



The Illuminator

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FROM
THE
PASTOR



Happy New Year SGLCC(DOC)! As I become accustomed to writing 2025 instead of 2024, your pastor offers prayers of thanksgiving for the many ways this congregation builds faith and gives hope all the time. I enjoy creating the "Little Jesus" videos that take us to the spaces where we are being church – inside and outside the physical building.

In the last two months of 2024, SGLCC's ministry log includes people prayerfully participating in: Bible study, budget work, Meals on Wheels – including a 20 year anniversary lunch, an Elders meeting, two Executive Committee meetings, a Congregational Meeting, hospice volunteer work, serving a Community Thanksgiving Meal, a photo op at the Langley parade, a Diaconate meeting, publication of a new pictorial directory, a blood drive, Blue House ministries – including Angel Tree gifts, a road trip to Branson for the "Miracle of Christmas," a Christmas Eve candlelight communion service, and I'm sure there is more that I missed mentioning....

I imagine that many of these means, modes and moments of ministry will be maintained in the days ahead. Each 360 degree rotation of the earth offers the body of Christ opportunities to build faith and give hope. Every twenty-four hour cycle holds the potential for expected and unexpected events to unfold.

Certain days mark milestone moments. The day we turn sixteen, we can take a driver's test. When our 65th birthday arrives, we are Medicare eligible. January 1, 2025 brings with it the invitation for SGLCC Chairs to form the committees they will lead. They start with a clean slate, creating a group that may or may not include members who have served with them before. The number of committee members may be fewer as we adapt to our current context.

Still, we will go about sharing a "little Jesus" and a lot of love with the world. Everyone is invited to send me photos of the places and ways you are being and finding a "little Jesus" in the world. I wonder what it would be like to have a "Little Jesus" YouTube channel...we'll work on that another day.

The New Year begins ...



- January 12th - Elders meet for prayer after worship
- January 15th - Pastors attend conference
thru 17th @ Phillips Seminary in Tulsa
- January 18th - Executive Committee @ 10 am
- January 19th - Commissioning of Leaders in worship
General Board after service
- January 26th - Linger Longer Luncheon

Next Linger Longer Luncheon – January 26th

We will be treated to a variety of super soups this month. All are invited to bring salads, sides, and desserts to share.



2024 – a fabulous photo finish!



Meals on Wheels celebrates 20 years of ministry!



Delicious Thanksgiving meal served to our community



Sharing a "Little Jesus"



Wearing our new tee's in Branson



Sharing Kodak moments at the Langley Parade



The Angel Tree makes Christmas a little brighter

Pretty portraits



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And just for fun

O Holy Night!

PRAYER list

Stephen & Janie Andrew, Ted Coombes, Calvin Cross, Roby French, Forrest Graham, Verl Griffith, Ronnie Hardin, Barbara Hamilton's loved ones, Jamie Harrison, Sherrie Matney, Brian Robinson, Alena Theibert, Diana Sellers, Hudson Thrapp, Gail Young, Tamara Villanueva's sister - Jennifer, those affected by the California wild fires, first responders, Armed Forces, national and world leaders, all affected by acts of violence, war, addiction, mental illness, and natural disasters



January

- 01 Wes A.
- 02 Bill W.
- 09 Beverly W.
- 10 Jack M
- 18 Ella W.
- 19 Lynne K.
- 21 Clint C.
- 21 Rex W.
- 24 31 Curt G.

February

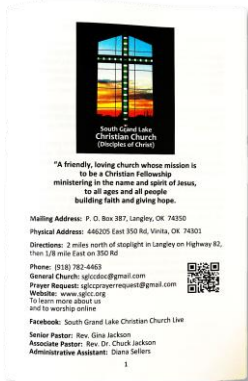
- 02 Susan M.
- 03 Tamara V.
- 05 Ronnie H.
- 13 Cordero V.
- 15 Trenton B.
- 17 Bob W.
- 19 Jennifer H.
- 19 Matt H.



February

- 07 JB & Susan M.
- 28 Bob & Lois W.

Thanks to the diligence and hard work of the Elders and the Membership/ Evangelism Committee, we have a new pictorial directory! If you have not yet received one, please contact the church.



Your continued support of the Blessing Quarter and Blue House Breadbasket offerings are appreciated. The Trustees have designated 60% of the 2024 coin offering to benefit the Ketchum Warrior After School Program and 40 % to the Home of Hope.



General Fund Offerings: November \$ 9,811.58 Designated Gifts: \$1,190.00
 December \$17,015.21 \$2,300.00

Blessing Quarters: November & December \$154.67
 Total for 2024: \$910.26

Date	Members	Visitors	Total
12-01	25	3	28
12-08	23	10	34
12-15	24	11	35
12-22	23	7	30
Christmas Eve	19	6	25
12-29	21	6	27