

The Levy Update

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 p.m. in Children's Library
 Prayer & Praise at 6:15 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 26th
 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.—Miss Arkansas
 Levy at Nite at 6:00 p.m.



Wednesday, January 29th
 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: — Ham, Deviled Eggs, Sweet Potato Casserole, Rolls/Cornbread & Fruit Salad
 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.



The snowfall got us good last week. The white stuff was considerable on our parking lots and sidewalks on the second Lord's Day of the year, causing us to miss our usual Sunday schedule. We had one worship service at 4:00 p.m., allowing time for the sun to do her melting magic, and what a sweet spirit prevailed in that mid-day service. After being hunkered down in our homes, everyone was delighted to see each other, sing, and worship together. Our offices were back open on Monday, and the tea kettle whistled while we worked. I've challenged our church family to attend church at least 90% of the Sundays in 2025. That's 46 Sundays a year. If the inclement weather caused you to miss last Sunday, don't let this get you off track. Be faithful for the rest of the year.



I want to challenge all of us further by asking the following question: What do you contribute to the building up of the Church?

I'm not addressing financial pledges but rather asking, "What part do you play in Levy Baptist Church?" If you haven't been on a job interview for a while, one of the leading questions today is, "What can you bring to the company?" In other words, what can you contribute to help that business succeed, prosper, and grow?

Now, the Church is NOT a business, but we are responsible for preserving and promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, the same can be said about us: What could we each do to personally carry it forth and impact the world? And what can we offer to our church community?

First and foremost, "Live your Faith." Practice your faith by enhancing spiritual growth and communion with God. Pray, fast, study scripture, read the lives of great Christians, and know your Faith enough to share it with others.

Secondly, attend services...and not just Sunday morning worship. Try to come to as many services as possible: Levy Mid-Week, Levy at Nite, and Bible Study Classes. By attending more services, you show great humility, reverence, and thanksgiving to God. In addition to bolstering your own faith, you help to encourage others by your example.

Thirdly, be an active, participating member of this community. It's easy to hide amongst the ranks, simply coming and going. But get involved, volunteer, join a Sunday School Class, Women on Mission, etc. Offer your talents and abilities to the Church. Interact with one another—and not just your friends and relatives. Reach out and meet people you don't know, introduce yourself, and be hospitable and welcoming to all who enter our doors—especially new members and seekers!

There are numerous avenues in which your talents can be used to glorify God. If you have a knack for teaching, help teach Sunday School. If you know computers and technology, why not join our AV/media volunteers? If you are an engineer or craftsman, employ your skills at church. If you have a flair for writing, you could help write promotional pieces and items for The Open Door or design event flyers. If you have a voice, and all of us do, why not allow it to sing praises unto God as part of our choir or volunteer to be a reader?

Perhaps you feel you don't have any special gifts to offer. You can certainly visit LBC members in nursing facilities, brightening their day and making them feel connected. You could also help by donating food to the blessing box.

All in all, there are many ways in which you can contribute to the success of this church. Thus, don't just ask what your church can do for you, but what you can do for the church and the sake of Christ!

Handwritten signature: J.C.T.

Sing With the LBC Choir

The Levy Baptist Choir is welcoming new members! We hope you'll join us for fun, learning, fellowship, and the joy of music-making in community.

Rehearsals most Wednesdays at 7PM, singing most Sunday 10:15AM services & for a few additional services throughout the year.

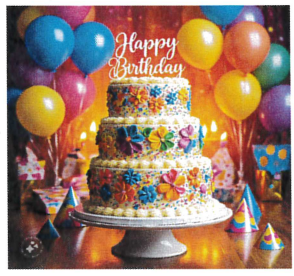
If you are interested in joining, please contact Tommy Havens, havens.tg@gmail.com



New In The Library



The story of Ellie Spencer, a renowned astronomy professor who receives a mysterious package years after a summer romance with a young man named Jack Bennett, which was cut short by life circumstances; upon reading a novel within the package detailing their summer love story, Ellie realizes it's about her and is compelled to revisit her past and potentially rekindle their connection.



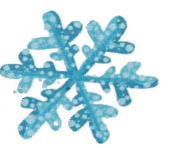
We would like to invite all church members to a special reception honoring those who have birthdays in January.

Date: January 26th

Time: Immediately following the evening service
 Location: Waymack Hall



WE REJOICE WITH TOMMY QUICK IN HIS BAPTISM!



Congratulations to Tom and Kay Hunt on the birth of a great-granddaughter – Savannah Taylor, who arrived on January 17th in a 7lb 5oz and 20 1/4 inches long package.



Levy Baptist Church offers Dial-A-Devotion to those who wish to receive a devotion for the day phone call. If you would like to sign up, call the church office, and we'll get you added, 501-753-7347 or office@levybaptist.com





If you would like to receive text messages from Levy Baptist church, text the word "Alert" to 22300



Join us Friday, February 14th, for our first All You Can Eat Fish Fry of the year. Dine in or carry out. \$15 for adults. Children 12-and under \$5.00, age 3-under, free. Starts at 4:00 PM. Ends at 6:00 PM All you can eat fish, chicken, fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, pork-n-beans, and fried pies!



Jesus was here long before us even and long before time began. Put your hand over your heart and feel your heartbeat.

Your heart has been beating long before you even knew your name. Feel your heartbeat, and think of Jesus, eternally with us.

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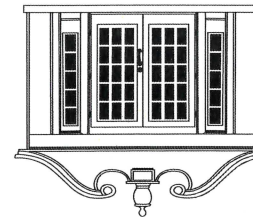
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