pastor Jeff's installation Sunday 1/26
- Sunday, Feb. 2 OBPC Annual Congregational Meeting



# OBPC gathered on Saturday, November 16 to celebrate our 65 anniversary in ministry, with a Thanksgiving style dinner.

We are so grateful to have been given such an amazing church family, and we look forward to the next chapter of our story.





Highlights in its Stated Weet on Wed. December 11, 2024 Highlights in its Stated Meeting

\* Wednesdays Jan. 8 to February 26: Beth Moore Bible study for Women's Bible Study in room 12, 10:00 to 11:30 facilitated by Mary Kay Wagner

- \* Saturday, Jan. 11: Intergenerational Event, details to be determined
- \* Saturday, Jan. 25: Ice skating party for the youth
- \* February to May: "Finding Truth" curriculum by Frances Chan (through Rightnow media) for youth on teen nights
- \* Saturday, February 8: Officer Training for Session Elders and Deacons, 9:00 a.m. to noon
- \* Saturday, February 8: Teen Night



We could not be more proud of and grateful to our youth. The Youth Sunday Service on November 24 was lead completely by the youth, and it was a beautiful and special day.



# THE GAME OF CRAZY COMPARISONS!

#### **Intergenerational Game Night!**

All are invited Saturday, January 11 from 5-7pm for an Apples to Apples Game Night. Homemade chili will be served for dinner at 5pm followed by the game. If you have questions <u>please contact Amanda Wilson-</u> <u>Stovall at amandaw748@yahoo.com.</u>



# Let's Ice Skate!

Middle and High School Teens are invited to join us at Daytona Ice Arena, 2400 S. Ridgewood Ave., South Daytona, FL 32119 on Saturday, January 25 from 2:30-4:00pm for an afternoon of Ice Skating.

<u>All youth must RSVP and have a signed waiver</u> to Amanda Wilson-Stovall by January 19th. Waivers can be obtained from Amanda. Ice Skating will be paid for, but any drinks or food items will be at your own expense. Parents must provide transportation and are welcome to stay and watch the youth skate. Please contact Amanda for more information at amandaw748@yahoo.com. **On November 17, we welcomed the fantastic** *Alessandro Andrade da Fonseca* **to perform a piano recital** that left chills. Performed all from memory, the performance was one to remember.

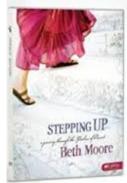




We had a great turn out for the Women's Christmas Gathering on December 7. We were deeply inspired by the video conference from Women of Faith National Conference. Jennifer Rothschild, a nationally known Bible teacher and Speaker who became blind at the age of 15, spoke to us on Lessons She Learned in the Dark...learning to walk by faith and not

by sight. We had a few visitors last time and encourage you to join us and invite your friends for a morning of delicious food, fun fellowship, joyful time of learning and discussion. We are looking forward to our next gathering on January 4th, 2025. The theme is celebrating a New Year in Room 12, 10:00-11:30.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY-** We all thoroughly enjoyed our recent study of Psalm 23: *The Shepherd With Me* by *Jennifer Rothschild*. We learned a great deal as we delved into Scripture every day. Now we are eager to begin a new 7 week in-depth study called STEPPING UP by *Beth Moore*. This study will focus on the Psalms of Ascent. Traveling pilgrims sang these psalms on the way to the great festivals of the Lord in Jerusalem. Themes of unity, joy, gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule, and more are explored in this study.



You can attend and participate in this study in 2 ways:

1. You can attend class and watch the 50-60 minute video teaching and join in discussion afterwards.

2. Or you can attend class and watch the video teaching but also order the Bible Study and do the 5 days of homework. Choose the option that fits your schedule best. You can order the member Study book on Amazon at the cost of \$15.99. This truly is an excellent study and a perfect segue into the season of Lent.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STEPPING UP with Beth Moore 7 weeks, JANUARY, Room 12 10:00-11:45 a.m. Wednesdays If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kay Wagner at 330-206-4344





# We continue to lift in prayer OBPC Members.

Barbara Bowden *Charlotte Burge* Bruce Burge Ella Mae Chadbourne Jennie DeAngeles Aleta Dick Bruce Geelhood

Phyllis Heller Carol Helmendach Shirley Hinkle Joana Maciel Alma More Jill Moscoso Lyle Neely

Ray Piller Susan Parisi Anna Roney Marilyn Silver John Smarkusky Marilyn Smarkusky Elizabeth Strong

