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# RAFTING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

*GROWING AS A CHURCH WITH A REDEMPTIVE PURPOSE*



CELEBRATING  
CHRISTMAS

*With*

JOY & LOVE!



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# SCRIPTURAL IMPACT

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH

*Help Us to Worship You*

Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done.  
On earth as it is in heaven.

Lord, God, we praise you and bless your Holy name.  
You alone are worthy of all glory, honor, and praise.  
Thank you for loving us so much that you gave us your only begotten  
Son,  
And Jesus, your Son, gave His life for us.

Thank you, Lord Jesus for being the Lord of my life.  
I present my body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto you.  
Forgive me for all the times I fell short of your glory and did not live up  
to your standard.

Lord, I confess my sins unto you; cause I know that you are faithful and  
just to forgive me and cleanse me from all unrighteousness.  
Thank you for your Grace. Thank you for your mercy.  
Thank you for your unmerited favor.

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# SCRIPTURAL IMPACT

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH

*Help Us to Worship You*

We are your people and are called by your name.

Give us the courage and strength to humble ourselves, repent of our sins, and turn from our wicked ways. If we do that God, you promised that you would forgive our sin and heal our land.

We need you, Lord!

We need you like never before.

We can't survive and live without you.

Forgive us for getting out of line by thinking we can do this on our own.

We apologize to you, Lord.

We recognize that you are still God; and it's in you we live, move, and have our being. Without you, we are nothing.

We live in this world, but we are not of this world.

God, we belong to you and we are longing for our heavenly home.

Heal our heart, mind, body, and spirit so we can live as you created us to.

As we battle sin each day, we know you are greater than anything we face.

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# SCRIPTURAL IMPACT

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH

*Help Us to Worship You*

There is no power greater than yours.  
You have overcome this world and, with you, we have the ability to overcome it too.

We can't do it without you.  
So, help us to worship you, Lord, by the way we live our lives daily.  
Grant us the power to stand up against worldly opposition and draw closer to you.

Forgive us as we forgive others, and help us to do what is pleasing unto you.

As we draw closer to your return, continue to make us ready so we can hear you say, "Well done thy good and faithful servants."

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen!

*The Rev. John F. Kennedy*

# SCRIPTURAL IMPACT

## SCRIPTURAL PRESENTATION

### *Praying Faithfully*

*Presenter:*

The Rev. Melvin Mack

*Date:*

11.09.23

#### **James 5:13-20**

**13** Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. **14** Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

**16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. **17** Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. **18** Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

- Prayer brings God's healing in our lives.
- Pray consistently.
- Make prayer a common practice.
- Pray with confidence.
- Pray faithfully.
  
- Prayer availeth much.
- You must believe and not doubt.

The presentation is located in the Rafting Creek Baptist Church Official Facebook Group.

Search for "Praying Faithfully."



# MINISTRY IMPACT

## FAITH THAT PLEASURES GOD

### *Profiles in Faith*

*Studies in 1 Samuel, 2 Chronicles, Daniel, Proverbs, Isaiah,  
Habakkuk, Matthew, Luke, Romans*

**Church/Home Theme: Christ Jesus Is Our Savior**

### ***Adult Sunday School Lessons***

<b>Dec. 3</b>	<i>The Faith of Ruth</i>	Ruth 1:6-18, 22
<b>Dec. 10</b>	<i>The Faith of David</i>	1 Samuel 17:31-37, 45, 48-50
<b>Dec. 17</b>	<i>The Faith of the Family</i>	Matthew 1:1-17
<b>Dec. 24</b>	<i>Expectant Mothers' Faith</i>	Luke 1:36-45, 56
<b>Dec. 31</b>	<i>The Faith of the Wise Men</i>	Matthew 2:1-12

# HEALTH IMPACT

## HANDWASHING HYGIENE *NHW: December 3 - December 9*

"National Handwashing Week is observed the first week in December and is dedicated to helping people remain healthy one handwash at a time. Practicing good hand hygiene is a simple yet effective way to prevent infections. Washing your hands regularly can prevent the spread of germs."





# HEALTH IMPACT

## CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY

### LIVE TREES



- ✓ Check for fresh, green needles that can't be easily pulled or shaken out, and a sticky trunk.
- ✓ Cut off **2 inches** of the trunk.
- ✓ Water daily.
- ✓ Dispose of your tree in **2 weeks**, or sooner if it gets dry.



### ARTIFICIAL TREES



- ✓ Should be labeled as fire resistant

**1 in 4 TREE FIRES ARE STARTED**  
when a tree is too close to  
a heat source



- ✓ Place trees **3 feet** away, from heat sources.
- ✓ Make sure your tree isn't blocking an exit.

**EXIT**

**1/3 CHRISTMAS TREE FIRES ARE DUE TO ELECTRICAL FAILURES**



- ✓ Use non-flammable or flame resistant decorations.



