



ASHLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

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January 2025



Pastor Bob Truths and Tales:

I am excited about the next couple of months in our church. We will work together on a 50-day Spiritual Adventure starting on Sunday, January 12th. The Adventure is designed to make our church a better place. Our theme is "The Church You've Always Longed For: What You Can Do to Make It Happen." This spiritual growth event will run from 1/12 through 3/2. Each 50-Day Spiritual Adventure is built around eight weekly themes.

Each week will focus on eight specific ways to make our church--even a great one--a more inviting place to belong and worship. We will work at becoming the church you've always longed for by:

- 1/12- Working at being a caring family
- 1/19- Capturing the heart of the community
- 1/26- Welcoming all people
- 2/2- Empowering each individual
- 2/9- Modeling integrity
- 2/16- Serving a broken world
- 2/23- Encountering the living God
- 3/2- Anticipating a great future

In addition to hearing weekly sermons on these topics, everyone can join in the adventure with a journal at our church. Daily and weekly topics will help them learn how to listen with the ears of Jesus, share good things about the church with others, connect with individuals outside their circles, help each other become all God wants them to be, and practice personal integrity. "Although I believe our church is a pretty good place with pretty good people. This adventure allows our church family to work together to make us even more inviting and welcoming.

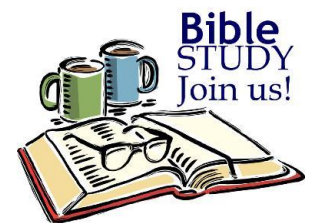
No church is perfect. But when God gets a hold of a church, miracles happen! That's what we're looking forward to during this eight-week series."

Hope to see you at Church,
Pastor Bob



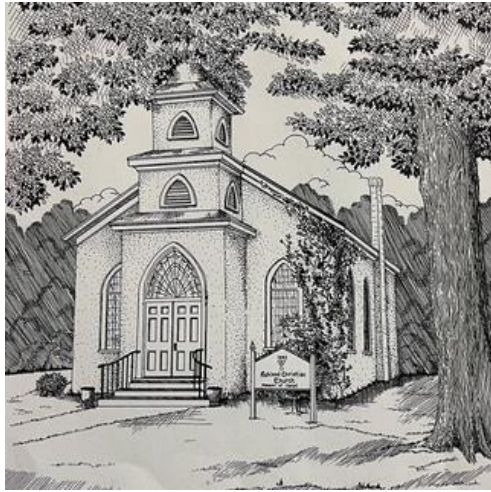
Family of Scott Wisner
John Hodges
Betty Ann Langford
Ralph Maynard
Milton Leake
Floyd Moore
Walter & Maxine Baughan
Anne Littlefield
Scott Weiler
Calvin Stanley
Gene Pospicil
Kathy Murray-Gildea
Rowan Hayden

Prayer Scripture:
"Call unto Me, and I will answer you." (Jeremiah 33:3)



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

Please join us every
Wednesday in
January at 12:15pm
We meet in the
Parlor.



To anyone who may miss church and want to watch it from home.

Please see the link below to view current and past worship services.

<https://www.youtube.com/@ashlandchristianva>



LOGOS WINTER BASKETBALL CAMP FOR KIDS

Ashland Christian Church (DoC)
301 S. James St., Ashland VA 23005

Wednesday's- 1/15, 1/29, 2/12, 2/26
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Lite Dinner, Sports Talk, Basketball Drills & Games
(Alternative activities for kids who are not interested in basketball)

No Charge - All elementary and middle school kids invited.

Outreach News

During the Advent/Christmas Seasons, donations were received for the following mission-giving opportunities:

- Food bags for A.C.E.S. (Ashland Christian Emergency Services)
30 bags totaling 725 items
- Angel Tree gifts for 3 families in Hanover

Family 1 with 3 kids = 17 gifts

Family 2 with 3 kids = 15 gifts

Family 3 with 3 kids = 25 gifts

TOTAL: 57 gifts

It is because of generous contributions like those above that we are able to broaden the scope of our ministry to help the needy in our community!

Truly we have been reminded that the joy of Christmas is simply in the giving! Thank you for being such a giving church family!

