

PFAFFTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

3323 Transou Rd.

PO Box 130

Pfafftown NC 27040

Phone: 336-924-9925 Fax: 336-924-2501

E-mail: office@pfafftownchristian.org

www.pfafftownchristian.org

Church Staff

Rev. Rodney Stilwell

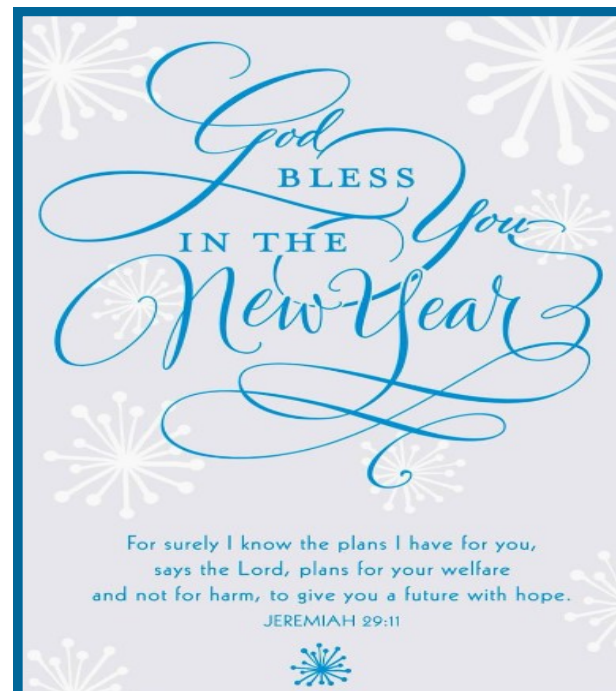
Minister

Rev. Tim Shoaf

Minister of Music & Programs

Traci Canter

Office Administrator



COME WORSHIP WITH US!
... and see the wonderful things happening at
Pfafftown Christian Church

Nonprofit Org
US Postage
PAID
Pfafftown NC
Permit #2



**January
2024**

THE VISITOR



A NOTE FROM RODNEY

2024. Hard to believe how we got here so fast. And it's hard to ponder all that lies ahead this year. Inflation, wars, wrinkles, and holidays are givens. But there's much more that will surprise us over the next 12 months. Sometimes I wonder why God doesn't tell us what is ahead. Not knowing what a year will bring can be disturbing. But seeing far ahead can be scary. Then I realize that I'm happier not knowing.

Let's not be afraid to receive the surprises of the year, whether they come to us with tears or laughter. The tears and laughter that accompany surprises open us up to others, life, and God. Without the surprises, we would miss so much. We would never know the closeness of friends who reach out to us in our sorrow. And we would miss the joy of sharing smiles. We don't know how many surprises with tears or laughs 2024 will bring. But we do know that we will never be alone on any of the 366 days or nights. God will hold our hands and share each mountain top and every valley.



In celebration of our church family birthdays, we will have our Annual Birthday Luncheon on **Sunday, January 28th following the 11:00 AM Worship Service.**

Lunch provided will consist of a salad bar, a baked potato bar and of course, birthday cake for everyone!

(A signup sheet for anyone wishing to bake a cake will be in the Narthex).

Make plans now to join us for this wonderful time as we celebrate the awesome YOU that God made!

Taste & see
THAT THE LORD IS
good
Psalm 34:8

Start your new year off right and make plans now to join us as we begin our 2024 Taste & See Bible Study Luncheons! What a blessing this special time of food, fellowship and Bible study this is! Sign up now to join us **Wednesday, January 10th** from **11:30A - 12:30P** in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall.

During our December 13th Luncheon, we had a special birthday cake and we sang and celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior!



Happy New Year
2024

January Elder Leaders

Steve Clodfelter, Leader
Ruth Saalweachter, Back-up

Communion Stewards

Pam Backi and Doug

Thank you to everyone that helps with this vital part of our weekly worship service.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for your part in our beautiful Christmas celebrations. The true meaning of Christmas and Jesus' holy name was truly glorified! May we all remember to hold onto Christmas in our hearts all year long. God has blessed us to have such a loving and wonderful church family.



PCC collected \$1,050.00 worth of gift cards for our Tree of Hope Project for Old Richmond Elementary School. Thank you so much for opening up your hearts of giving to share the warmth, love and hope at Christmas.



