

★ THE CHRISTMAS PLEDGE

1. To remember those people who truly need my gifts.
2. To express my love for family and friends in more direct ways than presents.
3. To rededicate myself to the spiritual growth of my family.
4. To examine my holiday activities in light of the true meaning of Christmas.
5. To initiate an act of peacemaking within my circle of family and friends.

★ From "Unplug the Christmas Machine"
Jo Robinson & Jeanne Coppock Staeheli ★



PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL

A Praise Team Rehearsal has been scheduled for
Thursday, January 8 / 8:00 p.m.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery meets again on January 15 at 7:15 p.m. Any questions see Deb Perez.



Matt SPURLOCK

Congratulate Matt as he moves to take on a new job. Matthew is characterized by his sense of responsibility and faithfulness. God has honored that by providing an excellent promotion in his career path. Unfortunately for us, this requires that Matt move to Wisconsin.

The Gifts of Christmas

Dec 07 » Experience Hope
Dec 14 » Experience Love
Dec 21 » Experience Joy
Dec 28 » Experience Peace

Prayer REQUESTS

► SALVATION

- Walter Miner III
- Gearen Family
- Tom M.
- Stein Family
- Ryan K.
- Tyler M.
- Mandy W.
- Dave. O

► HEALTH ISSUES

- Mandy W. » Cancer
- Merle » Health Issues
- Carlos V. » Health Issues
- Angie & Family » Life Issues
- Lucille S. » Health Issues
- Augustin A. » Sobriety
- Walter Miner III. » Health Issues
- Issues
- Zach D. » Sobriety
- Paitn » Return to God
- Meztti » Return to God
- Ivy » Healing
- Hector S. » Healing
- Vanessa » Health Issues
- Jacob M. » Emotional Health
- Noelle G. » Health Issues
- Junior » Health Issues
- Silvia J. » Health / Faith Issues
- Becky H. » Cancer
- Betty L. » Life Transitions
- Peggy K. » Pain Issues
- April P. » Health Issues
- Kyle » Salvation
- Nathan K. » Health Issues
- Lucinda M. » Parkinson's
- Shirley P. » COPD worsening
- David A. » Health Issues
- Karen P. » Health Issues
- B. De Leon » Cancer
- Erin » C-section effects



METRICS THAT MATTER - 12/21/25

Attendance ► 33 Giving ► \$280 Guests ► 0
Volunteers ► 14 Decisions for Christ ► 0

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Peace is more than the absence of conflict—it is the deep, abiding presence of God that steadies us in every circumstance.

John 14:27 – “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”



A. PEACE AS A GIFT, NOT A FEELING

Philippians 4:7 – “And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

It is a divine gift that guards the heart, not merely an emotional state.

B. PEACE AS WHOLENESS (SHALOM)

Isaiah 26:3 – “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you...”

Hebrew *shalom* implies completeness, health, and right relationship with God.

C. PEACE AS PRESENCE

Psalms 23:2-3 – “He leads me beside still waters... restores my soul.”

The Shepherd’s presence brings restful stillness.

Because peace is a gift, it must be received, cultivated, and lived out.

3 Ways to Experience God's Peace



1 TRUST THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

2 CULTIVATE INTIMACY THROUGH PRAYER & WORD

3 LIVE OUT THE PEACE IN COMMUNITY



**Trust, intimacy, community—
are interconnected avenues
leading to the same destination:
experiencing God's peace.**



*Where am I
lacking peace?*

FINANCES
RELATIONSHIPS
HEALTH

Choose one of the three pathways to practice this week:

- Write down a worry and pray it away (**trust**).
- Set aside 5 minutes of prayer (**intimacy**).
- Reach out to someone in conflict and seek connection (**community**).

God's peace is a divine gift that surpasses understanding, available through trusting His sovereignty, cultivating intimacy, and living as peacemakers.

Philippians 4:6-7 – “Do not be anxious about anything... the peace of God... will guard your hearts.” Invite the congregation to respond in prayer, laying their anxieties before God.