**BE PREPARED.**



**TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARMS.**



**HAVE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER NEARBY.**

# HEALTH IMPACT

## the Twelve Days of SAFETY

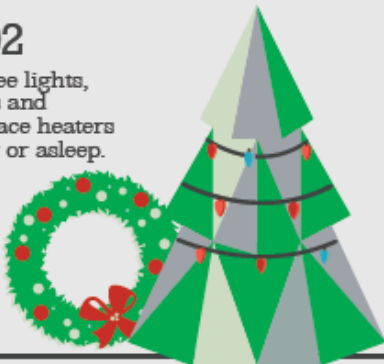
01

Never leave a burning candle unattended.



02

Turn off tree lights, decorations and portable space heaters when away or asleep.



03

Never burn wrapping paper.



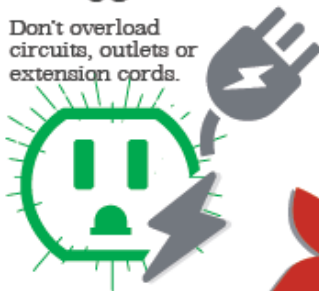
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Use indoor/outdoor lights as indicated on packaging.



05

Don't overload circuits, outlets or extension cords.



06

Poinsettias and mistletoe are poisonous. Keep away from children and pets.



07

Never leave cooking or baking unattended.



08

Check batteries in smoke alarms.



09

Don't drink and drive. Pick a designated driver.



10

Choose an artificial tree that is labeled fire-resistant. Water natural trees daily.



# KNOW PNEUMONIA

[KnowPneumonia.com](http://KnowPneumonia.com)



What's the difference  
between pneumococcal  
pneumonia and a cold  
or the flu?

# Happy Birthday

Ny'Aisa Alston-Glover

Lacie Holmes

Gloria Dinkins

Jean Alston

Dallas Haynesworth

Isaac Harris Jr.

Tylaysha Glover



# CONNECTIONAL IMPACT

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

### *Rembert-Rafting Creek Community Center*



*Wallace Dinkins won the first prize for answering all Thanksgiving trivia questions correctly.*



*The Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner, on November 8, was prepared and served by members the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.*



# CONNECTIONAL IMPACT

## RECOGNITION OF VETERANS\*

**11.12.2023**

**10AM**

### **MARINES**

Jimmie Nicholson  
John Paul Wright, Corporal

### **NAVY**

Johnnie Dinkins  
Robert L. Dinkins, Yeoman E-4  
Stephen (Ricky) Dinkins  
Dorothy C. Pegram, Petty Officer First Class  
Stacey Sanders, Chief Petty Officer E-7

### **AIR FORCE**

Daryle Osborne Clea  
Gary Collick, Master Sergeant^  
Latoshia Gardner, Master Sergeant  
John F. Kennedy, Master Sergeant  
Roger V. Mickens  
Dempsie P. Sanders  
Demetrius Wright, Master Sergeant

### **AIR FORCE & ARMY**

Carlton C. Cunningham

### **ARMY**

Jake Canty  
Lloyd Daniels\*\*  
Jermaine Dinkins  
Ellison Lawson Jr.\*\*\*  
Mizelle Mickens  
Ricky Mickens, Specialist E-4  
James Osborne  
Marshall Osborne  
Roosevelt Osborne Sr., Lieutenant Colonel  
Teddy R. Osborne, CSM  
Larry Pringle, E-4  
Charles Sanders  
Jeffery Sanders, Sergeant  
Jermaine Sanders  
Tim Sanders  
Wayne Sanders, Sergeant  
William Sanders, Sergeant First Class  
John Singleton, E-8  
Silas Singleton, Specialist E-4  
Hampton Wright Jr., Sergeant  
Hampton Wright Sr., Private First Class  
Michael Wright, E-3

*\*All may not be members of Rafting Creek Baptist Church.*

*\*\* Received Purple Heart and CIB.*

*\*\*\*Received Purple Heart and Bronze Star.*

*^^Speaker of the Day.*

# CONNECTIONAL IMPACT

## CHURCH ALBUM

### *Trustee Anniversary 9.17.23*



*The Rev. Lillian Reynolds (on right) and her sister, Ms. Cornelia Collier, were among the worshipers when the anniversary of the Trustee Ministry was observed during the Sunday service.*



### *"Trunk or Treat" for the Young and Young at Heart! 10.31.23*



# RAFTING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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<b>Nancy Dinkins</b>	Web Updater		

## Meetings and Rehearsals

*Meetings and rehearsals will be held by Zoom or Conference Call until notified otherwise.*

### Deacon Ministry

Thursday, Before 1st Sunday, 6pm

### Brotherhood

2nd Saturday, 9am

### Children/Youth

Saturdays, Before 2nd & 4th Sunday, 12pm

### Inspirational Choir

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 11am

### Male Choir

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10am

### Ministers & Deacons Spouses Ministry

3rd Saturday, 12pm

### Pastor's Aide Ministry

2nd Saturday, 11am

### Senior Missionary Ministry

2nd Saturday, 12pm

### Thursday Night Scriptural Presentations

Weekly, 6pm

### Young Women's Auxiliary

1st Saturday, 10am

### Trustees

2nd Wednesday, 6pm

Winter Months, 4th Sunday, After Church