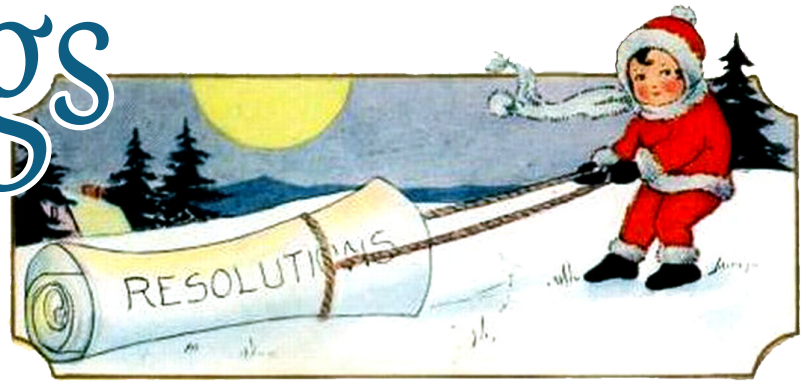


# Glad Tidings

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## Our Vision in the New Year

*And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. – Luke 2: 20-22*

One of the comforting truths going into the new year is that God’s Word does not change. The same promises you held on to last year are still relevant and just as pertinent for today. It has been the conviction of the church that everything that needs to be said about God has been said in Holy Scripture, the rest is just commentary. However, the fulfillment of scripture is something else entirely. When I speak of fulfillment, I am alluding to that moment when the scriptures come alive in your heart, in your family, and your church. You can know a thing, but until you experience it, then you truly know it.



Rev. Oscar Clavel  
Pastor

A little over a year ago, the Session approved a new Vision Statement that would guide us until our 50th anniversary. It had three parts; ***Rooted in Faith, Grounded in Love, and Moved to Serve***. Each part was based on scripture and while we did not say anything radically new, we did say something specific to our context. At the time the document was drafted, I had visions of how this statement would guide us and be used in our worship and life together. However, like most things, it slowly recessed back onto the shelf like a good book I’ve read and have fond memories of. Until I began to think about all the things that happened last year.

Briefly, in conversations and in meetings, I heard our Vision Statement mentioned or used as the basis for decisions. It was not grandiose but subtle as to how these three truths about scripture, love, and service have begun to sprout saplings in the ground. To give you one example, our Mission and Benevolence Committee rewrote their purpose statement around Moved to Serve and found focus and clarity about what kinds of missions we want to support and partner with.

In surprising ways, I find that this Vision Statement is coming alive. However, the impetus for this is God’s Spirit at work. There is another conviction we hold on to that when God’s word is spoken, it does not come back void. Our Vision Statement does not equal Scripture in any way, but the foundation of our statement is built on Scripture and that has stood the test of time.

As we enter the new year, it's time to dust off our Vision Statement and reflect on it for a new year. ***What is God saying to us now, how have we grown since we drafted those words, and how does God want to fulfill them?*** In January, we will dive back into the Scripture verses that grounded our Vision Statement and pray that God would fulfill His Word toward us. That we may experience a new greater faith, deeper love, and vibrant ministry for the glory of God.

*Oscar*

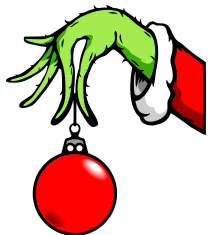
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## Notes from the Loft... January 2024



I hate to be a Grinch when it comes to 'new year resolutions,' but I have not ever heard of anyone successfully completing their resolution(s) – including me. I wonder if it is because no one is holding them accountable, or because they just don't feel or see a difference to support their effort??

Well, I have been thinking about sharing a resolution that would benefit more than just the person who makes it. What would you think of making a resolution that would help you feel good; you would do it with friends so you're never trying to fulfill the obligation by yourself; and there will always be many others who will benefit from YOUR resolution? Sound interesting???

If you like this idea, I invite you to come sing with our **Chancel Choir**. Every Thursday you would spend part of your evening with choir friends, sing great music regarding your faith, feel your overall mood and spirit lift from singing, and every Sunday morning those who have come to worship at Wekiva will appreciate what you and your friends have prepared and present.

Our first rehearsal of the New Year is Wednesday, January 3rd at 7:00pm (this is just a one time thing as Betsy will be at a conference.) Our rehearsals are on **Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30pm**. All voices are welcome!

Come sing for the Lord in 2024!