Anne Sutton Barbara Van Laningham Cindy Watkins Gwen & Earl Williams

We lift in prayer OBPC Families and Friends

Debbie Johnson & Family by Leanna Kurpa Hiro Hirumi-Father by 2c Hirumi Betty Colburn-Mother by Sandy Johnson Ron Rupp-Friend by Diane Wilson

Becky Krenn-Friend by Sue Kim Michael Prendergast-Brother-in-Law by Mary Kay Wagner Jerry Bracken-Cousin by Mike Troutman Scott Winchester-Friend by Lynda Bonnick Robin Woodrum and Kevin Flick-Friends by Kirsten & Curtis Finley *Suzie Smith-Sister and Jim Thiede-Nephew by Rosie & David Perry* Sylvia Engelbrecht-Friend by Kassie Manza Kathy Miller-Sister by Debbie Strickland Matthew Eaton-Son, Bonnie-Mother, Lynn Baker-Sister, and Ali Owens and Carson-Friends by Heather Eaton Elizabeth Gainsborough-Sister, Skip Banach-Brother, Sharon Kitts-Friend by Arlene Clark Mike Luciano-Sherri's Brother, Susan Combs-Sherri's Sister, Michelle Pugh and Seanna Milam-Pastor Nathan's Sisters by Pastor Nathan and Sherri Wheeler Matt Sweet and Brian Canard-Grandsons by Betty Canard Brady Barry-Son, Trevin Barry, Henry Threatt-Grandsons by Susan Barry Carolyn Kuehn and Alva Debiak by Candy Christman

#### **Prayers for Our Community and World**

We pray for peace among nations in the new year.

#### We have a Church Prayer Chain

Please call Joyce Fisher (570-772-6988) if you have a prayer request to lift up by our Prayer Chain.

# THIS CHILD HERE

On Tuesday, November 12, we were so blessed to be able to welcome Pastor Bob Gamble and Olya from This Child Here in the Ukraine. They are doing amazing work helping the mothers and children still in Ukraine.



Sunday Worship on November 10 had the congregation with their hands up



MARK 12 38:4





Keeping the kindness of Henry Logan alive was celebrated on December 6, 2024, when the Henry Logan Lunch was held in the Haddad Fellowship Center. Thank you to those who helped with the celebration. Pastor Jeff Beebe delivered the welcome prayer to more than 70 attendees, 2c Hirumi served as master of ceremonies, and pianist Karen Hirumi entertained guests as they arrived.

It was smiles all-around as servers donned red bowties to serve the meal. The luncheon concluded with a Christmas Carol Concert presented by Barbara Larson, Director of Music. Our Deacons coordinated the annual event that was captured with photographs by Amanda Wilson-Stovall.



Outreach Committee New Year's Resolution to serve the community a couple of times a year for

**2025?** We can use **you** whenever **you** are available to help at Halifax Urban Ministries (HUM). OBPC helps HUM prepare meals for the homeless on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

**Outreach has two shifts**: 8:30-9:30 – Prepare sandwiches, pack deserts, cut bread, dishwashing (Need 4 people) 10:15-12:00- Prepares the hot meal packages and dishwashing (Need 7 People)

Join our email list for updates and event coordination of volunteers. Curtis Finley-<u>Curtis.finley@gmail.com</u> 859-991-0868 Outreach Committee

**H.U.M. VOLUNTEERS** Please join us after Sunday worship in the Haddad Fellowship Center to prepare peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for H.U.M. And every 3rd **Monday at 8:30 am** we go to H.U.M. to prepare meals for their food program. Volunteers are needed for two shifts **8:30-9:30am**. We make sandwiches, packs desserts and cut bread (4 people) and **10:15-12:00pm**– prepare the hot meal packages and slick askies (7 access).



#### **Mission Partner Highlight- Halifax Urban Ministries**

Halifax Urban Ministries also known as HUM is a faith based nonprofit organization that has served the Volusia County community since 1981. HUM offers homeless prevention & assistance services to low-income families. They do this by providing emergency assistance and will intervene on behalf of those who have become homeless to reestablish permanent housing in Volusia County.

**HUM focuses on 4 programs**: <u>Barracks of Hope</u> provides transitional housing for up to 9 months to male and female veterans who have struggled with homelessness, addiction, and mental health. Single occupancy rooms are provided, along with mental health counseling, case management, and three meals per day. In 2019, Barracks of Hope served 52 veterans and helped move 28 into permanent housing.

<u>Hope Place</u> provides emergency housing for up to 3 months for over 100 families with children each year. Families are provided a safe place to stay, day care for children, three 3 meals a day, tutoring, life skills and budgeting classes, and case management. The Rapid Rehousing Program helps families quickly establish a new residence each year through financial assistance and follows up with case management to increase the chance of a successful outcome, helping families return to being self-sustaining members of our community.

