

STAINED-GLASS STAR COOKIES

These star cookies will remind you of the star that led the Magi, or wise men, to our Lord Jesus. Enjoy these treats for yourself or give them as gifts.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Plastic wrap
- Hard candy such as Life Savers in assorted colors
- Zippered baggies
- Rolling pin
- 2 star cookie cutters, one much smaller than the other
- Aluminum foil

What you do:

1. Mix the flour, baking powder and salt together.
2. Cream the sugar and butter. Add the eggs and vanilla.
3. Add the flour mixture and beat until well blended.
4. Divide the dough into four equal pieces. Wrap each piece in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about 30 minutes.
5. Separate candies by color and place each color in a sealed, zippered baggie. With a rolling pin, crush candy into small pieces (not a fine powder).
6. One at a time, roll out each chilled dough piece on a well-floured surface.
7. Use the large cookie cutter to make stars, and then place them on a foil-lined cookie sheet. Then press the small star cookie cutter into each large star and remove the small piece of star-shaped dough.
8. Place some crushed candy in each star-shaped hole.
9. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. (The candy will melt and be translucent when cooled, like a stained-glass window.)



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Psalm 51:12, NIV



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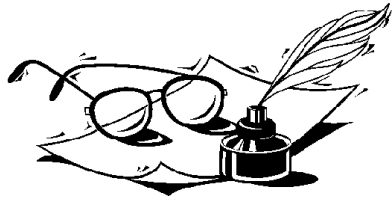
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Our Mission: "To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"

JANUARY 2011

From the Pastor –



"so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory."

Ephesians 1:12

Traditionally, we think of January 2 as the day we get back into the grind and hit the grindstone after the long holiday season. Some use

January 2 to look back on the past year and compose an annual list of disappointments and failures: Didn't get the big promotion. Didn't win the lottery. Didn't learn to control the temper. Didn't make five new friends.

This undermines our spiritual life in two ways. First, it tempts us to blame God for all our failures. Second, it makes us increasingly incredulous that God would ever really take any interest in us or our future.

The writer of Ephesians takes a hopeful, January 2 forward-look at God's intentions for humanity and finds a remarkable vision, one which can usher us into this New Year. We may be assured that God has "a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth" (Ephesians 1:10).

If past January 2s have seemed spiritually debilitating, we need to look with a spirit of hope at the "where to" of this year's January 2. Again, the author of Ephesians provides a positive image by proclaiming, "We who first hoped in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory" (v.12, RSV).

It is January 2. The party is over, but the coming year promises more than just dieting and dues-paying. Let us use this January 2 to begin creating a future built on hope. It is the first day of living a faith that looks backward to the evidences of God's great gift to us in Jesus Christ and forward to the day when God's plan "to gather up all things in him" will become a reality.

We have been given another New Year. Let us use it wisely, to the glory of God.

Yours In Christ,

From darkness to light

In the Bible, God speaks often about light and darkness. He gives us much instruction about which path we should choose.

1. Good	Righteousness
2. Death	Children
3. Go	Life
4. Evil	Come
5. Adults	Bad

Match the opposites and then write the word in the right-hand column in the correct blanks to finish each verse.

"When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are _____, your body also is full of darkness." Luke 11:34, NIV
(1)

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of _____." John 8:12, NIV
(2)

"I have _____ into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46, NIV
(3)

"For what do _____ and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?" 2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV
(4)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as _____ of light." Ephesians 5:8, NIV
(5)

Answers: 1. bad, 2. life, 3. come, 4. righteousness, 5. children

I would like to thank all of my friends at Ramsey for all of your prayers, phone calls, cards, meals and just checking on me during and after my knee surgery. It means a lot to know that there are people who honestly care for you and this helped in my recovery.

Happy New Year

In Christian Love,
Russ Cottrell

Our family would like to thank all of our church family for the many prayers, calls and visits to our mother while she was in the nursing home and after she passed. We especially would like to thank the ladies for the prayer shawl. My mother loved it. Also, we thank Joe for always being there when we needed him and his prayers the most. WE LOVE YOU ALL.

Danny & Norma Britt

Our family is thankful for all the help following Lisa and Riley's accident in August. To show our appreciation, we have made a donation to the Ramsey Building Fund. This money is given in honor of the 15 members of our congregation who volunteered their time to stay with Lisa during the day, or to drive her to therapy. It is in honor of the people who sent delicious food or beautiful flowers. It is in honor of Joe, Norma, Livingstone, and Derrick for their hospital visits. It is in honor of the doctors, nurses, and physical therapists whose skills restored Lisa to health. And it is in honor of countless people for their cards, phone calls, hugs, words of encouragement, and especially their prayers. We are very grateful for it all.

