



# Goodbye Yesterday!

*Therefore, if anyone is in  
Christ, he is a new  
creation; the old has  
gone, the new has come!  
2 Corinthians 5:17*

## The Link

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GARDEN CITY  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## January Events

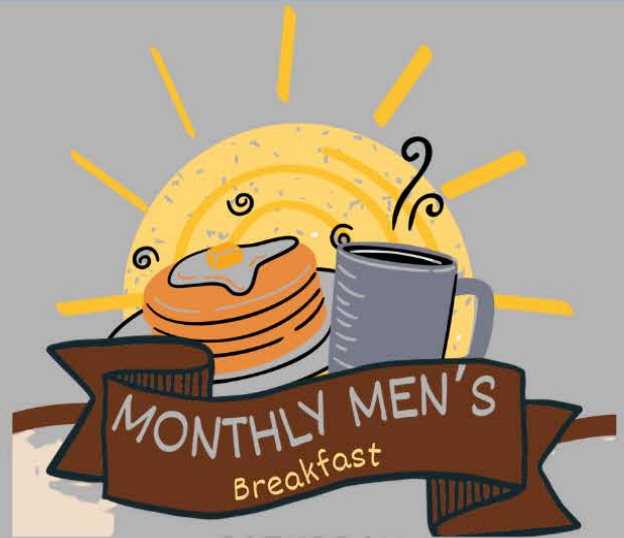
- 1/4 New Sermon Series  
TeamKID/Youth Resume
- 1/7 Wed. Night Supper &  
Bible Study Resume
- 1/10 Men's Breakfast/Fellowship
- 1/11 Sunday Afternoon  
Bible Study Resumes
- 1/12 Joy Fellowship
- 1/16 Children's Fun Night
- 1/20 Love Knot Blankets
- 1/22 Good News Club Begins
- 1/25 Churchwide Brunch
- 1/30 Women's Ministry Sleepover
- New Directions
- 1/30 Prepare Meal at Church
- 1/31 Serve Meal at Shelter

# GET INVOLVED-

**SERMON SERIES  
BEGINNING 1/4**

## **OUR CORE VALUES**

***We are the light of the  
world commanded to:  
love God, love people,  
and make disciples.***



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
BREAKFAST  
SATURDAY  
1/10**

