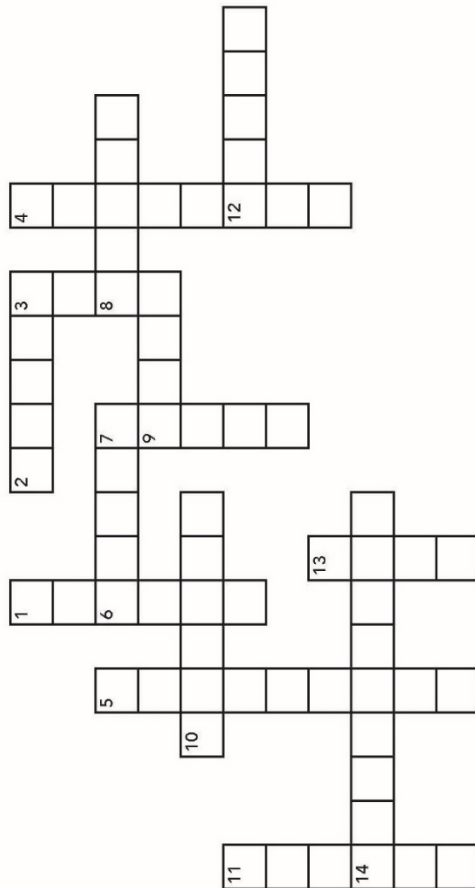


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Christmas Carol Crossword



ACROSS

- 2. Joy to the _____
- 6. Silent _____ Is This?
- 8. What _____! The Herald Angels Sing
- 10. _____ We Have Heard on High
- 12. The _____ Noel
- 14. God Rest Ye Merry, _____

DOWN

- 1. Away in a _____ the Hall
- 3. _____ the Hall
- 4. O Come, All Ye _____
- 5. Good King _____ Ships
- 7. I Saw _____ Bells
- 11. _____ What I _____?

North Baptist Church December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:30 Bible Fellowship 10:30 Worship Service followed by Christmas Party at the Darst's home	27 4	28 5 1:00 Meeting of the Pastoral Search Committee at the Darst's home	29 6	30 7	1 8	2 9
10 9:30 Bible Fellowship 10:30 Worship Service followed by pastor's Retirement Luncheon	11	12 12:00 NOON Meeting of Marilyn Yost Ladies' Circle	13	14	15	16
17 9:30 Bible Fellowship 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Church business mtg 12:15 Church Council mtg	18	19	20 10 am Christmas caroling to home-bound members	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve Day 10:30 Worship Service Pastor Kim Kollin	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve Day 9:30 Bible Fellowship 10:30 Worship Service	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6

North Baptist Church Beacon

December 2023

Over the Coffee

We have finally come to the last month of this amazing year. We had a wonderful celebration of the 75th Anniversary of North Baptist Church. We have continued to find ways to minister to one another and to those who we have been blessed to encounter in this community. And now I come to this last *Over the Coffee* article before I retire. I have many fond memories of the past twenty-two years with NBC and the many people who have shared the journey with me. I am especially thankful for the hard work and unselfish spirit of Janis Snowball, who has served as our secretary and general coordinator of ministry for much of the past two decades. For many, many years she has done so on a voluntary basis. She is no longer able to do this, and we are discovering just how much she has done for us. Thank you, Janis! You are amazing.

This will be an eventful month. Here are some highlights to look forward to:

- Dec. 3 The Darst Adult Christmas Party – After worship at their home*
- Dec. 10 Luncheon after the service to honor Pastor Cy's retirement*
- Dec. 17 Annual Meeting to Elect Council and Pass Budget – After worship*
- Dec. 20 Caroling to some Homebound Members – Meet at 10:00 am*
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Day Service – Normal time – Pastor Kim Kollin*
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Day Service – Normal time – Pastor Cy's last Sunday*

Over the month of December, we will receive the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). This offering goes to provide a Thank You check to retired clergy and spouses every December. Some of the offering is reserved to meet emergency and hardship needs of retired pastors and missionaries.

The Common Lectionary Readings for December are listed below. We begin a new Lectionary year (Year B – Mark's gospel) with the first Sunday of Advent.

