

# The Messenger

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**~The Messenger is taking a break in January ~**  
**We will have a new issue for the beginning of February!**

## A New Year's Prayer

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.  
May we speak only after we have listened well.  
Creator of all life,  
help us enter the New Year reverently,  
aware that you have endowed  
every creature and plant, every person and habitat  
with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.  
May we honor rather than destroy.  
Lower of all souls,  
help us enter the New Year joyfully,  
willing to laugh and dance and dream,  
remembering our many gifts with thanks  
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.  
May we welcome your lavish love.

In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.

*- Vinita Hampton Wright*

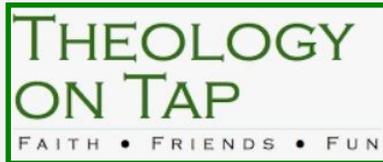
## Fellowship Opportunities



### Fellowship opportunity for women!

Our monthly breakfast group (**Salty Women**) meets on second Thursdays, January 8 at 9am at Biscuitville (3110 Raeford Rd - Tallywood Shopping Center)

If you are interested, please let Ruth Ann know: 910-309-1007



### Men's Fellowship - January 7

*Come join us every first Wednesday 5:30 pm - 8 pm on the back lawn of St. James for brats, beans, and beverages.*

*If you are coming, let Dave Runkle or Todd Burns know in advance.*

*Weather plan is in the Annex/Entrance across the parking*



### Join us every first Tuesday, at Noon!

Potluck Lunch in our Fellowship Hall

**January 6 at Noon**

The Prime Timer group is designed as a fellowship opportunity for all members over 55.



Our 10:00 Sunday worship service is being streamed live,  
and is also available for later viewing.  
Click [here](#) to watch

## Receive Text Updates

If you are not currently on our email news list, sign up on our website: <https://saintjamesfay.org/>

To receive text messages as well, or instead of email, here is how to sign up

**To receive messages via text,**

**Text @8bhg3**  
**to 81010**



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1/11 ..... Nate Stockham  
1/18 ..... Ruth Ann Crecelius  
1/25 ..... Scott Marosek

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1/04 ..... Glenn Stockwell  
1/11 ..... Johannes Min  
1/18 ..... Nancy Oliver  
1/25 ..... Valerie Brewer

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1/11 ..... Delores Schiebe  
1/18 ..... Jane Boelke  
1/25 ..... Hannah Rea

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1/18 ..... John & Gayle Frinak  
1/25 ..... Sharon VanPelt, Edward Samulian

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1/04 ..... Henry Orellano  
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1/18 ..... Aaron Thomas  
1/25 ..... Ian Linkous

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1/04 ..... Barbara Azzarelli  
1/11 ..... Linda Stellfox  
1/18 ..... Sonia Nazario  
1/25 ..... Patsy Linkous

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1/04 ..... Todd Burns  
1/11 ..... Verena & Christopher Min  
1/18 ..... Edward Samuelian  
1/25 ..... Tom Liedig

**Nursery**

1/04 ..... Erika Stockwell, Kathy Brown  
1/11 ..... Sue Rink, Valerie Brewer  
1/18 ..... Verena Min, Kathleen Heinrich  
1/25 ..... Amber Habermehl, Patsy Linkous

# Around the Parish



One of the gifts that the Christian community shares with others is praying for those with special needs or concerns. Call the Church Office or fill out the green form in the pew racks to let us know of prayer needs.

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally those names will be changed after 3 weeks.

The newsletter has our long term prayer list which is updated as you tell us.

Please keep us informed so that we can share accurate information with the Saint James community.

## Remember These

**People at Home or in Care facilities (restricted mobility)**

- Charlotte Davis
- Claudia Doyle
- Brenda Killett
- Carolyn Uchtorff

## Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Thomas Oliver
- ◇ Mark & Ann Mabe
- ◇ Brenda Tinney
- ◇ Ashley Littman
- ◇ Joseph San Miguel
- ◇ David Herring
- ◇ James Peterson, Jr.
- ◇ Claudia Joyner

## Military Members

(\* Deployed)

- Earl Stockham
- Jessie Hewins
- Joshua Trogdon
- Darian Dix
- David Oliver
- Bella Fish
- Dan Gibson
- Hochang Min
- Alex Habermehl
- Robert James
- Matthew Porter



- 1/08 Brenda Killett
- 1/11 Elliott Fish
- 1/16 Sophia Min
- 1/18 Linda Stellfox
- 1/22 Patrick SanMiguel
- 1/25 Diana Vittoe
- 1/28 Terry Orness
- 1/31 Campfell Burt
- 1/31 Daniel Linkous
- 1/31 Verena Min

## Anniversaries

- 1/29 Larry & Delores Schiebe



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P.O. Box 53276; Fayetteville, NC 28305.**

All are welcome to worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.  
Holy Communion is celebrated every week.

**Should you have an emergency or need Pastoral Care, contact  
Pastor John Locke: Cell (704) 530-9969 or [jpl406@gmail.com](mailto:jpl406@gmail.com) .**

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