**JOY**  
FELLOWSHIP

**MONDAY,  
JANUARY 12  
NOON**

**After-Church  
Brunch**

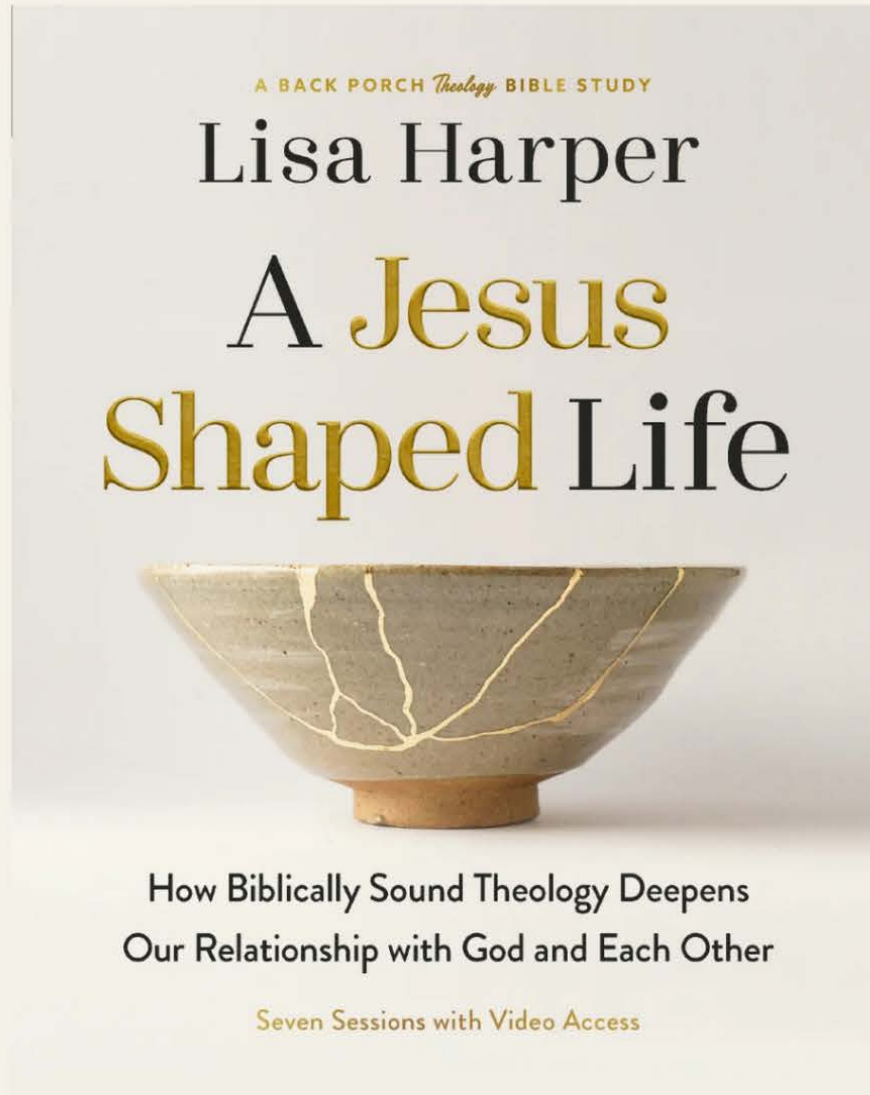


**January 25  
Noon**



**GET INVOLVED-**

# Women's Bible Study



**Two class options are available:**

**Monday Evenings (6pm) from January 12–February 23**  
**or**  
**Thursday Mornings (10am) from January 15–February 26**

**Books are \$15. Scholarships are available through Priscilla's Purse. Both sessions meet upstairs in Room 202. See Melissa Reese or Tish Walker for more information about the classes.**

**\*Sign up in the side hallway or back lobby.**

# Children

## A NIGHT OF FUN

for kids  
K-5th Grade

Dinner, games,  
s'mores, and  
more!

Sign up today:

**JANUARY 16**  
**5:00-10:00PM**



Questions? Contact Ms. Ashley at 252-325-2657.

Save  
The  
Date

TRIP TO RIPLEY'S  
AQUARIUM

MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 16





# Youth



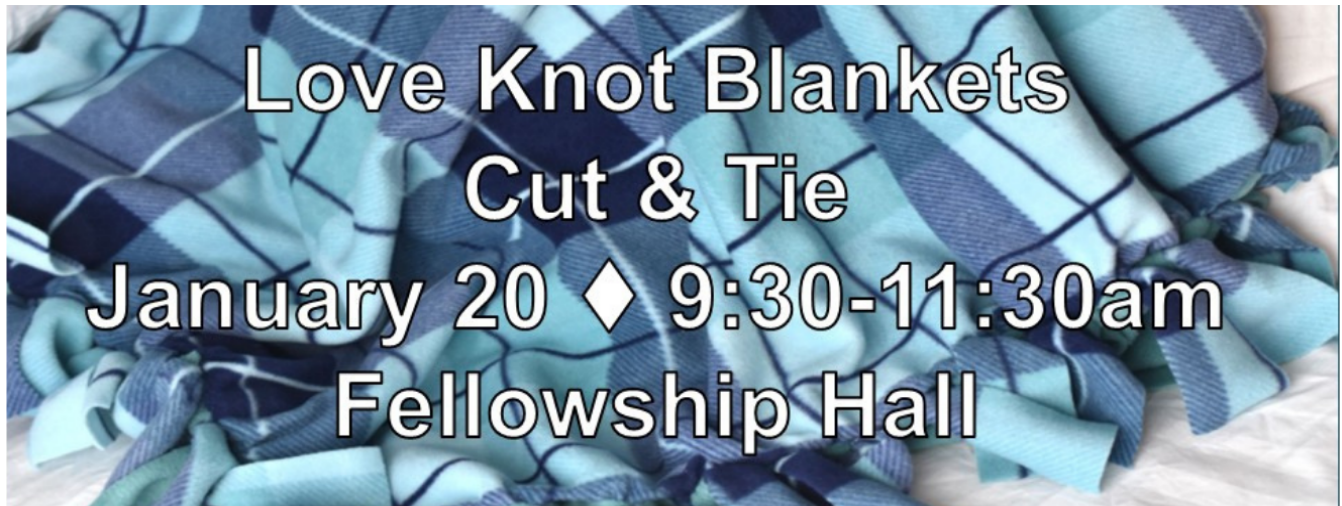
It was a wonderful December in the life of the Youth Ministry. The top two pictures are from the Youth helping to pack the gift bags for the Deacon's homebound church members. The bottom two are from our yearly Christmas Party! Merry Christmas from the GCBC Youth.

