

Community Baptist Church  
P. O. Box 691479  
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**2024**



## Birthdays !!

1/06 Virginia Bigelow  
1/08 Mike Robertson  
1/17 Sara Marquez  
1/26 Barbara Price



### CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Chaplain Sharon Ball-Robertson  
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### ANNIVERSARIES

1/28 Bill & Gina Vickers

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## January 2024 NEWS ITEMS FROM COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who brought things for the "Hug's" Tree. I'm sure the children will be glad to get those warm clothes for the winter.



Be on the lookout for an announcement about something new coming on Wednesday nights sometime in January! Details coming soon.



**IMPORTANT!**  
PLEASE READ

The Governing Board will meet following the morning Worship service on Sunday, January 14th. All Annual reports need to be in the office by Wednesday, January 17th. The Annual Business meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21st following the morning worship service. The Fellowship Committee informs us that it will probably be a Soup Day for lunch.

Pastor Sharon delivering the Christmas Devotional at our women's party



We are continuing to observe the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering during the month of January. Please help our past laborers for the Lord. Thank you for the continued giving



# THE CONNECTOR

## THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FROM PASTOR'S OFFICE

The year 2023 is behind us! Don't you often say aloud, "My, how time flies!"? I read recently that one of the biggest shortcomings of the human race is that we fail to realize how fast time goes. We can't wait to lose our first tooth. We can't wait to graduate high school. Then we can't wait to get married and have a family. Then we can't wait to have grandchildren. Then we can't wait to retire. And, before we know it, we are facing issues related to the "golden years" and wondering where time went.



There's a Bible verse that comes to mind. Paul says to the church at Ephesus, "Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:15, 16) In Paul's time the days were evil; and, as we look around today, the days are yet evil. In some translations, the wording has to do with redeeming the time because the days are evil. The thought behind Paul's words has to do with seizing every opportunity to do good. Spread the light! Defy the darkness! Be vigilant! TIME is a precious commodity...one we cannot afford to waste.

As you welcome the year 2024, don't look back. LOOK UP! And make the most of your time. Amen.

Pastor Sharon

## AB WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS



.On Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am the ladies, their guests and drivers met at the church for their annual Christmas Party. We had a wonderful turn out and Joy was all around. Everyone brought pot luck and we had lots of varieties of food and desserts. Yum. We had fun catching up on the last year as some of the guests had been shut ins for some time. It was so wonderful to see these people here again. The following were in attendance: Pastor Sharon Ball, Wilma Robertson, Sherrie True, Cheryl Matlock, Mary Solorio, Angel Vann, Angel's Mother Pat, Vicki Daney, Burr and Barbara Kannady, Virginia Bigelow and her sons, Jason and Alan, Rita Siglin, Steve Amburn, Keith and Jeannie Jones, Jeannie Stoops Smith, Marlene Ciranowicz and Candi Kolteryahn.

After enjoying our meal we moved to the Sanctuary where Pastor Sharon gave us a devotion on Jesus' mother Mary. A power point presentation made it very impressive of how Mary had suffered also, by being the human mother of Jesus.

Following our devotions we enjoyed some games. The prizes are really nice and everyone wants to bingo a lot. Even our men drivers like to participate.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way and especially Vicki Daney who organizes the food and program for us. We brought items for the "Hugs" Tree and will be delivering them around Christmas. We also took a special Love Gift offering.

Thank you for coming. Rita Siglin, Secretary





**\*Denotes member**

**Cheryl Matlock\*** Pray for better blood pressure readings.

**William\* Davis**— Just got out of hospital. Keep in our prayers

Pray for **Keith\*** and **Jeannie\* Jones**. **Jeannie** had a recent stroke.

**Christy Cantrell\*** DOC# 254300 Mabel Bassett Correctional Facility 29501 Kickapoo Road, McCloud, OK. 74851 Keep her in our prayers.

**James Hargett** #52593 in Omaha facility. Address: P. O. Box 11099, Omaha, Nebraska 68111 Going through a time of depression. Needs prayer.

Keep **Barbara Price\*** in your prayers for some health issues.

**Burr Kannady\*** had three stints put in his heart. **Barbara Kannady\*** has future surgery on her shoulder after first of the new year, Pray for them as they care for each other.

**Ken Fringer**—Keep in our prayers for health. **Jo Owen** father.

**Teale** at St. Jude's. Little girl fighting cancer.

**Robert Parris** recovering from surgery

#### CANCER SURVIVORS

Beverly Claghorn

Charles Brewer

Burr Kannady

Those with special needs ...