Thank you so much for visiting Vienna Village and for the beautiful program. It was well received by all and my heart was overflowing. I hope you can come back and give us your talents again. To all the angel makers, you are also angels. The visits, cards and calls are always welcomed. I love all of you. May you have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

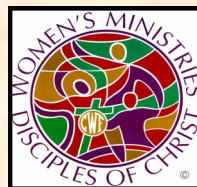
With love, peace and joy,
Jo Poplin, Vienna Village



Mrs. Jo Poplin
336-946-1147

CWF NEWS

We had 14 beautiful ladies at our December Potluck Luncheon.



Our next meeting will be January 16th at 12:30 p.m. in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall. We will discuss our outreach giving plans.

In the planning stage is as follows:

- * Visiting a nursing home and bringing needed items to the residents.
- * Meal for Salvation Army Homeless Shelter.

All ladies are cordially invited to come and share in the love and warmth of this special ladies fellowship group.

Hope from the Wise Men for the New Year

**Life changes, we change,
but God's love never changes or dies.**

Think of the wise men. On January 6, we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, that moment in the calendar when we honor the wise men's visit to the Christ Child.

They followed a star and a revelation that came to them which would lead to this newborn king. With their gifts, they probably didn't expect to discover such a royal figure to be the son of a lowly carpenter.

But they trusted and they didn't give up... exactly what we should do. Trust in God. Trust in God's goodness. Trust in God's love. Trust Him for everything in our lives.

They also trusted in their dreams. They visited King Herod as they followed the star and told him what they were searching for. Crafty King Herod pretended this was great news and that they should let him know what they found.

After paying homage to the Child, they were informed in a dream to avoid going back to Herod. After all, his violent jealousy would lead to the slaughter of those little children in Bethlehem who might usurp his power.

Thanks to the dream, "they left for their own country by another road." (Matthew 2:12)

The promise of Christmas is that, no matter when you celebrate and no matter what dreams you've had, after you've worshipped the Christ Child, you can't go home the old way. You take another road.

Hold on to that hope in the New Year. Honoring the Christ Child puts us all on a new road. (some excerpts from Guidepost)

Notes from Tim

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste--its strength, its quality--how can its saltiness be restored? It is not good for anything any longer but to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men" (Matthew 5:13)

Salt was a commodity familiar to the people of Jesus' time. It was used as a bond of hospitality. Since it was scarce, it was valuable and very precious. Sometimes soldiers were paid in salt.

Salt is used as a seasoning, a preservative and an antiseptic. As a seasoning salt, it adds flavor and zest to the food. It also prevents decay. And it has a healing quality. Salt has an important work to do but does it inconspicuously.

Jesus called His disciples the salt of the earth. We are a savoring influence, a preservative in the world against evil. We are the salt of the earth. As Christians, we should have an effect for Jesus Christ on those about us. Salt also makes people thirsty. Are we salty Christians, making others thirst for Jesus Christ?

Since 1911, the Morton Salt Company has kept as its slogan "when it rains it pours." As you know, it shows a little girl with an umbrella in the rain. Salt is pouring out on the earth from the box she is carrying in her arms.

As we have just celebrated the Christmas season, we see that God has poured out Himself for humankind when in love beyond measure He sent His Son to become the Savior of the world. Jesus poured out Himself for a sinful world when He died on the cross.

Salt is not effective unless it is applied. So, too, we are not effective for the Lord unless the love of Christ so constrains us that we are willing to be poured out in service for a world in need of Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to you. *Tim*

January Worship Schedule

January 7	~	Rev. Rodney Stilwell
January 14	~	Rev. Rodney Stilwell
January 21	~	Rev. Rodney Stilwell
January 28	~	Rev. Rodney Stilwell



Bereavement: The Family of Ray Boore
The Family of Owen Clodfelter in the death of his mother, Sarah Clodfelter.

Church Family: Sue Flynt, Sam Safrit, Anne Safrit, Mel Blakley, Evelyn Nifong, Jack Groff, Jason Hawkins, Helen Johnson, Jo Poplin, Skip Stanley, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley, Mary Timmons

Others:

Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
Mike Booth: Friend of Pam Backi
Jerrie Connelly: Sister-in-law of Betty Barker
Glenda Disher: Mother of Traci Canter
Rose Everton: Daughter of Will & Sydney Everton
Bill Flynt: Cousin of Robert Flynt
Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell

Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
Dene Pitts: Friend of Traci Canter
Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter
Scott Richmond: Friend of Betty Barker
Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley
Jenny Safrit: Daughter-in-law of Anne & Sam Safrit
Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson
Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson
Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi
Judy West: Cousin of Ann Fletcher
Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve and Betty Clodfelter

Dear Master for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.
I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

Happy New Year!