

January

2025

ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTORS PAGE

“Do Not Be Afraid”

Genesis 15:1

15 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”

The Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward”

These words were spoken shortly after Abram had given his nephew Lot the choice of territories. Lot chose what appeared to be the best, Jordan’s well-watered plain. Abraham, however, looked to the kingdom of God and His righteousness. This means Abram lost nothing. Lot may have seemed to choose the better part but it was Abram who looked to God for his portion. Abram looked to the Kingdom of God.

Sometimes we may not get all we want this year but God wants our desires to be his kingdom. Jesus says it this way in Matthew 6:33-34 ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

We are making plans. We are making resolutions. We are making promises. Let us make a commitment to the Kingdom of God and let tomorrow worry about itself.

Your Brother Because of Calvary
Dr. Angel L. De La Cruz

GREETERS & ACOLYTE'S

IF THE DATE ASSIGNED TO YOU CONFLICTS WITH YOUR SCHEDULE,
PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE ON THE LIST AND LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW OF THIS CHANGE.

GREETERS should be at the door at 10:00 AM, the bell should be rung 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 AM. Please hand out the morning bulletin. Close the doors when the service begins. You will also take up the offering and get the collection plates before the service begins; they are in the black cloth bag on the first pew in the back section of the church.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
January 5	Nathan and Jennifer Johns	Jonah Scrips
January 12	Terri and Alexandra Maughan	Aaron Quinn
January 19	Travis Johns and Liam Scrips	Mia Scrips
January 26	Charlene De La Cruz and Sharon Aikins	Liam Scrips
February 2	Gerry and Donna Howard	Cooper Grantz



FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

January 5 and 12 - open
January 19 and 26 – open
February 2 and 9 - open

The 2025 chancel flower calendar
is ready for signups.

All dates are available for 2025.

You must call Joanie to secure the date
you would like to donate flowers.

If anyone wishes to request
a date for chancel flowers,
an organ or table arrangement,
please schedule with Joanie 724-954-1671.



The new Elders and Deacons
will be installed
during worship service
February 2, 2025

A special thank you to all who participated in
the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.
The music was beautiful and the message
was uplifting. We are blessed to have you
share your talent with us!

If you weren't able to attend that evening,
you can watch it on Facebook Live.
Go to the Elderton Presbyterian Church
facebook page and scroll until you find
December 24.

2024 ANGEL TREE



“Participating with CYS since 2012”

The 2024 Angel Tree Mission with Elderton Presbyterian Church and Butterfly Hill Preschool has been completed.

We were able to help 12 families this Christmas season.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in taking an Angel and purchasing gifts.

This mission is a success because of you.

During the worship service, the gifts were placed around the Christmas tree, and blessed with a prayer before being delivered.

A special thanks to Jeff Elgin, John Craig, Tom Spencer, and Mark Clowser for delivering the gifts to CYS.

And a thank you to all who helped load the gifts.



CHAIRPERSON’S & TREASURER’S

The written reports from the various committees will be due for the Annual Report to the church email in a Word doc format on **January 10, 2025**.

The financial reports, which include all bank statements, canceled checks, etc., will be due in the church office on **January 14, 2025** or as soon as you get your statements and can balance the account.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On **Sunday, January 26, 2025**, we will have our **Annual Congregational Meeting** immediately after worship for the purpose of electing officers, approving the ministerial portion of the budget, reviewing reports, and any other business pertaining thereto.

We hope everyone will make an effort to attend this meeting, thereby supporting the work of our church.



The Presbyterian Women hosted a Christmas party in Fellowship Hall for all women in the church on December 11, 2024,

The women enjoyed a lovely evening of fellowship, good food, singing, and a few dance moves.

Presbyterian Women meet monthly at Nancy Schrecengost’s home for a Bible study.

Please consider attending in the New Year. It’s a great way to get out of the house and learn more about Jesus.

Watch the bulletin for dates and times.



Many members of our congregation take on various roles throughout the year to ensure that the church runs smoothly and that numerous projects are completed at the manse and the church. Without your time and effort, these projects would not have been completed. We appreciate and thank you!

Many missions within our church require volunteers. We appreciate these volunteers for their time spent helping others while spreading the word of God with their actions. Thank you!

We thank the members of the Session and Deacons, the chairpersons of the committees and the Clerk of Session for working to make the church run smoothly.

We thank the teachers from Sunday School and Butterfly Hill Preschool for their love and dedication to the programs. We appreciate that they share their love of Jesus by teaching others.

We appreciate those who work each week to make our worship services beautiful. Thank you to those who share their talents, we appreciate you!

Thank you to those who continuously pray for our church!



We will receive new members on January 12, 2025, during worship service. If you would like to become a member of the Elderton Presbyterian Church, please get in touch with the church office or Pastor Angel.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Aikins – 1st
Candy Mummert – 1st
Dave Smail – 1st
Dee Craig – 5th
Sandy Wingard – 6th
Sue Pierce – 6th
Emily Spencer – 8th
Rod Burns – 8th
Donald Kunkle – 9th
Cory Scrips – 10th
Coleson Myers – 11th
Tim Bertolino – 15th
Anna Speer – 16th
Brenda Coleman – 17th
Aiden Fairman – 17th – 1 year old
Brad Schall - 18th
Marion Kunkle – 19th
Tom Wingard – 19th
Shirley Schall – 22nd
Jonah Scrips – 25th
Kathy Burns – 28th
Lucy Taylor – 28th
Kent Mummert – 29th

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Terry and Blythe Johns – 3rd, 1975 – **50 years**
Cory and Melissa Grantz – 7th - 2006
John and Jeanne Speer – 13th, 1979
Dave and Martha Dyott – 22nd, 1972
John and Helen Bowser – 29th, 1960 – **65 years**

it's a girl

Butterfly Hill Preschool teacher,
Brianna Sheffler, and her husband, Chris,
welcomed a baby girl on December 22, 2024.

Rosemary Ellen Sheffler
was born at 11:48 PM at Indiana Medical Regional Hospital.
She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20.5 inches long.

Congratulations to Bri and Chris!

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
5 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	6	7 6:00 – Butterfly Hill Preschool Board Meeting	8	9 10:00- 3:00- Helping Hand 6:00 - Session Meeting 6:00 - Deacons Meeting	10	11
12 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Receiving New Members	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	20	21	22	23 6:00 – Ch Ed meeting	24	25
26 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Annual Congregational Meeting	27	28	29	30	31	