- Dec. 3 Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
- Dec. 10 Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2,8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8
- Dec. 17 Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28
- Dec. 24 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Ps. 89:1-4,19-26; Rom. 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
- Dec. 31 Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Blessings this Christmas Season, Pastor Cy

January Birthdays

Carissa Bautista – 1/3
 John Martin – 1/6
 Brent Bautista – 1/8
 Lance Kesterson – 1/8
 Reagan Petersen – 1/8
 Faith Ann Davis – 1/9
 Ruby Simpson – 1/10
 Kathy Widman – 1/11
 Paul Davis – 1/16
 Wade Kesterson – 1/19
 Raina Smith – 1/24
 Joan Stewart – 1/24
 Martha Mahan – 1/28
 Marsha Crooks – 1/29
 Jim Dowdy – 1/30
 Maryanne Hildebrand – 1/31

Assistance with Utilities and Groceries

Anyone having trouble paying bills or feeding a family may be referred to the Clintonville Community Resource Center for assistance. Individuals or families must live north of Hudson Street and south of Worthington, west of I-71 and east of Route 315; must bring an ID and proof of address (such as utility bill) to CRC between noon and 4:00p.m. Mondays through Fridays. CRC is located at 3222 North High Street, Columbus, OH; phone: 614-268-3539. Also, if anyone needs special assistance please do not hesitate to bring your situation to the attention of Pastor Cy.

Financial Secretary's Report

CATEGORY	November 2023
Total Receipts	\$3,828.00
Budget Receipts	\$2,987.00
Missions	
RMMO	100.00
Other	
Feed and Read	260.00
Fellowship Fund	40.00
Pastor's Love Gift	441.00
	-Bette Martin

Contributions

For members unable to attend worship services, contributions may be mailed to Bette Martin, 620 High Timber Drive, Westerville, OH 43082.

Treasurer's Report for November, 2023

Income/Expense Category	Amount	
INCOME		
BUDGET RECEIPTS	2,987.00	
Designated - Feed and Read, Thanksgiving	260.00	
Designated Offering - Fellowship Fund	40.00	
Designated Offering - RMMO	100.00	
Monthly income stream from investments	3,250.00	
Receipts - other:Bank Interest	0.17	
Seasonal Collection - Pastor's Love Gift	441.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 7,078.17	
EXPENSES		
75th Anniversary Expenses*	378.22	
Designated Offerings:Feed and Read Payment	260.00	
Designated Offerings:Fellowship Fund Payment	140.00	
Designated Offerings:OGHS Offering payment	500.00	
Designated Offerings:WMO Offering Payment	1,752.00	
TOTAL Designated Offerings	2,652.00	
Ministry Team Expenses:ABC United Missions**	2,000.00	
Ministry Team Expenses:Christian Ed Team	48.00	
Ministry:Worship Team:Worship music (Melanie)	60.00	
Operating Expenses:Office Supplies	277.88	
Operating Expenses:Postage	198.00	
Operating Expenses:Utilities	111.81	
TOTAL Operating Expenses	587.69	
Pastor's Compensation		
Pastor's Compensation:Cash Salary	2,055.88	
Pastor's Compensation:Housing Allowance	2,166.66	
Pastor's Compensation:M & M Retirement	715.10	
Pastor's Compensation:Social Security-Medicare	246.75	
TOTAL Pastor's Compensation	5,184.39	
Staff Expenses:Musician Services (Mike Boyer)	225.00	
Tax:Columbus Income Tax withholding paid	172.70	
Tax:Ohio Income Tax withholding paid	124.29	
Taxes Withheld:tax withholding Columbus	-57.57	
Taxes Withheld:tax withholding Ohio	-41.43	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 11,333.29	
* Total expense for 75th church anniversary celebration \$4,221.89		
** United Missions payment for months of Sept, Oct, Nov and Dec		
	Bank Balances 11/30/23	
	Checking Account	\$ 24,954.98
	Savings Account	\$ 15,005.22
		-Tim McCarthy

DECEMBER'S MARILYN YOST CIRCLE

Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Time: 12:00 - Noon

Lunch: Pizza and Salad

Location: Sandy McCarthy's house
100 Fenway Road
Columbus, OH 43214

Program: Our guest speaker, Lydia Knapp. Over 30 years ago The Better Way Ministries was started by Pastors Steve and Wanda Campbell to serve as an escape from the pressure of gangs, addiction, homelessness, and inner-city poverty in Columbus, Ohio. In 2015 it transitioned into The Dream Center. Lydia, who is coordinator of The Dream Center here in Columbus, will be our guest speaker to share about their ministry.

