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Wonderfully Wowed. That is how Chuck and I felt a few weeks ago when we opened the envelopes containing very generous monetary gifts from you. Thank you, church for your contribution toward (in the words of Board Chair, Jim Owens) my dance lessons and Chuck's expense account related to having a new puppy.

Thoroughly Thankful. That's how Chuck and I feel about the opportunity to be in ministry with South Grand Lake Christian Church (DOC). We are moved by the many ways this family of faith builds faith and gives hope – from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

Extra Excited. That's how Chuck and I feel as we plan a commissioning service to celebrate the members of this year's General Board. We'll do this during worship on **January 29** which is the same day we are invited to linger longer for some of Ronnie Hardin's freshly fried fabulous fish – aka crappie from Grand Lake.

Aptly Appreciative. That's how Chuck and I feel about the physical ministry outpost located North of Langley at 446205 East 350 Road. It's a sacred space from which meals are prepared and food is distributed. It's a holy habitat for worship, prayer, study, and physical exercise.

Gads of Grateful. That's how Chuck and I feel about the expansive nature of the ministries of SGLCC(DOC). We have relationships with people who live in various parts of Oklahoma as well as several states across the country. We mailed 2023 star words to friends in Idaho, Kansas, New York, and Colorado.

Wowed, thankful, excited, appreciative, grateful...that's how these pastors feel!



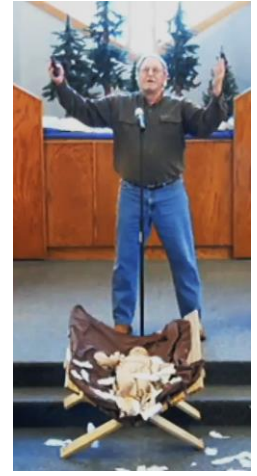
- January 9th - Senior Food Distribution
next date February 13th
- January 10th - Elders – next meeting Feb. 7th
- January 28th - Executive Committee
- January 29th - Commissioning of Leaders
Linger Longer Luncheon
- February 23rd - Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

Mark your calendars for a fabulous linger longer luncheon on Jan. 29th as we gather for Crappie & Hush Puppies prepared by Ronnie Hardin. All are invited to bring a dessert to share.



Celebrating the Birth!

Our family of faith celebrated the true meaning of Christmas in two beautiful worship services. The warm glow of candlelight, scripture, carols and dramatic portrayals prepared our minds and hearts to share the bread and cup on Christmas Eve and Christmas morn.



Angels among us ...



Throughout the Advent season we had great fun posing in front of angel wings as we increased our awareness of God's activity in the world through the efforts of those who answer the call to serve others. May we continue to give thanks for the angels in our midst and to remain alert for opportunities to be angels for someone in our path!

Angels at work

In collaboration with our friends at Grand Nation, we serve as a site for their Senior Food Distribution program. We are grateful for the faithful work of Susan & JB Miller, alongside Ellen Wolfe as they oversee this project which serves 45 households each month.



Angels on the street



Dale & Louise Compston appreciate your donations of plastic shopping bags that are used in the ministry of weaving waterproof sleeping mats for those who live on the streets. Bags can be placed in a receptacle in Community Hall.



Some angels cook

The Meals on Wheels program prepares and delivers hot lunches from our church kitchen to the community 3 days a week. Volunteers are needed to serve as lead cooks on a rotating schedule. If you're interested, please contact Susan Miller.



Shane Ailey, Michael Ailey, Rick Atkinson, John Baird, Fred Blythe, David Booker, Mary Burns, Jill Brausuell, Eva Chambers, Mary Claiborne, Louise Compston, Ted Coombes, Calvin Cross, Dianne Farmer, Cindy Fest, Gary Fest, Christie Goldy, Karen Hendrix, Leroy Hughes, Barbara Isaacs, Gina Jackson, Joyce Lewis, Kayla Mann, Melanie Martin, Jim Rogers, Vickey Rose, Lou Saunders, Jan Sharkis, Jim Shelton, Susan Stanifer, Alena Thibert, Chris Tribble, Patty Wolfe, Mike Yancy, David Zovadny, caregivers, first responders, Armed Forces, national and world leaders, those affected by acts of violence, addiction, mental illness and natural disasters.



January

Wes Atkinson
 Bill Wilson
 Beverly Wall
 Jack Massey
 Madison Lewis
 Ella Willerton
 Paul O'Neal
 Lynne Kennedy
 Debbie Winchester
 John Allen
 Curt Grundy

February

Susan Miller
 Ronnie Hardin
 James Helton
 Jenny Wood
 Trenton Bendabout
 Bob Weitzel
 Jennifer Hinson
 Matt Hinson
 Vickey Rose



January

Jerry & Lou Saunders
 Paul & Karen O'Neal

February

JB & Susan Miller
 Bob & Lois Weitzel

The theme for the 2023 General Assembly is "Kindom of God Within Us, Among Us." The theme is based on three scriptures: Luke 17:20-21, Genesis 11:1-9, and 2 Peter 1:3.

KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US
 GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3
 July 29 - August 1, 2023 - Louisville



General Fund Offerings: November \$ 9,037.70 Designated Gifts: \$1,694.00
 December \$ 12,541.27 \$3,371.00

Blessing Quarters: November & December \$402.18
 Total for 2022: \$1,384.09

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE				
Date	Members	Visitors	in Person	Online Views
12-04	32	14	46	73
12-11	30	19	49	79
12-18	32	10	42	95
12-24/25	29	17	46	120