

January Birthdays

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| 3 | Michael Harrison Karen Newberry |
| 5 | Carroll Barfield John Wesley Little |
| 6 | Ed Willis Thad Wingate |
| 7 | Andrew Pritchett David Riley |
| 8 | Caroline Chapura |
| 9 | David McCall |
| 10 | Beth Lewis |
| 11 | Julia Costin |
| 13 | Steve Allen Tyler Blalock Blake Flowers Freddie Hammock |
| 14 | Lane Estes Sam Lewis Megan Presley |
| 16 | Perry LaConte |
| 18 | Robert Brown Mark McLean |
| 19 | Kirby Carlton Russ Carter |
| 21 | Jeff Jeffords |
| 22 | Cathy Mobley |
| 23 | Ricky Sherling |
| 25 | Gloria Smith |
| 26 | Tina Brammer |
| 27 | Carlton Fordham Jack Funderburk Fraleigh Turnipseed |
| 28 | Duke Harris Chris Robinson |
| 31 | Belinda Allen |

Wednesday Night Supper begins January 3rd at 5:30pm

Wednesday Night Church-wide Study **Just Say Yes: Unleashing People for Ministry** by Bishop Robert Schnase

This is a 6-week, video and discussion driven study that will begin Wednesday, January 3rd.

The first session will be all together in the Fellowship Hall after supper.

A list of small group leaders will be available soon.

Ed Kilbourne is coming January 7th

Ed is a singer, storyteller, humorist, and folk-theologian. He is widely known and appreciated for his gifts of combining music and spiritual teaching in worship and concert settings.

We will have a combined worship service led by Ed in the sanctuary at 10:00am, January 7th. Ed will also have a concert at 4:00pm in the evening. All are welcome to attend. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

For more information on Ed, visit his website, www.edkilbourne.com.

New Testament Discipleship Group

"Who is Jesus and what is His significance for our lives?"

8-week study
5:00-6:30pm
Sunday Evenings
Begins January 21st
Led by Rev. Grantham.

This class is a shorter version of the Disciple I class. Class members will read large sections of the New Testament, learn methods for Bible Study, and learn how to apply those methods to one's daily devotions.

Circle #4

10:00am on January 23rd
Magnolia Manor

United Methodist Men

8:00am on January 28th
Fellowship Hall

Feast of the Epiphany

Christmas tends to end abruptly after we have opened presents and stuffed ourselves with turkey. However, Christmas Day ushers in the *12 Days of Christmas*, which ends on January 6th with the feast of the Epiphany. The 12 days are a time to celebrate and remember that Jesus has come to the world as a baby boy.

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles who are represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12). God has made himself known to us! This is something to celebrate.

"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming out of the water, he saw heaven being torn and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'" Mark 1:9-11