

A Look at What's Happening at
Mt. Airy
BAPTIST CHURCH

January 2025

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SEEK WEEK

JANUARY 5 - 12

Busyness is an epidemic. As Christians we must carve out time to intentionally focus on our walk with Christ or life will run away with us. On the first Sunday of 2025, you are invited to join us for **Seek Week**. Our goal is to have a week of prayer and fasting and start this new year with a renewed passion for God.

January 5: Rick Fisher from Blackaby Ministries will be our featured speaker. Rick is the Vice President of the ministry that was founded by Henry Blackaby, the author of 'Experiencing God.' Rick's message will focus on what it means to seek God first, and how prayer allows us to live on God's agenda.

January 6-12: Our staff members have written daily devotionals for **Seek Week**. These free booklets will be available for you to pick up beginning Sunday, January 5.

January 8: Focus Day. What are one or two things in your life or family where you really need God's intervention? On this day we ask you to spend time in prayer and fasting as you focus on those needs in prayer.

January 12: Dr. Shorter will be preaching on Seeking God throughout 2025 and practical ways to live that out.

January 12: Worship Night. We will end **Seek Week** with a celebration of worship and prayer. We look forward to hearing on that night what God does in your life during this special week.

By quieting the normal inputs in our lives, God is giving us a chance to deliberately seek Him. There is no better way to start the new year!

Upcoming Events

Young at Heart Choir

The YAH Choir will rehearse on Wed., January 15, and on Wed., January 22, at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Senior Singles

The Senior Singles will meet on Thursday, January 9, in Building A at 10:00am. We will have various hot soups for lunch and then discuss what activities we would like to do this year. In addition, we will be collecting blankets and throws for the homeless. Please contact Lisa Stone via text/call at 864-325-7701 if you plan to attend or wish to bring a soup/crackers/dessert.

Ladies' WMU Group Meetings

- The Dot Tripp Group will meet on Tuesday, January 14, at 6:30pm at Piedmont Women's Center in Powdersville (located at 108 Commons Blvd. near Aldi). Our mission project is collecting baby items. We will eat nearby afterwards. See Kathy Elrod for more information.
- The Margaret Mitchell Group will meet on Wednesday, January 15, at 2:00pm in Building A. Bring hygiene items for Western NC hurricane victims.

Young at Heart

YAH will meet on Thursday, January 16, at 11:00am in Building A for breakfast. Please contact Maripat Herring by Jan. 13 at 864-905-3192 if you plan to attend. Please bring a dish that will feed 8 people.

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Upcoming Events Continued...

- The Deacons will meet on Sunday, January 5, at 5:00pm in Building A.
- The Trustees quarterly meeting is January 19, 2025 at 4:30pm.
- The Ladies' Ministry will have a Birthday Bash on Saturday, January 25, in the Life Center. Time TBA. We will be celebrating all of our "second" birthdays and sharing testimonies about our personal salvation experiences. We will also be doing a service project. All ladies and teen girls are invited.
- Make plans to join us on Sunday, January 26, at 6:00pm for our 2025 annual meeting. We will discuss where we've been, where we are, where we believe God wants us to go, and how you can help us to get there.

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

As the winter season continues, please remember that the church office and The Life Center follow the Anderson 1 School District schedule during inclement weather. We will also post any service cancellations on our website homepage.

Missions Update

Christmas from Mt. Airy

Thank you to the many who participated in Christmas from Mt. Airy this year.

You ministered to many children and families by packing 1,163 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. You adopted 14 kids from Connie Maxwell by providing for them at Christmas and wrapping their presents.

You worked at United Christian Ministries and handed out food to the most needy in our community.

You packed and delivered fruit baskets to over 100 people to care for the widows and elderly.

Many also supported as volunteers for the Selah Christmas concert on December 13.

The final total for the Lottie Moon Offering will be announced on Sunday, January 5th! Pray that God will bless our Lottie Moon offering so another missionary can enter service in the Name of Jesus.

You have blessed many, and we want to THANK YOU!
God bless you all. - Rob Merritt, *Minister of Missions*

HOW CAN WE
Thank
God
ENOUGH FOR YOU?
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV -

Operation Christmas Child

OCC... DID YOU KNOW? Did you know that ALL shoebox items MUST be NEW? No used items are allowed, because they stop shipments at customs. Used items are removed at processing centers.

The OCC January items of the month are washcloths and toothbrushes. Please deposit in the OCC receptacles. Multi-packs are especially helpful. Collection bins are located in the LC and in the corridor between Buildings B & C. THANK YOU for packing and shipping 1163 OCC shoeboxes in 2024 to needy children all over the world! This year our boxes are heading to Colombia (SA), Ukraine, Guinea (W. Africa), Peru, Honduras, and a hard to reach country (closed to the Gospel). TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

VBS 2025 - COMING JUNE 22-26!

Made to Magnify God!

Magnified! VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We were made to magnify God!



CHILDREN & STUDENTS JANUARY

Children's Ministry Events

Jan. 12 @ 5:30pm AWANA resumes (No awards due to December break)

Jan. 15 @ 6:30pm WNL: Kids Choir is BACK!

Jan. 18 @ 10am - 1pm in Bldg A: Grand Prix Pit Day

WNL Kids Choir continues each Wednesday night, 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the KidMin Room, Building C. Anyone can join at any time! Register at: www.mtairybaptist.com/kids.

AWANA continues each Sunday night, 5:30pm - 7:00pm (doors open at 5:15 pm) Anyone can join at any time at: www.mtairybaptist.com/kids.

Student Ministry Events

Our Disciple Now Weekend is going to be **February 28th - March 2nd!** This is such a fun weekend where students grow in God's Word, get pushed in their faith, and make lots of fun memories with their friends. Students will stay in gender and grade specific host homes over the weekend and meet at the church for 3 sessions discussing our theme this year: **OVERFLOW!** Our heart is to see students live their lives out of the overflow of their relationship with God, not the flow that is over.

Romans 15:13 says, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

The cost will be \$60 which includes meals, a missions activity, a fun activity, and a T-shirt!

We need host homes and volunteers to serve food and do registration on Friday. Please reach out to Austin at awelborn@mtairybaptist.com to help.

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