



# January 2023

CLIFTON FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Family in Christ,  
Prayerfully seeking through  
the spirit, to serve God, grow  
in faith and share the good news.*

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*From The Pastor*

*I am who I am  
(Exodus 3:14)*

Jacob and his family all move to Egypt to be with Joseph and settle there. By the beginning of the book of exodus their host have enslaved their descendants and they are cruelly treated. God must set them free if they are to be his people as he promised. Through the long years of slavery, they must wonder if he has forgotten the promise, but God can never do that. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So, God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them (Exodus 2:23-25).

God begins his rescue operation by appearing to Moses in a burning bush at Horeb. He tells him to go to Pharaoh to demand the release of his people. And he reveals a new name to Moses: "I am who I am" (Exodus 3:14).

There are no vowels in Hebrew (YHWH), which makes it hard to know exactly what the word is. Most scholars tend to translate the word as "Yahweh". Which in English would be "I am what I am".

When the word appears in our English versions of the Bible It almost always does so as "Lord" in capital letters. It is a strange name for God to give himself. He seems to be saying that no one name can encapsulate his character. If we want to know who he is, we must watch him act in history on behalf of his people. "I will be what I will be. Do you want to know who I am, Moses? Then watch me; see what I will do in the future. Then you will know what kind of God I am."

The Bible does not just tell the story of God's work of salvation; at times it reveals God's Character. He is a hero from beginning to end. Sometimes we miss the point by asking too quickly,

"What is it saying to me?" A good first question to ask whenever we look at a passage is, "What does this tell me about God?" Very often the application for us will be obvious. The Bible is, above all, a book about God.

As we read our Bibles may we all think first about what it says about Our God and second what it is saying to me. If we do the second question might be answered by the first because God wants us to reflect who he is.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Paul

**Every Sunday Morning**  
**9:30 – NO Sunday School**  
**10:30– NO Coffee Fellowship**  
**10:00– NO Nursery**  
**11:00 – Worship**



PLEASE  
COME  
TO BIBLE  
STUDY ON  
MONDAY  
@ 6:30.



We are  
Studying  
*Characters of Easter*  
We will  
meet in the Nettie Paul Room.



**Session Meeting**

- Lisa Armentrout - Treasurer.
- Debbie Darcus - Music & Worship
- Jenny Irvine – Clerk of Session/Fellowship
- George Chip Snead – Stewardship/Personnel
- Stephine Persinger - Christian Ed/Youth.
- Jenny Oeltjen - /Mission/Witness

**Highland House:**  
 Genny McDowell  
**Brian Center:**  
 Marilyn Woods



**Kathleen McMillion Clothing Closet**  
 Will be open 9:00 – 12:00  
 Wednesday January 11 & 25 2023

**December 2022**

<u>People</u>	<u>Pieces</u>
26	280



**The Back Pew** - Jeff Larson



After Randy fell asleep in church AGAIN.. Practical Joke playing Pastor Pete leaves the note.. JESUS HAS RETURNED! scaring Randy into believing he was LEFT BEHIND.

Hey!  
**WELCOME**  
We're *very* **GLAD**  
you're here

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month – Robert & Cecille McDowell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month – Ed Jones
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday November - April - Jenny Irvine
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday every month – Richard Brinkley
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays - to be announced

## The Church Mouse



OMG here it is January and the Christmas bills are coming in and we all need jobs. Are there any jobs in the Church?? We will work for cheese!



## January

- 1 - Lisa Boothe  
Jenny Oeltjen
- 5 - Barbara James
- 6 - Amy Dew
- 10 - Rebecca Boothe  
Benjamin Persinger
- 11 - Shawn Knighton
- 17 - Mary Gray Dellinger
- 18 - Hanna Boothe
- 25 - Virginia Harlow
- 28 - Caleb Fisher
- 30 - Jean Persinger  
Ethan Cabe Persinger

## Anniversaries

### January

4 – Jerry & Virginia Irvine



## Food Pantry

For the month of **November 2022**, we serve **(197)** Individuals representing **(583)** family members.



