



The JPC Monthly

January 2025

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR JAY

Happy New Year! To keep the office from being delayed by me I am writing this as I start the endeavor of wrapping Christmas presents! Normally I would write this article after Christmas and there would be a story about Christmas Eve or some other Christmas event. Without that information I am going to tell you about Christmas Past and Christmas Future.



This Advent season we baptized 4 individuals. They were three teenagers and one infant. We also had a great time helping others with more than 125 angels. As I write this, I can hear Christmas music from the Fellowship Hall beneath me. Family Services of the Piedmont is having their wrapping party here. Parents have come to receive their Angel Tree gifts and to wrap them for their children. Also, this Advent season we have welcomed a new cancer patient to the Joy House to help in his treatment process. Please hold him in your prayers. This has been a season of loving care and kindness at JPC. I am thankful for each of you and the part you played. I am also very thankful for your generosity toward me and my staff. The love gift was very nice and a wonderful blessing for all of us! Thank you!

Now I would like to tell you about Christmas future. After the first of the year, we are starting our next Study series. We will be using the popular television show *The Chosen* and each session we will look at two episodes. *The Chosen* is available for free on *The Chosen* app or on several streaming services. These include Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, Hulu, and Peacock. The church will also have the first season available to borrow on DVD. You would need to watch and return quickly so others could borrow it if necessary. We will not be watching the episodes in the class. You will need to have watched the episodes to be able to fully participate in the study.

We will also need to start on time because both Choir and Handbell Choir meet on Wednesdays, and I want those folks to be able to attend as well. Dinner will be served promptly at 5:30 with the discussion starting right at 6PM.

If you aren't familiar with *The Chosen* here is an introduction written by the author of the materials we will be using: "No matter where you are at in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you! Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people that walked on earth with him – the disciples, Mary his mother, the Pharisees, the children, those he healed. What would that look like? Now you can experience it! *The Chosen* is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system, *The Chosen* allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew him. *The Chosen* stays faithful to the Gospels and at the same time tells us a story that is in between the lines of scripture. This T.V. series brings to life those people that are mentioned in the Bible, using the historical context of life at the time of Jesus. The series does not contradict scripture, but instead puts life around it so that we as viewers can imagine, "What was life like with Jesus?" It really could have been this way. We at believe that as you encounter of the characters in *The Chosen* each week you will build a new curiosity about the life of Jesus and those that followed him when he walked the earth.

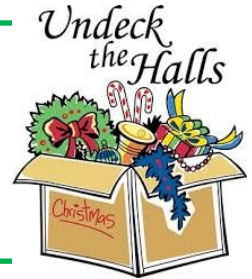
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I am excited! I think this is going to be a wonderful time for us to watch something productive and have great discussions. For the month of January start watching the first season of The Chosen. Even if this might not seem like the thing for you, please consider giving it a try! It is my hope that God blesses this church immensely in 2025. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us! Happy New Year!

DE-GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Many hands make light work! "De-greening of the Church" will take place on Saturday, January 11th beginning at 9:00 am, right after the JPC Men's breakfast concludes. The Worship Committee would greatly appreciate your help with this task! Coffee and doughnuts will be available for all who are able to help. Thank you!



Your donations to the Orange Feather Community School are very much appreciated! The total donations received for 2024 is **\$10,817.39!**

Thank you!

Do you remember when you were a kid? Or the jingle 'I just want to be a Toys R Us Kid'? Memories of my childhood were brought back by JPC's participation in the Santa Parade, Santa Breakfast, and the Children's Christmas Pageant. All three of these events would not be possible without the help of many hands, just like the song the Angel Band (JPC kids) sang, 'so many stars, too many to count, each one unique, too many to name'. On behalf of all the kids of JPC I would like to personally thank everyone for their time, support, and prayers during this busy season. The memories will carry on from year to year, I can't help but ask, don't you want to be a JPC kid? -Evy Hazenberg



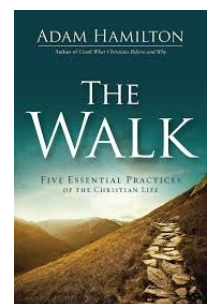
FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVE

"The gift of blood is the gift of life." The next JPC blood drive is Wednesday, Feb 5th from 2:30 -7:00 pm in the CLC. Grab your spot by registering online via the following link: [CLICK HERE to schedule an appointment](#). You can also contacting Kim Schoepske at dbschoepske5@gmail.com or Brenda Davis at BQDORTDAWG@aol.com. Thank you for saving lives!



THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Come take THE WALK by Adam Hamilton. Yes, that's right! We will walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him and faithfully serve him as we explore five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus own walk with God: Worship and prayer; Study; Service; Giving; and Sharing. Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 30, at 9:30 pm in Room 222; pray that this Bible study is just THE WALK that you need to begin 2025. For additional information contact Vivien Carson or Clara Pleasants.



THE CHOSEN

By popular demand, The Chosen study series is coming to JPC in February!

It is a ground breaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus and those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, the series shares an authentic look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings.

Mark your calendars for the Intro Session led by Pastor Jay on Wednesday, February 5th from 5:30-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

More details to come for this exciting study!



LEISURE FELLOWSHIP



We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall Thursday, January 16 at noon for a covered dish luncheon. Our very own Evy Hazenberg will be our guest as she will discuss and teach us chair yoga. Please be sure to join us to learn about the benefits of these easy movements to keep us feeling well!

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