Missionaries

American Baptist Missionaries

Our Nation/World Leaders

Our Church's Future

Those in leadership

Rev. Chaplain Sharon Ball-Robertson—  
Senior Pastor

Music Minister— Mike Robertson

Children & Youth Ministers

Our Congregation

Moderator

#### Remember our shut ins:

Ruth Sell, Norma Acree, Beverly King, Pat Hale, Barbara Price

#### SCHEDULE

Church School Classes 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 6:00 pm

On Zoom





## BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH: ROMANS

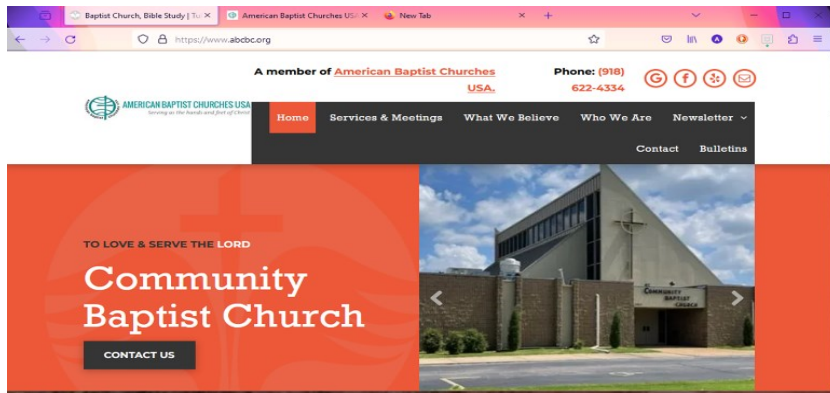
When Paul's letter arrived in Rome, hardly anyone read it. There was much to read in Rome—imperial decrees, exquisite poetry, fine crafted moral philosophy, and much of it was world-class. And yet in no time, as such things go, this letter left all those other writings in the dust. Paul's letter to the Romans has had a far larger impact on its readers than the volumes of all those Roman writers put together. The letter to the Romans is a piece of passionate thinking. This is the glorious life of a mind enlisted in the service of God. What is God up to? What does it mean that "Jesus" saves? What's behind all this, and where is it going? **Read Romans for January 2024.**



## LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY







## Check Out Our Web Page

**Community Baptist Church** has a new web page, but same URL: [abcbc.org](https://www.abcbc.org). If you have not looked at it lately, please do so and share with your friends. The home page scrolls with pictures of the church and pastor and the sanctuary. These may occasionally change as new features and images become available.

In addition, there are hyperlinks on the pages. You can click on American Baptist Churches USA and see what is happening in Valley Forge. They also have links to other American Baptist affiliates web pages, information on mission fields and many other topics.

From the top of our page, you can use the pull-down menus to read our ***Services & Meetings***, ***What We Believe***, ***Who We Are***, and see ***Contact*** information. In addition, there are pull-down menus for the monthly ***Newsletter*** and the weekly service ***Bulletins*** which are stored from previous months and weeks, respectively, so you can go back to “catch up” if you missed something.

If you scroll down from the top of the web page, you will find information about our Sunday services, our Wednesday Zoom Meeting, and our phone number. Also, you will find a hyperlink to our **YouTube broadcast!** You can click this to see past services and to connect to our live broadcast on Sunday mornings at 10:45 am. As you might guess, our broadcasts are run by amateurs who are still learning, so there will be glitches now and then.


One more thing! There is a hyper-link to our Sunday Morning YouTube broadcast!

### Service & Meeting Times

**Morning Worship Service**  
Sunday at 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
[Join us live on Youtube](#)

**Sunday School**  
Sunday at 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday Zoom Meeting**  
6:00 p.m. Call Church for Details  
[\(918\) 622-4334](#)





# JANUARY 2024



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



1 *New  
Years*

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3 *Bible  
Study on  
Zoom 6:00  
pm*

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7 *Communion  
SS 9:30 am  
Worship  
10:45 am*

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*ABW  
10:00  
am*

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10 *Bible  
Study on  
Zoom 6:00  
pm*

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17 *Bible  
Study on  
Zoom 6:00  
pm*

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21 *See  
Schedule  
Lunch  
Bus. Meet.*

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24 *Bible  
Study on  
Zoom 6:00  
pm*

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28 *SS 9:30  
am  
Worship  
10:45 am*

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31 *Bible  
Study on  
Zoom 6:00  
pm*

