

# The Levy Update

**Wednesday, January 15th**  
 Library Hours 5:15 PM–5:45 p.m.  
 Call to Dinner at 5:30 PM—Cost: \$10.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for kids 4-12 & kids 3 & under are free (R.S.V.P. by noon Tuesday)  
 Menu: — Hamburger Steak, Corn, Broccoli Cheese Casserole, Rolls/ Cornbread & Lemon Cake  
 Missions Class for Kids at 6:00 p.m. in Children's Library  
 Prayer & Praise at 6:15 p.m.  
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 19th**  
 Library Hours 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
 Youth & Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.  
 Preschool Story Time at 9:00 a.m.  
 1st-6th Grade Activity Time at 9:00 a.m.  
 Children's Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.  
 Morning Worship at 10:15 a.m.  
 Levy at Nite at 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 22nd**  
 Library Hours 5:15 PM–5:45 p.m.  
 Call to Dinner at 5:30 PM—Cost: \$10.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for kids 4-12 & kids 3 & under are free (R.S.V.P. by noon Tuesday)  
 Menu: — Baked Pork Chop, Potato Casserole w/Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls/Cornbread & Red Velvet Cake  
 Missions Class for Kids at 6:00 PM in Children's Library  
 Prayer & Praise at 6:15 p.m.  
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

## In the mailbox...

Hello Levy Baptist Church,  
 We were so very thankful for the donation of your Thanksgiving Offering. You have supported us throughout the year, and this was an unexpected bonus. This will help us provide our clients with all the items for a Holiday meal. Many cannot afford to have a family event without help from the Pantry and faithful souls like Levy Baptist Church members. Your are so appreciated.  
 Sincerely,  
 Judy Cromwell, Secretary

Pastor Steven and Theresa, Levy Church Family:  
 Thank you so much for the beautiful Poinsetta. It was a wonderful surprise for us. We appreciate your prayers and gifts of love as Roger continues his recovery. He is still in the Hospital but we are believing that God will heal him and he will be coming home soon.  
 Karen and Roger Nitschke

**REMEMBER:** Now is a great time to update your personal information with the church. If you've had a change of address, phone number(s), or email address(es), please get in touch with Melanie at 501-753-7347 or [office@levybaptist.com](mailto:office@levybaptist.com) and share those changes with her.



Dear Levytes and friends:  
 Once again, I can't tell you what an honor and joy it is for me to celebrate Christmas Eve with our wonderful church family! The Christmas Eve services always take my breath away and fill my heart with profound joy in what God is doing amongst us here at Levy Baptist Church.

Everything about that night is magical! The sanctuary is glowing and gorgeous. It isn't just Christmas Eve, but everything that leads up to it, including the Hanging of the Greens, Christmas Communion, Christmas Cantata, Children's Christmas Program, and Nick's Baskets!

What an amazing Church we have and a wonderful Lord we love!  
 As we finish 2024 and embark on 2025, the church needs your love, dedication, and faithfulness. With God's great goodness, we are called to rebuild and rededicate ourselves to the work of the Gospel here. We have a mission and ministry to do, and I want our Church to be strong and sturdy for the year ahead.

In the closing days of 2024 and opening days of 2025, would you rededicate both your hearts and your personal resources to this work of mission?  
 I'm asking every Levyte to commit to attending church 90% of the time in 2025. That equates to 46 Sundays per year. Mark your calendar each Sunday and see if you can meet the goal of being in church 46 Sundays in 2025. Let's be a church alive in 2025!

You may not have attended all the Advent/Christmas events, but you can experience them again by watching the videos on the church's Facebook or YouTube channels.

Blessings and gratitude in Christ,  
 Bro. Steven

## Bible Quiz



When 12-year-old Jesus stayed at the Jerusalem temple as Joseph and Mary started traveling home, after how many days did his parents find him?

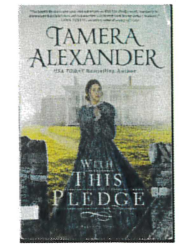
- A. 1 day
- B. 2 days
- C. 3 days
- D. 7 days

Answer: C (See Luke 2:46.)



**You're Invited: Birthday Reception**  
 We would like to invite all church members to a special reception honoring those who have birthdays in January. Join us as we celebrate another year of life, love, and faith. The reception will feature birthday cake and an opportunity to fellowship with one another.  
 Date: January 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Time: Immediately following the evening service  
 Location: Waymack Hall  
 We hope to see you there as we bless and honor our birthday members. If you have a January birthday, please come ready to be celebrated! If not, come ready to celebrate with your church family.

## New In The Library



On the night of November 30, 1864, a brutal battle in Franklin, Tennessee, all but decimates the Confederacy and nearly kills Captain Roland Ward Jones. A decorated Mississippi sharpshooter, Jones has a vision on the battlefield and, despite the severity of his wounds, believes his life will be spared.



Levy Baptist Church wishes to express their Christian love and sympathy to Angie Stone in the loss of her uncle, Doyle Gene Byrd and Rhett Reynolds in the loss of his cousin, David Gore.



## Roses To.....

Roses to ...  
 Deepest gratitude to members of committees who have fulfilled their terms, for their dedication and faithfulness. Richard McCall on Team on Teams, Gwenn Higginbotham on Nominating Team, Mark Harper on the Personnel Team, Kay Nolen on Finance Team, Karl Vesecky on Property and Space, and Beverly Williams on the Library Team and roses to Kay Nolen for making her annual yummy apple cider for the Christmas Lessons and Carols service.  
 Roses to....Jo & Gary Brazear, Jim Munns, Diana Harper, Trish Brown, Donna McCall, Tommie & Stephen Smith & Lavon Johnson for helping with Christmas decorations from the Flower Committee.

Memorial gifts are necessary to the well-being of any congregation because of what they represent — one person's legacy, one congregation's act of worship.

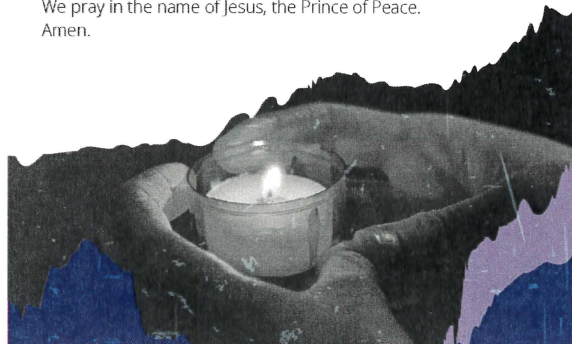


A memorial gift has been received in memory of Phobe Adams by: Breanna, Keith & Andrew Faught  
 A memorial gift has been received in memory of Dorothy Harrington by: Doris Rutherford



**A Prayer for Ukraine**

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.




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PRACTICE**

**In Mary's song, she sang about  
what life is like when God makes  
things right.**

**This week as you pray,  
dream a bit about a world  
where all things are set  
right. Ask God to bring this  
reality to earth!**

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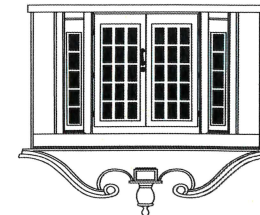
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