## Winter Schedule:

Discipleship Now Worship Night 1/16 @ 6pm with Coastal Church.



# Missions



Next Shelter meal - Prep January 30 - 1-3:30pm in the church kitchen

Serve January 31 at the Men's Shelter

Sign-up sheets & items needed for the meal will be available soon in the side hall and front foyer

## **Jason & Laken Cizdziel - Papua New Guinea**

Several weeks ago, Jason talked about wrapping up the very first Wabuku literacy class for new readers.

For months we've been meeting every weekday from 8-11 a.m., grinding through every symbol in the language, sounding out words again and again, restarting when it got confusing, and pushing through the difficulty. It was slow, tough work for some, but all but one stuck with it all the way to the end.

Now they can read and write short stories in their own language. That's huge here. And their motivation has been simple: they want to be able to read God's word for themselves. There are no other books waiting for them.

I'm really proud of them. We're preparing a graduation ceremony to celebrate them with roasted pig and canned tuna and instant noodles. They've earned it.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

As we welcome another year, I am filled with anticipation for what the Lord has in store for us in worship during 2026. I am praying for God to bless our Praise Team and Band with additional vocal and instrumental talent. If you're interested in joining our Sunday morning worship team, please reach out! I would be thrilled to hear you play and sing.

May this year be filled with worship and service to our King. Let it be another year of praise to Him, as well as a testament to all He has done for us. I pray that our congregation becomes known as a church that delights in worship and eagerly shares their faith with others every day.

How will the Lord utilize your gifts in 2026 to bless our Church and community?

## MEDIA MINISTRY

### **The Christmas Ring by Karen Kingsbury**

Vanessa Mayfield has spent years looking for her family's long lost heirloom, a Christmas ring her great grandfather found in France on D-Day. Later he had it engraved with a single meaningful word. When she meets Ben Miller, a kind antique dealer, their shared quest to find the ring leads to something neither of them expected, the possibility of love. Both have previously lost their spouses and never expected to find love again.

Vanessa pours her heart into organizing the annual military Christmas Dance. She is overwhelmed with planning the dance. Sadie her daughter is coming home for Christmas. Sadie has no idea her mom has been seeing someone. Vanessa wrestles with telling her she has found love again.

When Ben uncovers details about the ring's history it sets the story on an emotional and redemptive path just before Christmas. The story has many twists and turns leaving the reader anxious as to how the story can have a happy ending. Delightful read with memorable characters.

Widow's Birthday Lunch  
Olive Garden  
Sunday 1/18 - After Worship  
Honoring Myra Ireland &  
Bonnie Slayton

Ladies Lunch Bunch  
Raves Restaurant  
Friday 1/16 - 11am  
Sign-up in front foyer & side hall  
Call Shirley is you sign-up &  
can't go.

# BIRTHDAYS

01 – Bette King  
06 – Don Sheehan  
10 – Rose Price  
11 – Donny Hinds  
15 – Josh Huggins  
15 – Jakob Devlin  
15 – Sheila Britt  
18 – Charlene Ware  
21 – Donna Hill  
21 – Gary Hawes  
23 - Myra Ireland  
23 – Bonnie Slayton  
26 – Kelly Wakley  
29 – Tanya Yow  
30 – Jayce Pickens



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