# January

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
1	2 No Bible Study	3	4	5	6	7 Prayer Breakfast 8:00
8 Communion	9 Bible Study 6:30	10	11 Clothing Closet 9:00-12:00 Choir 7:00	12	13	14 Prayer Breakfast 8:00
15	16 Bible Study 6:30	17	18	19 Session 6:00	20	21 Prayer Breakfast 8:00
22	23 Bible Study 6:30	24	25 Clothing Closet 9:00-12:00 Choir 7:00	26	27	28 <i>Prayer Breakfast</i> 8:00
29	30 Bible Study 6:30	31				

**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH**

**The Officers:**

**Moderator – Virginia Harlow**

**Vice Moderator - Irene Booze**

**Secretary - Carol Jones**

**Treasurer – Virginia Irvine**



**Women's Circle**

**We will not have circle until further Notice.**

**MEMBERS @ HOME**

**Robert Brown**

**Mildred Wilson**

**Margaret Brown**



**MISSION/WITNESS  
NEWS**

**Mark & Miriam Adams**

**Please pray for**

**Our Missionaries**

**Mark & Miriam Adams**

**Tuesday  
Boy Scouts 7:00**

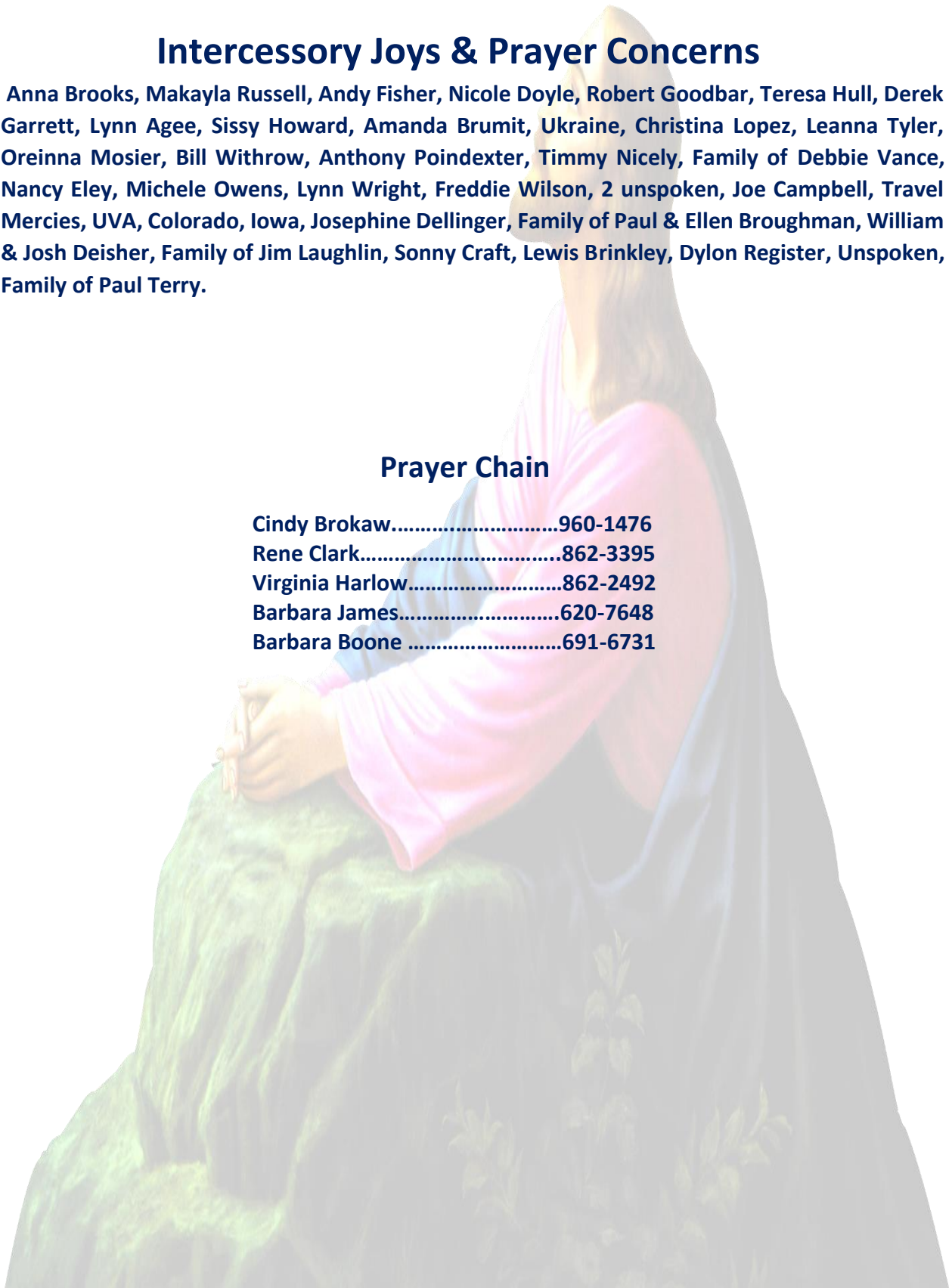


## Intercessory Joys & Prayer Concerns

Anna Brooks, Makayla Russell, Andy Fisher, Nicole Doyle, Robert Goodbar, Teresa Hull, Derek Garrett, Lynn Agee, Sissy Howard, Amanda Brumit, Ukraine, Christina Lopez, Leanna Tyler, Oreinna Mosier, Bill Withrow, Anthony Poindexter, Timmy Nicely, Family of Debbie Vance, Nancy Eley, Michele Owens, Lynn Wright, Freddie Wilson, 2 unspoken, Joe Campbell, Travel Mercies, UVA, Colorado, Iowa, Josephine Dellinger, Family of Paul & Ellen Broughman, William & Josh Deisher, Family of Jim Laughlin, Sonny Craft, Lewis Brinkley, Dylon Register, Unspoken, Family of Paul Terry.

### Prayer Chain

Cindy Brokaw.....	960-1476
Rene Clark.....	862-3395
Virginia Harlow.....	862-2492
