



Happy New Year to all!

The holidays are now over. On Thanksgiving we gave thanks to our God, on Christmas we praised God for the birth of our Lord and Savior, and His son Jesus Christ, then on New Years Eve we rang in 2025, well maybe some of us sort of slept our way into 2025.

Either way God has given us a brand new year. We here at Center Hill ask God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit to : bless us, guide us and to let us be the light of Jesus in everything we do this year, so that we may bring glory to God. And yes there is much to do. Here are some examples; Deacons, Church Board, Search Team, Sunday School, Youth Group, Pioneer Club , Ushers, Choir, Men's and Ladies Fellowship, hospitality Committee, festivals, pancake breakfast, VBS and much more. There is always somewhere to let your light shine.

Let's take a look at the book of Matthew where Jesus tells us what to do with our light and why we should let our light shine. Matthew 5:14-16 (KJV) 14) Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. 15) Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Some of us think, "Oh, I don't have any light to shine. What can I do?" We all have gifts from God and we must push these gifts to the maximum. Reminder: Jesus gave it all for us, so now we need to do the same for Him. I'll give you a great example of the light of Jesus. If you want to see the light, feel the light and hear the light of Jesus, come to Center Hill Church for Sunday morning worship service and listen and watch the Children's Story. Jenna teaches our kids and the light of Jesus shines out of her and right onto the kids. Her voice is so pure and her voice to those children is just like our loving Jesus, speaking God's word straight out of her and upon them, it is so precious. She's the perfect light for our little ones and her message always reaches us too!

It's a beautiful thing to watch Jesus' light comes through her, we're all blessed and God is glorified. Hallelujah, Amen!

There are gifts that each of us have in which we can do the same thing but maybe in just different ways. This year please find your talent and don't waste your talent. You may find you have many and when you use them , you'll bless others in the process, and God will be glorified. Yes, by you!

Whenever we think about a whole year, all 12 months, 365 days we know we'll have many problems to face and many decisions to make, it gets a little overwhelming to think about all of this at the start of the year but be of good cheer. Jesus will be with us all the way. Many times this year we may stumble and when we do we will humble ourselves and repent, and we'll be forgiven.

No matter what bad times fall on us this year, remember this: Lamentations 3:21-23 (TLB) 21) yet there is one ray of hope: 22) his compassion never ends. It is only the Lord's mercies that have kept us from complete destruction. 23) Great is His faithfulness; His lovingkindness begins new each day. That's right each day we have a new start of God's loving kindness, remember this and fill your heart with joy every morning. You may know the song "One Day at a Time, Sweet Jesus". The first verse of the song is a good prayer for each of us to say or sing at the start of each day, it goes like this:

One day at a time, sweet Jesus.

That's all I'm asking of you

Give me the strength to do everyday, what I have to do

Yesterday's gone, sweet Jesus and tomorrow may never be mine

Help me today, show me the way

One day at a time.

It is a great God we have, when we sin and then repent he forgives us. Many of us start the new year off by making some new year's resolutions and most of them are about making ourselves a better person or becoming a healthier person.

They all sound good at first but as the year goes on they have a way of fizzling out.

If you make a New Year's resolutions we need to do our very best to complete them. We've all heard some pretty good ones ever the years.

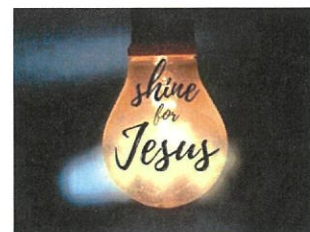
I know a guy who once on New Years Eve after midnight say that his resolution for that year was: "To do more trout fishing this year". His wife promptly slugged him on the arm. I'm not sure if he did do more trout fishing that year or not but I know it took awhile for my arm to quit hurting.

