

# *Clarion*

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**Plymouth Church of Christ  
January 2026**

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## **It's All About the KINGDOM in 2026**

Each year I try to prayerfully develop an idea or theme for my preaching calendar. I want to make certain there is a coherent thread that starts in January and runs all the way through the end of the year in December. It's not always easy or simple. I try to spend lots of time in prayer. I want to make absolutely certain this is of God and not me. If it's from me, it's going to fall flat and fail. If it's of God, it's going to be exactly what He wants US to hear.

This year our theme comes from Colossians 1:13&14:

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.”

I love the idea God inspires Paul to share here. We are no longer citizens of this dark, sin-infested world. Jesus Christ has rescued us and brought us into HIS kingdom. Our citizenship is in HIS kingdom. As such, a lot of things must change. Our values, mindset, purposes, lifestyle, vision, goals and mission must all align with that of the Kingdom. We're citizens of this incredible Kingdom because of Christ and everything about us must be in sync with the Kingdom.

That's a lot easier to write than to live. Most of us, if we're honest, come into the Kingdom with a lot of baggage. We bring a lot of the old life with us and we're reluctant to change or let it go. We often find ourselves asking the King to change the Kingdom to suit us. It doesn't work that way and it never will. We are changed by the King into citizens of HIS KINGDOM. There's only one King and it ain't us! It's Jesus and it always will be.

In 2026, we're going to look at the Kingdom and what it means to be part of it. We'll talk about stewardship, expectations of Kingdom people, getting along with others in the Kingdom, how to expand this great Kingdom and so much more. I'm planning, praying, and preparing for a great year of exploring the Kingdom and making sure everything at PCOC is all about the Kingdom. I look forward to sharing with you in 2026.



--Jay

# Upcoming *Events & Meetings*

————— JANUARY 2026 —————

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SUN, 4 <sup>TH</sup>	—	Youth Group @ 6:00 PM
TUE, 6 <sup>TH</sup>	—	Katie Staley ladies meeting 10:30 AM
WED, 7 <sup>TH</sup>	—	Wednesday night meal @ 6:00 PM Bible Study at 7:00 PM
SUN 11 <sup>TH</sup>	—	Faithful Friends ladies meeting at 5:00 PM All ladies are welcomed to join!
TUE, 13 <sup>TH</sup>	—	Caregivers meeting 10:30 - 11:30 AM
SUN, 18 <sup>TH</sup>	—	Men serving breakfast in the FLC before worship service.
TUE, 20 <sup>TH</sup>	—	Sr. Saints meeting at 11:30 AM



HAPPY  
New Year

 Plymouth  
Church of  
Christ

**YOUTH GROUP**

Sunday Nights at 6:00 PM

★ Starting Jan 4th



January 18th  
Men will be serving  
breakfast in the  
FLC before service!

Grateful for  
The Gospel

EASTERN NC LADIES  
RETREAT  
FEBRUARY 28, 2026  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



GUEST SPEAKER:  
DR. INDU LALL



WORSHIP LEADER:  
KRISTIN MARKS ADKINS

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JANUARY 11TH @ 5 PM  
**FAITHFUL  
FRIENDS LADIES  
MEETING**

✳ All ladies are welcomed to join ✳  
Come ready for connection, laughter,  
& encouragement!