Items to bring:

Love Gift and Treasurer money

Please RSVP by calling or texting Judy Darst at 614-203-0182 by Sunday, December 10, 2023.

*Together let's Honor and
Celebrate the Retirement
of Our beloved Pastor
Cyrus Broughton*

*On Sunday, December 10, 2023
At North Baptist Church with a
Pot Luck Luncheon in the
Fellowship Hall following the
church service (at 11:45).
Sandwiches, wraps and
beverages will be provided
By the church. There is a sign up
sheet in the Narthex,
If you would like to bring a
salad, chips, or dessert,
That would be appreciated.*

BIBLE READINGS FOR DECEMBER:

12/3 – John 1, 2

12/10 – John 3

12/17 – Luke 1

12/24 – Luke 2

12/31 – Jonah 4:1-11

Prayer Needs

- Mike Boyer
- Mike Tillis
- Bev Dowler
- Marilyn Grossi
- Sharon Miller
- Kelly Smith
- Raina Smith
- Craig Shields
- Janis Snowball
- Steve Waltman
- Our country
- The country of Haiti
- Ukraine

Psalm 138

Of David.

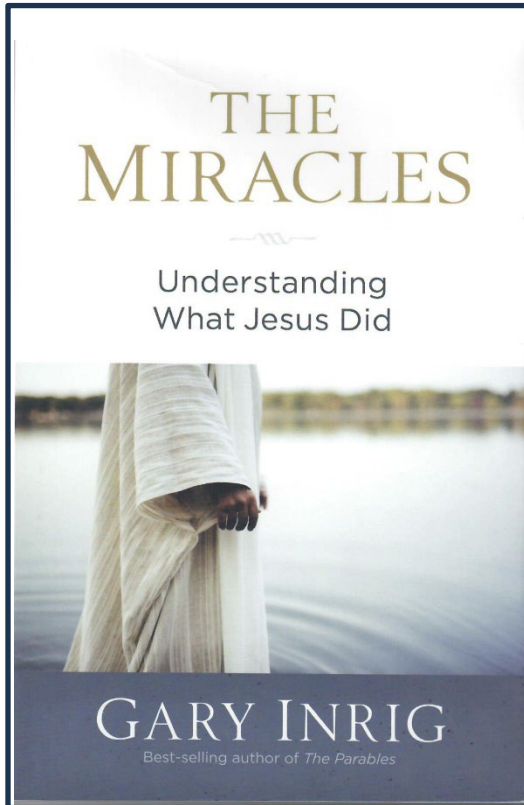
- 1** I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.
- 2** I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.
- 3** When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.
- 4** May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.
- 5** May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.
- 6** Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.
- 7** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.
- 8** The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever— do not abandon the works of your hands.

Feed and Read

Now collecting for the 20th Annual Christmas Ham drive. A \$40 donation will purchase the ham and side dishes for one family. Please sponsor as many families as you are able. As with Thanksgiving dinner, our goal is to provide Christmas dinner for 150 families. Identify your offering as "Feed and Read".

Christian Education

We are currently reading and discussing the book "The Miracles" by Gary Inrig.



Bible Fellowship meets at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

Worship and Member Care

Prayer Chain –

If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Sandy McCarthy.



Missions

This month's ABC offering is the RMMO, Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering.

Good will come from community.
Good will come from connection.
Good will come from caring.
Good will come from giving.



"Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice."

— Psalm 112: 5 (NIV)

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Running the Race of Faith

HEBREWS 12:1-3

→ RUNNERS IN A MARATHON follow a clearly marked course. But suppose one of the athletes decides to pick his own path. He still runs 26 miles and sets his finish line in the same spot as the official one, but he runs through neighborhoods with fewer hills and across less crowded parks. His plan seems excellent to him, but when he crosses the finish line, there won't be a medal or ribbon waiting. That seems silly, right?

But we do the same thing when we decide the course for our life instead of running the race God sets. By submitting to His will—doing what He says and going where He leads—we remain on the right path.

For believers, the "finish line"—heaven—is the same whether we run the race God's way or our own way. However, the difference is what we have to show for our time on earth. Regardless of how grand a legacy someone leaves, the only truly lasting and worthwhile deeds are those done for the Lord and in the power of His Spirit.

Thankfully, no matter how far off course we may veer, the Holy Spirit is still present. He reminds us of the right path—and also provides the power to get back on it and persevere. Your route is marked out and your choice is clear. Run the race set before you and finish well (Acts 20:24).

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