

Happy New Year

○ SING UNTO THE LORD
a new song;
FOR HE HATH DONE
marvelous things.

PSALM 98:1, KJV

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Last Friday, a couple came into my office, desperate, looking for help, about to lose their home. They explained their situation – lost job, apartment flooded, health issues... They had some specific requests, but all the things were secondary. At the heart of their issue was that in about a week, they were going to be homeless.

As the wheels turned in my head, I couldn't stop thinking about the fact that we have a house that was donated to us sitting empty – in need of some TLC, but within a few days of work to make livable. So I made some calls and explained the situation and a plan was devised to get what is sometimes known as "The Samaritan House" ready for this couple.

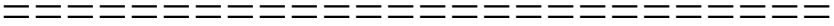
I have been overwhelmed with how the deacons and stewards have stepped up to make this a reality. All of a sudden, we have a mission, a vision. We have the resources to make a difference in someone's life. Maybe we haven't felt that a lot lately. Maybe we have felt stuck and constrained. Maybe we needed these

folks as much as they needed us to breath some new life into our ministry.

Annual Conference has challenged us to find ways to “bring Jesus into our community.” I hope and I believe that this effort may spur us to do exactly that. Thank you to all that are working so hard to help this couple feel special and secure.

*Where there is no vision, the people perish:
but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*

Proverbs 29:18



The Name Above Every Name

O what is Jehovah El Shaddai to me?
My Lord, God and Savior, Immanuel, He;
My Prophet, Priest, Sacrifice, Altar and Lamb:
Judge, Advocate, Surety and Witness, I AM;
My Peace and my Life, my Truth and my Way;
My Leader, my Teacher, my Hope and my Stay;
Redeemer and Ransom, Atonement and Friend;
He’s Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.

—Rev. John H. Sammis

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Pray Without Ceasing

Eugene Barton, Lucy Bradford, Katherine Bridges, Carolyn Combs, Melissa Dalton, JT Hale, Barbara Janney, Tania Martin, Salem Nelson, Marie Priddy, Aaron Roach, Jutta Shelton, Roger Shockley, Patsy Underwood, Leon & Gail Walker, Danny Whitley, Frankie Wilson

Thinking of You

Barbara Janney

District Prayer Request

Pray for Scott Douglas, who is retiring as Director of Relationships and Growth for the Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust on January 27, 2022. Let us give thanks for those who've served with and for us throughout our nation and the world.



If you can't attend Sunday services you can watch a live stream of Sunday Worship service on YouTube. Find us on YouTube as Eden NC Church of the Brethren and catch up on the weekly sermons.

Biblical resolutions

Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)

Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)

Pray and thank God earnestly(1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)

Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)

Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)

Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)

Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)

Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)

Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

-Gus Nichols (adapted)

Upcoming Birthdays

January 9: Jessica Barton Blackwelder
Taylor Potts



"He's today's greeter."