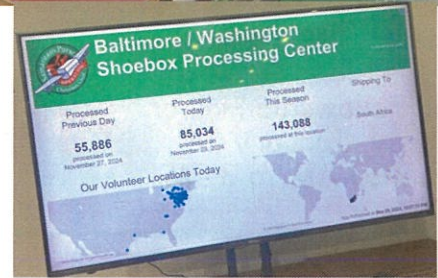
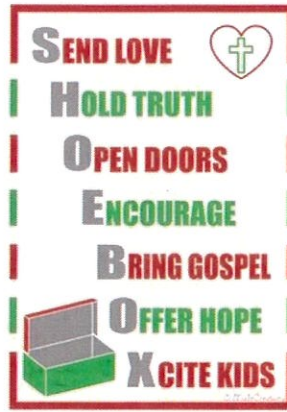
As we start 2025, we need to remember certain things; one is to make sure you start writing the correct year": "No more '24". Another things to remember is that the Holy Trinity loves us and gives us mercy, which we in turn must show towards all others. Also, we get a new chance to live for God's glory with every new day.

We should read and study God's word and pray everyday, by doing this we'll learn right from wrong, and learn God commandments. A reminder: They are God's commandments not God's suggestions! If we do these things and take it one day at a time and let our light shine for Jesus. We will make it the whole way through 2025, and be blessed every day because God wants His very best for us . This is The Lamplighter, so I say- Everyone light your lamp and leave it shine for the Glory of God this year and always.

Love and Success through Jesus,

Zane Jordan





At the end of November, Pastor Leslie Crissman, her mom Mona Taylor, Chloe Crissman and Alexa Bowser went to a Samaritan's Purse shoebox distribution and packing center in Maryland. This year our church packed over 200 shoeboxes. Thank you to everyone who gave to fill a shoebox and share the love of Jesus to so many children around the world.

### Johnny Marzetti Casserole- A Childhood Favorite

- 8 ounces rotini or elbow pasta
- 1 pound ground beef
- ½ pound bulk mild Italian sausage
- ¾ cup chopped onion
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon minced green bell pepper
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 (15 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 (14.4 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 2 cups shredded Italian cheese blend
- 1 ½ cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

#### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F . Lightly grease a 7x11-inch casserole dish with cooking spray.

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add rotini and cook until tender yet firm to the bite, 6 to 8 minutes; drain. Run cold water over pasta to stop it from cooking further.

While the pasta is cooking, cook ground beef and sausage in a large skillet over medium-high heat until completely browned and crumbly, 7 to 10 minutes. Add onion, celery, garlic, and bell pepper; cook and stir until vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from the heat and stir in tomato sauce and diced tomatoes. Let cool for 5 minutes.

Spread pasta over the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle Italian cheese blend over rotini, then pour meat sauce over top. Cover the dish with heavy-duty aluminum foil.

Bake in the preheated oven for 45 minutes. Remove the foil and sprinkle Cheddar cheese over the casserole. Continue to bake until Cheddar has melted, about 5 minutes. Rest for 10 minutes before serving.

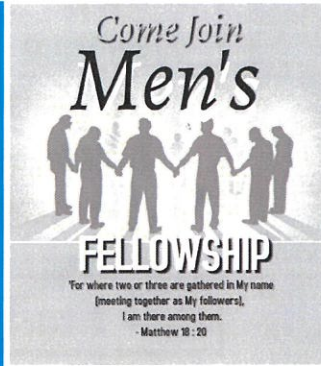


ALL YOU CAN EAT  
BREAKFAST



Mark your calendars for the upcoming "All You Can Eat Breakfast"

sponsored by the Men's Fellowship. The date will be Saturday, January 18, 7-11 AM. If you would like to Volunteer to help, Please sign up in the church vestibule.



Come join the men for their fellowship meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 7 PM. Start off the new year being encouraged in your walk with God and drawing support from Godly men. All men are welcome.

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at our Fellowship Hall on Friday, January 24, from 10 AM to 3 PM.

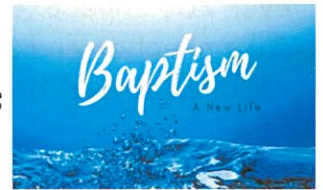


RED CROSS  
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**Baptism / Transfer of Church Letter:**

If you wish to be baptized or if you would like to transfer your church membership and join the Center Hill church family, please call the church office as soon as possible. 724-548-7226.



Baptism Sunday will be January 26 during our morning worship service.



Ladies come out and join us each month for Women's Fellowship. Our meeting in January is Tuesday, Jan., 14, 2025 at 7 PM. You will have a great time!

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