*Betsy Bone*

[betsy@wekivapresbyterian.org](mailto:betsy@wekivapresbyterian.org)



The deadline for the **February 2024 GLAD TIDINGS** is **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Send your submissions to [abbie@wekivapresbyterian.org](mailto:abbie@wekivapresbyterian.org)

# D-GROUP

INTERNATIONAL

In 2024 we will be studying each of the gospels in depth and focusing on Jesus through the lens of each Gospel writer. In January, we will start with *Matthew and Jesus as King*. We will continue to meet on Tuesdays but will be changing our meeting time to **6:15 pm to 8:15 pm**. We will be kicking off the session on **January 9th**.

If anyone is interested in joining, they can email **Tara Dalles** at: [tndalles@gmail.com](mailto:tndalles@gmail.com)



Read through the New Testament  
with me starting on October 1!

**THE BIBLE RECAP**

[thebiblerecap.com/start](http://thebiblerecap.com/start)

Have you ever closed your Bible and thought, "*What did I just read?*" Maybe you've tried to read through the Bible but quit when it felt confusing or impersonal. The Bible Recap is here to help! It's a short podcast/video (8 minutes per day) and book (2 pages per day) by Tara-Leigh Cobble. She'll highlight and summarize that day's Bible reading in a casual, easy to understand way to not only help you read scripture but to love reading it!

Learn how to get started by visiting  
<https://www.thebiblerecap.com/start>

or emailing Tara Dalles at [tndalles@gmail.com](mailto:tndalles@gmail.com)



2023 Live Nativity Group - WPC Youth (above)



Betty Allen and others decorate the Christmas Tree (right)



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

*Nurture Faith, Support Missions, Work for Justice and Peace, and Build Community*

## COOKIES FOR THE TEACHERS

A small group of ladies spent one morning preparing individual plates of Christmas cookies and treats for the staff of CCC. Later that day, Anne White and Candace Nile delivered four large platters of cookies to the staff at Endeavor School in Lake Mary. We hope everyone enjoyed the sweets and the love of those who prepared them. Thank you to all the members of the congregation who donated cookies to this project. PW also sent \$250 worth of easy-to-prepare food to students at Endeavor.



## ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF CENTRAL FLORIDA February 3, 2024 — Quest Presbyterian Church in Gotha

Please join the PW ladies from all over Central Florida for this day of fellowship, food, and information. Come meet **Rev. Olivia Haney**, the new interim co-executive Presbyter for the Central Florida Presbytery. She will be the guest speaker. Morning and afternoon workshops will be offered along with a light breakfast and lunch.

The cost is **\$20** if you register by the deadline of **January 20th**. Forms will be available from the circle leaders or in the PW mailbox at church.

You can also register and pay online at <https://forms.gle/jk1zENF6yPSd5V56>

Or go to [www.cfpresbytery.org](http://www.cfpresbytery.org) for more information.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

There are yellow cards in the pew racks if you wish to request prayers. Drop the card in the fishbowl as you leave the sanctuary. You can also contact the Prayer Chain.



Presented by the Leadership Development Committee of the Central Florida Presbytery

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

Church of the Lakes Presbyterian Church

4700 Lincoln Avenue, Orlando, FL

Also offering online 2 workshops each session and Lunch & Learn

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**An annual leadership education event for:**

- ❖ Teaching Elders
- ❖ Ruling Elders
- ❖ Deacons
- ❖ Clerks of Session
- ❖ Church Educators—Professional & Volunteer
- ❖ Commissioned Ruling Elders
- ❖ Youth Ministry Staff and Volunteers
- ❖ Church Committee Members

The registration packet will be coming in early January. Watch the Equip page of the CFP Website <http://www.cfpresbytery.org/equip.html> for more information.