<u>Feed-a-Family Homeless Prevention Program</u> distributes over 500 tons of food each year to help families living below the poverty line who often struggle with hunger, nutrition, and food insecurity. We consider this to be our "first line of defense" in preventing homelessness. If we can reduce a family's grocery bill, they will have more funds to pay for rent, utilities, and other household expenses. HUM also provides financial help through prescription, utility and rent assistance and offers referrals and case management to families on the road to self-sufficiency.

<u>Bridge of Hope Daily Hot Meal Program</u> provides almost 100,000 meals annually to the homeless and people in need. Hot lunches are served 365 days each year to the homeless and working poor. Each meal is balanced with protein, vegetables, fruits, salads, a starch, dessert and a beverage. This is often the only quality nutrition they have access to.

# Happy New Year from *your* Outreach Committee!

OBPC has been blessed with the support and generosity from our church members and volunteers. Listed is our Mission Partners that we will focus on for 2025, in which more detailed descriptions of each organization is listed in the brochure found in each Church pew. *Habitat for Humanity, Rose Marie Bryon Center, Halifax Urban Ministries Thornwell, Pace Center for Girls, Bethlehem Ministries. This Child Here, Presbyterian Counseling Center* 

We will be taking a hiatus from working with Family Renew Community for 2025 and will reevaluate future projects at a later date. Please continue to bring gently used household goods to Secret Attic Thrift Store in Ormond Beach, which supports this wonderful organization.



## Musíc Notes—January 2025

We believe that the holy act of singing together shapes faith, heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace. - The Center for Congregational Song is the resource and outreach arm of The Hymn Society in the U.S. and Canada.

Thank you to all who participated in making the Advent and Christmas season one of beauty and joy. Singers, ringers, readers, and behind the scenes workers decorating and keeping everything running are all appreciated.

You, the congregation, are our most important choir. We sing together each Sunday the poetry given to us through our hymns and carols. Thank you!

Now we come to the season of Epiphany. The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

January 5, 2025	The Epiphany of our Lord	Color: White
January 12, 2025	The Baptism of the Lord	Color: White
January 19, 2025	Second Sunday after Epiphany	Color: Green
January 26. 2024	Third Sunday after Epiphany	Color: Green

# Tuned for Praise

Sunday, February 23 3:30 pm

# Daytona State College and Community Flute Choir Bring a friend! Don't miss a note!

FIRST SUNDAY OF DECEMBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS







### January Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

**Following worship service on Sunday, January 5,** please join us in the Haddad Fellowship Center to recognize all who celebrate a birthday or an anniversary during the month of January. Desserts will be served.



- 5 Derick Lecas
- 7 Andrew Lecas
- 8 Evelyn Deahl
- 9 Beverly Bennett
- 12 Dave Wagner
- 15 Carolyn Williams
- 20 Marjorie Giuffre
- 23 Marilyn Smarkusky

- 26 Heather Eaton
- 26 Mary Kay Wagner
- 27 Linda Adkins
- 27 Randy Pechin
- 28 Bonnie Thompson
- 31 Rhoda Little
- 31 Becky Navidomskis



- 5 Barbara & David McCurdy 60 yrs
- 10 Dave & Mary Kay Wagner 10 yrs
- 22 Michael & Norma Devine 59 yrs
- 23 Michael & Amanda Wilson-Stovall 10 yrs

# O.B. Presbyterian Church JANUARY 2025

Every Sunday—8:45 Youth Choir, room 10; 9:00 Adult Sunday School, Library; 9:15 Adult Bible Study, room 12, 9:30 Youth Sunday School rooms 8,9 & 14: 10:30 WORSHIP 1st Sunday with Communion; 11:3 PB & J Sandwich Making, HFC; 11:30 Fellowship Coffee Time, HFC



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 10:30 WORSHIP ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS 11:30 JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION, HFC	6 8:00 TELLERS, 2nd Office 9:00 FINANCE MEETING, LIB 9:00 ACCOUNTING, LIB 9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7	7 9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 6:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL, 10	8 8:00 MENS BIBLE STUDY, 12 9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 10:00 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12 6:30 SESSION, 12	9 9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 10:30 TAI CHI, 9 6:00 GLORY BELLS 7:15 CHANCEL CHOIR, 10	10 9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7	11 9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 Come Night 5:00 INTERGENERATIONAL- GAME NIGHT, HFC
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**Please note**: Since printing of this calendar changes may have been made. We would like you to visit OBPC web site at **ormondbeachpc.org** for the most current calendar and for other current announcements.

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#### Wednesday, January 15

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