

The Samaria Beacon..."A Light on a Hill"

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Birthday

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| January 06 | Gilberto Barbosa |
| January 06 | Elaine Turner |
| January 08 | Kathy Stephens |
| January 13 | Elli Pittman |
| January 17 | Janice Barlow |
| January 27 | Sally Stallings |
| January 28 | Julie Catlette |
| January 29 | Shannon Carter |
| January 29 | Christopher Whitaker |
| January 30 | Rose Reagan |

If you are not listed please contact the church office 919 231-8035

Samaria Services

Please plan to join us for Sunday School at 9:45 am.
Sunday Morning Worship service at 11:00 am with all other services live streamed.
Join us on Wednesday nights with meal at 5:30pm, and Bible Study in fellowship hall from 6:30-7:30pm. We will also have kids club at 6:30-7:30pm.

Deacon Meetings 2026

Jan 04 12:15 **Feb 01 12:15 pm** **Mar 01 12:15 pm**



Tuesday, January 20 at 9am

**Triple S Breakfast at
McLean's Ole Time Cafe**

Homebound Members

Maria Sanchez — birthday May 30

Betty Brodie — birthday August 04

Shirley Edwards—birthday June 05

Ministry Concerns

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| All Homebound members | Healing/Strength |
| Carolyn Baker | Healing/Strength |
| Ann Cobb | Healing/Strength |
| Rick Dance | Healing/Strength |
| Jerry Hawkins | Healing/Strength |
| Terry Hobbs | Healing/Strength |
| Monica Joseph | Healing/Strength |
| Dan Oaks | Healing/Strength |
| Cherry Parker | Healing/Strength |
| Eddie Pegram | Healing/Strength |
| Nancy Poole | Healing/Strength |
| Ginger Stephenson | Healing/Strength |
| Debbie Strickland | Healing/Strength |
| Tina White | Healing/Strength |
| Michelle Williams | Healing/Strength |
| Family of Pat Wilson | Sympathy |

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Pastor's Corner

January 2026

Dear Samaria Family,

Happy New Year! It is truly a blessing to begin another year filled with opportunities for spiritual growth. As we study the Bible more intentionally, may we live more fruitful and purposeful lives. Our prayer and commitment for 2026 is to find peace through Christ, to appreciate and value family and friends, to help those in need, and to share the Gospel with others. The Apostle Paul gives us valuable guidelines to follow in Ephesians and Colossians. As always, the Bible provides believers with a perfect plan to follow. Therefore, as we think of New Years' Resolutions, let's look to the Bible for our direction and inspiration.

Ephesians, Chapter 5, is a rich storehouse of priceless instruction. Verse 1, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children." Verse 2 admonishes Christians to "walk in love, as Christ loved us." Paul encourages us to have an attitude of Thanksgiving. Verse 6 warns us not to be deceived with "empty words." Paul reminds us that we are "light in the Lord" and we should "walk as children of light." Additionally, Paul proclaims, "the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true." Verses 15 and 16 state, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise, making the best use of the time." Later in Ephesians 5, we are told to be "filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ."

Colossians is another book filled with productive guidelines for living a more abundant life for 2026. Verses 12 and 13, instruct us to "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another, and if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."

Paul adds, "And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts to which indeed you were called in one body."

As we begin a new year, may we each establish spiritual goals for ourselves and our church for 2026. Colossians 1:9-10, gives us an excellent principle to follow, "that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Karen and I wish each of you a blessed 2026.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Danny

Check out our Website

Samariabaptist.org

Please use the Samaria Baptist Church website www.samariabaptist.org to monitor church events and to find a copy of the bulletin for each Sunday morning service. Online giving is also available on the website. We are also on You Tube on Sunday at 11:00 am.

Deacon of Week in December

January 04— Chuck Harris

January 11— Brantley Peoples

January 18— Janice Barlow

January 25— Gilbert Barbosa