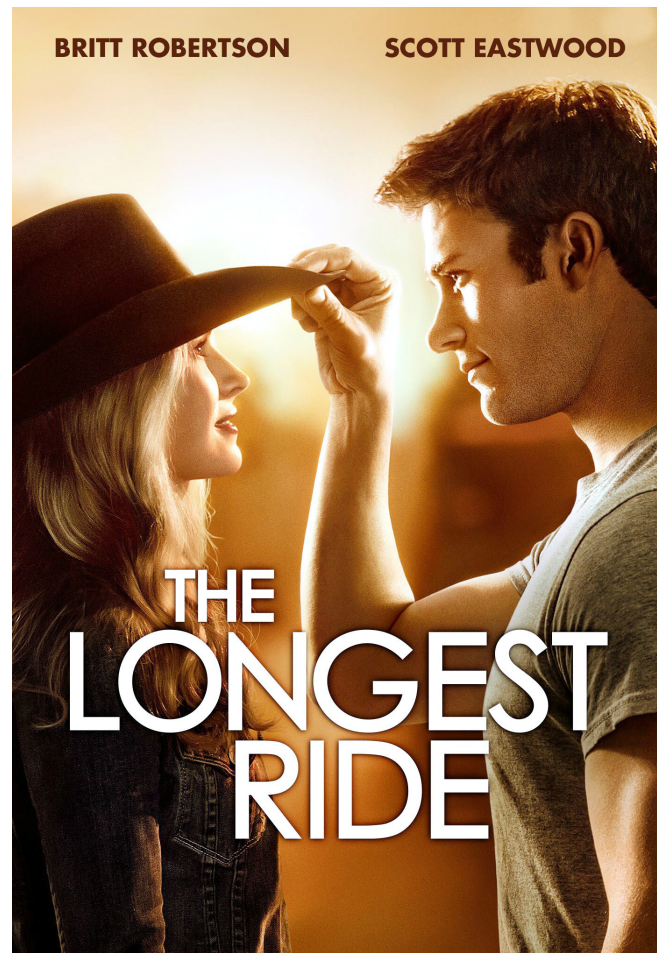
**WPC Movie Night**  
 sponsored by the CNC  
 January 19th, 7:00 pm  
 in Crosswalk

Featuring: ***The Longest Ride***, rated PG-13, 2015

Starring: Britt Robertson, Scott Eastwood, Jack Huston, Oona Chaplin, Alan Alda

**Description:** Based on a book by Nicholas Sparks, it features a romance between an art student at Duke University and the bull-rider she meets at a local rodeo and are unexpectedly impacted when they save the life of an elderly widower, compelling him to re-live his loving WWII-era marriage to an immigrant teacher. This experience inspires him to amass a remarkable modern art collection which eventually helps the cowboy save his family's ranch.

Contact **Kim Freeman** for more info.



# JANUARY 2024 CALENDAR

## Mon Jan 1, 2024

**Church Office Closed — New Year's Day Holiday**

## Tue Jan 2, 2024

**9am Outreach Team**

**Where:** North Transept

**9:15am CCC Chapel**

**Where:** Sanctuary

**6:30pm Long Range Planning Meeting**

**Where:** via zoom



## Wed Jan 3, 2024

**9:30am Pastor Bible Study**

**Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM

**1pm Book Club**

**Where:** Reception Hall

**5pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal**

**Where:** Choir Room

**7pm Deacon's Meeting**

**Where:** Reformation Room and Zoom

**6:30pm HR Committee**

**Where:** Pastor's Office

**7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

**Where:** Sanctuary

## Sat Jan 6, 2024

**9:30am Take Down Christmas Decor**

**Where:** Church campus

## Sun Jan 7, 2024

**8:45am Foundations Group**

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

**8:45am Joy Group**

**Where:** Reformation Room and via Zoom

**8:45am Seeker's Group**

**Where:** Pioneers in Faith and ZOOM unit

**9am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade**

**Where:** Crow's Nest

**9am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade**

**Where:** Room 110

**10am Children's Worship**

**Where:** Room 107

**10am Worship Service**

**Where:** Sanctuary

**3:30pm Middle School Youth Group**

**Where:** Education Hall, Crow's Nest

## Mon Jan 8, 2024

**CCC School Back in Session**

**7pm CCC Board Meeting**

**Where:** via Zoom

**7pm Grace Notes Rehearsal**

**Where:** South Transept Room

## Tue Jan 9, 2024

**9am Outreach Team**

**Where:** North Transept

**9:15am CCC Chapel**

**Where:** Sanctuary

**10am PW CT MEETING**

**Where:** Reception Hall

**6:30pm Property Committee**

**Where:** Reception Hall

**7pm Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision**

**Where:** Crow's Nest

## Wed Jan 10, 2024

**9:15am CCC Chapel**

**Where:** Sanctuary

**9:30am Pastor Bible Study**

**Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM

**1:30pm Staff Meeting**

**Where:** Reception Hall

## Wed Jan 10, 2024 Cont.

**3:30pm Kids Club**

**Where:** Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall, Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest

