



News from Creighton First Baptist Church



As I think back on 2024, I know it is like most years with the good, the bad and the ugly that happened throughout the year. Everyone will have a different view on the year, but I think Philippians 3:12b probably sums it up good for all of us, "I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me." For some this year was a press, you just had to press through and may still be pressing, others a had a great year of rejoicing. One thing both have in common—the Lord was and is with them through it all. Isn't it comforting knowing that He has taken hold of you? If you have not, take hold of Jesus today and let Him guide you through the ups and downs of life.

I am excited to think of what the new year is going to bring and how the Lord is going to use our church. We have members who are wanting to serve and are making plans to help each of us grow as believers and to reach the lost. Some of the new ministry opportunities that are coming this year are: The Ladies League, a Super Bowl party, hopefully reaching some of the young people in town. We have plans for the pavilion and a small basketball court with it, to be used to have events that will present opportunities to share the gospel.

I have no idea what the year will bring, but I do know of a couple of things we can count on no matter what. The Lord will be there to comfort and guide us. The message of Jesus never changes, He is the same yesterday, today, tomorrow and forever, Hebrews 13:8. That should bring us comfort in an uncertain world. As we start a New Year, commit yourself to the Lord, ask Him to use you and be ready to serve Him. He doesn't need the equipped, He needs a willing heart. Do a heart check up and get ready to see amazing things He will do.

Have a blessed New Year. Get ready to serve.

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**January memory verse:**  
*Isaiah 6:8*

# Coming Soon!

**2025**  
**Happy New Year**



**January 4 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Men's**  
**Breakfast**  
**and Bible Study**

**January 11 at 8:30 a.m.**

# Community of Care

The Creighton Community of Care will be the hands and feet of Christ and respond to needs in the Creighton area, guided by Matthew 25:35-40.

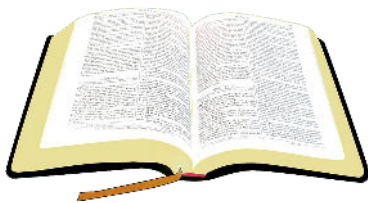
Our next scheduled meeting will be March 17, 2025, most likely in person or could possibly be accomplished by way of email. If you know of any needs that we need to be looking at, or wish to volunteer, please contact any of the churches in Creighton.

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## January Memory Verse:

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here *am* !! Send me."

*Isaiah 6:8*



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<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday evening</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Fireside Chat on Facebook®</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>First Saturday Worship</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>

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We are continuing our studies based upon prior Sunday School material. Upcoming lessons are as follows:

- January 8—Creation from Nothing (Genesis 1:1-2:3)
- January 15—The Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:4-24)
- January 22—Sin and Consequences (Genesis 3)
- January 29—Saved from the Flood (Genesis 6:9-9:17)



### Adult Bible Studies for Life: The Heart of Worship

January 12: The Focus of Our Worship (Isaiah 40:21-31)  
 January 19: Treasuring Who God Treasures (Exodus 1:16-17,22-2:10)  
 January 26: The Inspiration for Worship (Psalm 25:4-15)  
 February 2: The Attitude in Worship (Psalm 40:1-11)  
 February 9: The Benefits of Worship (Psalm 63:1-11)  
 February 16: The Lifestyle of Worship (Colossians 3:1-5,12-17)  
 February 23: The Gathering for Worship (Hebrews 10:19-25; 13:12-15)

### Youth Bible Studies for Life: The Heart of Worship

January 12: The Focus of Our Worship (Isaiah 40:21-31)  
 January 19: Treasuring Who God Treasures (Exodus 1:16-17,22-2:10)  
 January 26: The Inspiration for Worship (Psalm 25:4-15)  
 February 2: The Attitude in Worship (Psalm 40:1-11)  
 February 9: The Benefits of Worship (Psalm 63:1-11)  
 February 16: The Lifestyle of Worship (Colossians 3:1-5,12-17)  
 February 23: The Gathering for Worship (Hebrews 10:19-25; 13:12-15)

### Children Bible Studies for Life: God Hears People

January 5: King David Thanked God (1 Chronicles 15-16)  
 January 12: God Protected Elijah (1 Kings 19:1-18)  
 January 19: People Praised God (Ezra 2:1,68-70; 3:1-13)  
 January 26: Jesus Prayed and Raised Lazarus (John 11:1-44)

### Preschool Bible Studies for Life: God Hears People

January 5: King David Thanked God (1 Chronicles 15-16)  
 January 12: Jesus Fed a Crowd (John 6:1-13)  
 January 19: People Sang to God (Ezra 2:68-70; 3:1-13)  
 January 26: Jesus Prayed in a Garden (Matthew 14:32-40; Luke 22:39-46)

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### THE LADIES LEAGUE

*It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23*

How blessed are we to have new mercies not just every year, but every day! Starting a new year is an exciting time. With this new year we have started a Women's ministry group. We are calling it The Ladies League. The purpose of our group is to grow deeper relationships with the Lord, the community, and each other.

We intend to do this with monthly meetings. These meetings will vary from times of worship, bible study, prayer, discussion, fellowship, and service projects. We had a test run in December with two events. A finger foods craft night, and a yogurt bar craft morning. Both events were a fun time with creating Christmas pretties and paintings. We sent out 85 Christmas cards to Mission Dignity. We hope that you can join us. If you cannot join us, please keep The Ladies League in prayer. Feel free to share any ideas regarding future meet ups or events.

We do have a date set for our annual women's conference. Set your calendar for March 8th!

Hope to see you at our next meet up. Follow us on Facebook for meet up announcements!

Blessings for a happy and healthy New Year!  
 Love and hugs,

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*Happy  
New Year*



### CHEESY ONION CASSEROLE

3 lbs. sweet onions	4 T. butter divided
1 tsp. garlic salt	1 C. shredded gruyere
½ tsp. mustard powder	1 C. shredded smoked gouda
½ tsp. dried thyme	½ tsp. paprika
1 sleeve Ritz crackers	¼ tsp. ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350°F and grease a 9x13-inch pan. Remove the ends and skins from the onions cut into rings about 1/2-3/4-inch wide. Arrange onion rings in prepared pan. Mix together the seasonings and sprinkle over onions. Top with shredded cheese. Cut half of the butter into thin slices and distribute over cheese. Cover the pan tightly with foil and bake for 50 minutes. The onions should look softened. Melt the remaining butter. Crush the crackers into crumbs and toss in the melted butter. Sprinkle over the casserole. Bake for 15 more minutes, this time uncovered.

### SWEET CREAMED CORN CASSEROLE

1 stick butter	1 C. sour cream
1 15-oz can whole corn Kernels, drained	3 T. sugar
1 15-oz can creamed corn, not drained	½ tsp. kosher salt
	1 8-oz box corn muffin mix

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. In an 8x8 or 9x9 inch glass baking dish, place the butter. Microwave it until melted in the dish. Use a spatula to coat the sides of the pan. Add the drained corn into the buttered pan. Pour the entire can of creamed corn into the pan. Mix in sour cream. Add sugar and kosher salt, reduce to ¼ teaspoon if using table salt.

Stir in the corn muffin mix. Combine everything thoroughly, scraping down the sides. Bake for approximately 35-40 minutes.



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