Lisa and Riley Irving, Betty and Chris Irving, Jane and Jerry Cummings

January Birthdays

- 1 Ann Hallinan
- Morris Sings
- 3 Kacky Grubb
- Robin Davis
- Todd Foular
- 6 Ben Meadows
- 10 Louise Foular
- Louise H. Smith
- 11 Jimmy Stewart
- 12 Joyce Walsh
- Jerry Horton
- 14 Jeff Barnard
- Nancy Hoover
- 16 Mary Brame
- 17 Jeanne Barnard
- 18 Tray Rives
- 20 Laura Smith
- 21 Beth Lane
- Joseph Holmes
- 22 Janet Sheek
- 24 Cecil Goosby, Jr.
- 26 Gail Barker
- Scott Cummings
- Keishla Rodriguez
- 27 Michelle Dore
- 28 Laura Coleman
- Maggie Flynn
- Gina Laine
- Matthew Meadows
- Francis Dadzie

New Worship Service

On January 22 at 5:30 p.m. we will have the first of what we hope to be a regular Saturday evening praise service. This service will be more contemporary in nature and laid back. More information will be coming forth over the next several weeks, but mark you calendar now! Come join us for a evening of praise!



JANUARY 55+ LUNCHEON

DATE: JANUARY 14TH

TIME: 11:30 a.m. (Please note time change!)

PLACE: Fellowship Hall

Invite a friend to come & enjoy our very special entertainment! You don't want to miss this.

RSVP by January 12

Church Reminders

- 📍 **BUCS**
There will be no meeting on January 1. Instead we will share breakfast together on January 8 at 8:30.
- 📍 **2011 Envelopes in the CLC.**
Make sure to find your name and pick-up your's soon to help us defray mailing costs. They are beside the elevator on the first floor.

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Christmas Love Baskets were a Cherished Reminder of Ramsey's Love

One special friend wrote:
"Thank you so much for the basket. It meant so much to me and Jerry. May God Bless You all at Ramsey all through the year."

Love,
Gloria & Jerry Flournoy



January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Year's Day
2 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Culto en Espanol 12:30 p.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Praise Choir TBA Bell Choir TBA Youth TBA	3 Welcoming & Hospitality 6:30 pm Tutoring 6:30 p.m.	4 Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Wellness Class 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 6:30 p.m. Disciple 7:00 p.m. McGuire Park Circle 7:30 p.m.	5 Whiffle Ball 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Admin. Council 7:00 p.m. Upward Practice 6:00 p.m.		7	8 Upward Games 9:00 a.m. BUC Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
9 Fellowship 8:30 a.m. Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Culto en Espanol 12:30 p.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Praise Choir 3:30 p.m. Bell Choir 4:45 p.m. Youth 5:30 p.m.	10 Tutoring 6:30 p.m. Cross-Over Health Promoters (Agape)6 pm	11 Ada Mae Bookman 11:00 a.m. Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Wellness Class 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 6:30 p.m. Disciple 7:00 p.m. Hazel Gibbs Circle 7:00 p.m.	12 Whiffle Ball 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Nina Woodfin Circle 2:00 p.m. Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. CrossOver Health Promoters 6 pm	13 Care-a-Van 8:00 a.m. Dental Van 8:00 a.m. Coffee with Joe 9:00 a.m. TOPS 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10:00 a.m. Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.	14 <i>55+ Luncheon (FH)</i> <i>11:30 a.m.</i> Freedom House 3:30 p.m. Food Preparation	15 Upward Games 9:00 a.m. Secret Sister Covered Dish Lunch (FH) 12:00 p.m.
16 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Culto en Espanol 12:30 p.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Praise Choir 3:30 p.m. Bell Choir 4:45 p.m. Youth 5:30 p.m.	17 Welcoming & Hospitality 6:30 pm Tutoring 6:30 p.m. Cross-Over Health Promoters (Agape)6 pm	18 Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Wellness Class 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 6:30 p.m. Disciple 7:00 p.m.	19 Whiffle Ball 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. CrossOver Health Promoter 6 pm Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee 7:00 p.m. SPRC 7:00 p.m.	20 Care-a-Van 8:00 a.m. Dental Van 8:00 a.m. Coffee with Joe 9:00 a.m. TOPS 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10:00 a.m. Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Upward Games 9:00 a.m. First Saturday Evening Worship Svc 5:30 p.m.
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30 Regular Sunday Schedule	31 Cross-Over Health Promoters (Agape)6 pm Welcoming & Hospitality 6:30 pm Tutoring 6:30 p.m.					