**5pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal**

**Where:** Choir Room

**7pm Mission & Benevolence Committee**

**Where:** Reformation Room

**7pm Worship Committee Meeting**

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

## Thu Jan 11, 2024

**1pm Cong Nurture Committee**

**Where:** North Transept

**2pm Caring Friends of Wekiva**

**Where:** Reformation Room

**7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

**Where:** Sanctuary

## Fri Jan 12, 2024

**9am CCC Computer Class**

**Where:** Computer Lab

**10am CCC Ginger Bread Hunts**

**Where:** Entire Campus

## Sun Jan 14, 2024

**8:45am Foundations Group**

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

**8:45am Joy Group**

**Where:** Reformation Room and via Zoom

**8:45am Seeker's Group**

**Where:** Pioneers in Faith and ZOOM unit

**9am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade**

**Where:** Crow's Nest

**9am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade**

**Where:** Room 110

**10am Children's Worship**

**Where:** Room 107

**10am Worship Service**

**Where:** Sanctuary

**3:30pm Middle School Youth Group**

**Where:** Education Hall, Crow's Nest

## Mon Jan 15, 2024 — Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

**7pm Grace Notes Rehearsal**

**Where:** South Transept Room

## Tue Jan 16, 2024

**9am Outreach Team**

**Where:** North Transept

**9:15am CCC Chapel**

**Where:** Sanctuary

**10am PW Morning Circle**

**Where:** Reception Hall

**1:30pm PW Circle Meeting VOTG**

**Where:** VOTG, Annex, Spiritual Life Center

**2pm PW Afternoon Circle**

**Where:** Reception Hall

**5pm Finance Committee**

**Where:** Reformation Room

**6:30pm PW Evening Circle**

**Where:** Reception Hall + Zoom

## Wed Jan 17, 2024

**9:15am CCC Chapel**

**Where:** Sanctuary

**9:30am Pastor Bible Study**

**Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM

**3:30pm Kids Club**

**Where:** Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall, Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest

**5pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal**

**Where:** Choir Room



**Thu Jan 18, 2024****10am CCC Fire Drill****Where:** School Campus**7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal****Where:** Sanctuary**7pm Officer Training****Where:** Reformation Room**Fri Jan 19, 2024****9am CCC Computer Class****Where:** Computer Lab**10am CCC Pre-K Centers****Where:** Education Hall, Reception Hall**7pm CNC Movie Night — *The Longest Ride*****Where:** Crosswalk**Sun Jan 21, 2024****8:45am Foundations Group****Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room**8:45am Joy Group****Where:** Reformation Room and via Zoom**8:45am Seeker's Group****Where:** Pioneers in Faith and ZOOM unit**9am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade****Where:** Crow's Nest**9am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade****Where:** Room 110**10am Children's Worship****Where:** Room 107**10am Worship Service****Where:** Sanctuary**3:30pm Middle School Youth Group****Where:** Education Hall, Crow's Nest**4pm Youth Committee****Where:** Crosswalk**Mon Jan 22, 2024****7pm Grace Notes Rehearsal****Where:** South Transept Room**Tue Jan 23, 2024****9am Outreach Team****Where:** North Transept**9:15am CCC Chapel****Where:** Sanctuary**Wed Jan 24, 2024****9:15am CCC Chapel****Where:** Sanctuary**9:30am Pastor Bible Study****Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM**1:30pm Staff Meeting****Where:** Reception Hall**3:30pm Kids Club****Where:** Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall,  
Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest**5pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal****Where:** Choir Room**7pm Session Meeting****Where:** Education Hall**Thu Jan 25, 2024****7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal****Where:** Sanctuary**Fri Jan 26, 2024****9am CCC Computer Class****Where:** Computer Lab**Sun Jan 28, 2024****8:45am Foundations Group****Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room**8:45am Joy Group****Where:** Reformation Room and via Zoom**8:45am Seeker's Group****Where:** Pioneers in Faith and ZOOM unit**9am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade****Where:** Crow's Nest**9am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade****Where:** Room 110**10am Children's Worship****Where:** Room 107**10am Worship Service****Where:** Sanctuary**3:30pm Middle School Youth Group****Where:** Education Hall, Crow's Nest**Mon Jan 29, 2024****7pm Grace Notes Rehearsal****Where:** South Transept Room**Tue Jan 30, 2024****9am Outreach Team****Where:** North Transept**9:15am CCC Chapel****Where:** Sanctuary**Wed Jan 31, 2024****9:15am CCC Chapel****Where:** Sanctuary**9:30am Pastor Bible Study****Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM**3:30pm Kids Club****Where:** Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall,  
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Jan 06 — Take Down Christmas Decor

Jan 15 — Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Jan 16 — PW Circle Meetings

Jan 18 — Officer Training Meeting

Jan 19 — CNC Movie Night

Jan 23 — Session Meeting

Note: This calendar shows WPC EVENTS not any of the support groups, scouting groups, or other outside events that are part of our Master Schedule.

Go to:

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for all events



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### *Prayer for The New Year*

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered upon us in time.

We beg your pardon in our many failings and trespasses and we pray that the coming year be a more fruitful one.

We earnestly pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and we call upon our Lord Jesus Christ for His intercessions. His guidance and His light to shine our path.