

# *The Grapevine*

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*We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. -1 John 4:16a*

This month marks a new year. What aspirations do you have for your spiritual life this year? If you are unsure about what to focus on this year how about focusing on this. Living loved. Our verse says “have believed the love God has for us.” To believe is to act as if something is true even when we do not see it with our eyes. To lived loved is to live as if we are loved even when we do not see it.

What would this look like in our lives? Can you see yourself coming before God in prayer and praying with the awareness that you are beloved child of God? That your choice to be with him brings a smile on this face? That the attention of the God of the universe is undividedly on you? How would you pray? Pray that way because you are loved like that. Can you see yourself experiencing a disappointing day and living as if you are loved? Living as if in that disappointment God is working for your good? Living as if even when your day does not work out for you, you know God is for you? Live that way because it is true that the God of love is working all things out for your good. This is my prayer for us as Cove Spring Church. That we would be a people of faith. Who act as if God’s promises of love are true even when we do not see evidence of them with our eyes.

*..... Faithfully, Pastor Greg*

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# Church Concerns, News and Announcements Cont'd



## Prayer Concerns

Our Nation, Our President, Our Country,  
Our Service Men and Women  
Our friends and neighbors and in our community who have  
lost, and are searching for employment.

### JOYS:

- ◆ Oscar Anderson is now cancer free!
- ◆ Ruth Bensman is now home and doing well.

### CONCERNS:

- ◆ Addie Leis, Continued prayer for successful cancer treatments.
- ◆ Doug Armstrong requiring additional surgery from previous brain surgery.

Continued Prayer for those battling ongoing health issues  
and/or Cancer:

Angie Shellhas  
Harry Worley  
Oscar Anderson  
Jane Zwolski  
LeAnn Pearson  
Randy Smith  
Randy Conaway  
Becky Gillman  
Bill Jergens  
Ben Wilson  
Michael Williams

Thelma Purtee  
Russ Newman  
Ryan Rice  
Addie Leis  
Lisa Fries  
Tammy Green  
Steve Gilliam  
Nevin Elleman  
Lee Harrison  
Linda Newman  
Ruth Caldwell

*\*Please notify Lynda Mott at 937-478-6826 of a concern  
item or prayer request to be added or removed.*

### Please pray for God's comforting touch for the Families who have lost loved ones in December.

- The Hershberger family upon the passing of Daryl (Bill's Uncle) and Sheri Levanti (Bill's Sister.)



Deacon Meeting

January 08<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00pm



Communion will be observed  
January 07 during our 9:30am  
service.

COVE SPRING BIBLE STUDIES  
AVAILABLE TO ALL:



### Third Season "THE CHOSEN"

**Our study Continues.....**The class will meet each  
Sunday at 10:30am following worship services in the  
church basement. All are welcome to join. If you'd like  
for a study guide to be ordered, please contact  
Ben Sutherly at 937-524-3264.



Ladies' Bible Study will meet on  
Wednesdays at 12:30. We meet at  
various locations, so if you're  
interested, please get in touch with  
Jill Benham for additional  
information. (937-266-4456)  
ALL WOMEN WELCOME.



### Happy Birthday In January:

Jenna Hershberger, Tim Fine, Austin Sutherly, Angela Uhlenhake,  
Hannah Freshour, Mandy Paulus, Paul Gearhardt, Lou Ann Jess,  
, Wade Wilhelm, Adam Bensman, Genevieve Benham, Jason Meyer,  
Luke Long, Peyton Douthit, Journey Oakley, Kathy Sturman,  
Dustin Fox, DeeDee Freshour, Joseph Sutherly, Jill Wright, Ella Boyer,  
Bill Hamiel, Tom Wallace, Gambyll Flora, Madison Dunivan,  
Jeff Uhlenhake, Amy Eidemiller



### January Anniversary

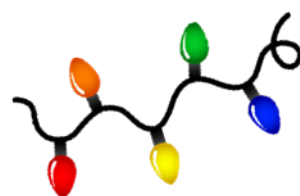
*Bryan & Tammy Parke*



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## TGIF -CORNER...

(Thanking God  
In Fellowship)



## Women's Fellowship

TGIF will meet January 12 at 6:30pm. Place TBA. Please stay tuned with the weekly bulletins for further details.

Women's Fellowship will meet on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am for a "work-meeting," making meals for shut-ins. Bring a dish to share for lunch. All women are welcome.

## The Blessing Box has

proved to be just that to many people. Please keep in mind the upcoming holidays and our neighbor's needs. You can bring your updated donated items to the Food Pantry in the church basement. Please keep in mind the upcoming winter weather when donating. Samples: Boxed foods such as soups, Mac & Cheese, Macaroni, Spaghetti, etc. Thank you to all who have donated and made this "Blessing Box" a small miracle to someone.



## HARVESTER'S CIRCLE CLASS

Thank YOU to everyone who donated to the *Blanket Fund Program*.

Your generosity tells people in crisis:  
Someone cares. You are not alone.  
We were able to collect \$550.00.

## January Serving Ushers:

Jay Benham and Tom Bailey

## CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

January 09, at 7:30pm in church basement.

All Department Heads and Officers are urged to attend and give their reports to the church body, and all members are urged to attend and give their input and enthusiasm toward the betterment of our church for the new year 2024.

## GENERAL FUND OFFERING, JAN.14

We will be accepting a quarterly offering during January to help provide for church operational expenses and will provide a special envelope in the January 14<sup>th</sup> bulletin and in the U.S. Mailed newsletter. If you receive your newsletter by e-mail, you can mail your gift offering to Cove Spring Church, 5705 Walnut Grove Rd., Troy, OH 45373. Your gift is greatly appreciated.



Michelle Robbins  
- Youth Director

## YOUTH GROUP EVENTS in December

The YOUTH OFFERED CHRISTMAS CARD  
IN-CHURCH DELIVERY from, Nov. 26th, to Dec. 17th.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM "THE 12 SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS"  
DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>. 9:30AM SERVICE

YOUTH SUNDAY! DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> 9:30AM

*OUR LEADERS OF TOMORROW START WITH OUR YOUTH OF TODAY.*

The youth led our worship service on this day. They were also Ushers for this Service.

# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 LADIES BIBLE STUDY 12:30 <i>NO</i> CHOIR PRACTICE	4	5	6
7 COMMUNION 9:30AM	8 DEACON MTG 7:00PM	9 CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING 7:30PM	10 LADIES BIBLE STUDY 12:30 *** CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30	11	12 TGIF 6:30PM TBA	13
14 GENERAL FUND OFFERING *** COVE SPRING KIDS 10:30/11:45	15 NO SCHOOL MLK DAY	16	17 LADIES BIBLE STUDY 12:30 *** CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 LADIES BIBLE STUDY 12:30 *** CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 LADIES BIBLE STUDY 12:30 *** CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30	JANUARY SERVING USHERS: JAY BENHAM & TOM BAILEY		