Barbara James.....	620-7648
Barbara Boone .....	691-6731



## Who did What?

Genesis 27

Read the story of Esau and his brother, Jacob. Write the correct name from the list below in the blank spaces.

\_\_\_\_\_ told his oldest son, \_\_\_\_\_, to prepare a meal to receive his blessing.

\_\_\_\_\_ wanted \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the blessing instead.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ planned to trick \_\_\_\_\_ by using a disguise.

\_\_\_\_\_ wore animal fur to make his arms feel hairy like \_\_\_\_\_'s arms.

The disguise worked! Because he was blind, \_\_\_\_\_ thought he passed his blessing to \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ was upset with \_\_\_\_\_ for stealing their father's blessing.



ISAAC



REBEKAH



ESAU



JACOB

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## JESUS and the 12 DISCIPLES Word Search

A	M	L	W	J	O	F	T	H	H	P	O	W	N	G
T	L	A	D	D	A	E	B	S	W	E	V	V	L	K
S	X	H	T	N	B	X	E	I	J	F	K	Q	V	U
P	U	N	J	J	J	W	F	S	K	R	M	A	T	P
K	S	L	A	L	D	A	E	M	Y	D	O	S	T	H
F	J	V	S	F	D	A	E	N	X	Z	K	D	T	H
C	V	O	X	U	N	H	D	I	J	U	L	H	E	L
O	X	V	H	L	Q	H	W	G	E	A	W	I	S	O
A	F	V	P	G	N	C	G	D	Q	B	W	M	P	S
X	F	I	M	O	N	V	J	Q	E	T	F	Z	E	J
P	V	M	C	Q	N	O	T	Q	D	B	D	X	M	F

Find these names:

- Jesus
- Andrew
- Bartholomew
- James (Son of Zebedee)
- John
- Judas
- Matthew
- Peter
- Phillip
- Simon
- James (Son of Alphaeus)
- Thaddaeus
- Thomas



Did you find them all?

Wendell says.

GOOD JOB!





Take delight

in the

LORD

AND He WILL

GIVE YOU

THE DESIRES

OF YOUR heart.

Psalm 37:4

*Have A  
Blessed  
New Year!*

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*Tidings To:*

**January**