Outreach Committee

Jennifer Sydnor, Chair

Larry Byrne, Shannon Cameron, Kathryn Hull, Marcie Moyer

Family **TEAM** *Updates*

The Family Team Lunch, prepared by "The Sloth Go-Getters", is scheduled for Sunday, January 12th after worship and the Congregational meeting.



January 13th at 7:00pm



ALL who have generously supported the International Disciples Depot in 2024 with your time, donations, or gifts.

Kathryn Hull for holding the ladder during gutter cleanout.

Christian Ed and Cathy Crews for a creative Christmas program for the children.

The **Worship Committee** for a peaceful and quiet 11:00 pm Christmas Eve service.

Darrell Wright and his grandson, Riley, for resurrecting children's church during Sunday morning worship.

Cathy Crews and CC Brooks for their music talent during the holiday season.

International Ministry/ Disciples Depot December 2024



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The gutters have been cleaned and the leaves blown several times in preparation for the winter months.

The new door for the Narthex is on an 8-week order schedule, but will be replaced upon arrival.

Lots of update has happened with the monitoring and service company for fire protection of the Church building.

Some recommendations have been given and we will enact upon them as we enter 2025.

International Disciples Depot

Will be closed
January &
February 2025 &
will reopen
March 8th from
10am-11:30am



بسته خواهد شد
ژانویه و فوریه 2025 و بازگشایی
خواهد شد
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Enero y febrero de 2025 y
reabrirá
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International Ministry
of Ashland

We had an amazing December Depot with over 250 people attending and lots of great volunteers including our youth volunteers who have gotten really excited about being able to come and help! We are closed for January and February but will need lots of volunteers when we re-open March 1st.

For our Christmas celebration with our international friends, we decided to do something different this year. We had volunteers sign up as Christmas Elves! The volunteers delivered gifts to the families (toys from Independence Christian Church and Randolph Macon, gift cards from First Baptist Church Ashland and cookies from ACC members). The best gift of all was the gift of TIME that these volunteers gave to our international families. The families were overjoyed to welcome us all into their homes. If you want to hear more about it just ask the Jacoby's about the heartwarming experience they had!

The International Ministry of Ashland will be starting up our English classes at FBCA on January 14th (for the upstairs classes Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-12pm) and January 30th for the Thursday pre-beginner class.

We have a volunteer orientation for ALL volunteers (new and returning) on Thursday January 23rd at 10am at First Baptist Church Ashland. Please attend if you are a current volunteer or are considering becoming a volunteer.

Volunteer opportunities include hospitality, childcare, driving, and in class volunteers. Remember team work makes the dream work!

Please contact LilyCameronRVA@gmail.com if you would like to get involved!



“How Many Pages”
Book Club

Next Book Club Meeting will be Wednesday, January 29th, at 6:00pm and will take place at Casa Herradura. We will be discussing both “The God in the Woods” by Liz Moore & “A Christmas Memory” by Truman Capote.

Come join us! All are welcome.

HEAT YOUR HOME SAFELY

- KEEP HEATING SOURCES 3FT. AWAY FROM ANYTHING THAT CAN BURN (CURTAINS, BLANKETS, ETC)
- CHECK YOUR FIRE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS ARE WORKING PROPERLY
- DO NOT LEAVE HEATERS OR FIREPLACES UNATTENDED
- DO NOT USE A STOVE OR OVEN TO HEAT YOUR HOME.
- IF YOU SEE SMOKE WHEN YOU TURN ON YOUR HEAT AT HOME, CALL 911

*Angel Gifts- December 2024
Thanks to all who donated to
such a worthy cause!*



ACES Ashland Christian
Emergency Services

Please bring ONLY canned goods for the food pantry basket. There is a large plastic container in the narthex for your donations. ACES is in need of the following food items: canned beef stew, canned meats, canned fruits, peanut butter, pork & beans, and cereal.

At Home Communion Visit

Would you like to receive communion at home? If so, simply call the church office (804-798-7083) and let our Administrative Assistant, Kara Murray, know. You will be contacted by Rev. Brooks, Rev. Hull or an Elder to schedule a day and time.