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## The Informer

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

### Christmas Memories:

Lisa has one of those families who seem to always make things special. It is a large family and they know how to make any situation Fun, extremely exciting and memorable. The family of over a hundred relatives would gather every Christmas to a place called Fort Jesup, Louisiana. It is the homeplace where Lisa' Grandparents R. T. and Viola began this family lineage. It was in the country where all the roads are gravel and no street lights, Where people spend time sitting on the front porch with hound dogs beneath. As a city slicker, the first time I joined the family in Ft Jesup I took my fair share of friendly jesting being a fish out of the water. As a child, Lisa would always look forward to going to Ft. Jesup for Christmas. As the day approached the excitement would grow. The time playing with her cousins was so much fun and being in the midst of a large loving family created excitement. They would roam the woods and play in the pastures on those mild December days until the grownups called from the porch to come and eat. On Christmas Eve, Santa would visit and go into the room known as the "big room" where all the kids were fast asleep. This room was large enough to have 5 full size beds set up wall to wall with just a little path to go between them. They often sleep sideways on the bed to accommodate all the little bodies. Lisa would struggle to go to sleep with her excitement of knowing Santa was on the way. She could here the radio in the next room broadcasting the Santa tracker from the nearby Barksdale Airforce base radar system. When Lisa woke up the next morning there was the expected apple and orange Santa would leave by each of the children asleep in the big room. This were simple gifts that delivered joy and excitement because of the one who gave it.

As we enter the Christmas season we also celebrate a simple gift. A gift of tremendous value. God gave His son to die for our sins. It is through this gift we have received the gift of eternal life! God left heaven and came to earth in the form of newborn baby so He could atone for each of our sins. What excitement filled heaven and earth when this supernatural event took place. Oh, to have been a shepherd in the field seeing and hearing the praises of angels.

I hope you will take a moment this Christmas season to remember the simple things. The value of family, the joy of watching children rejoice over the gifts and most importantly, to value the gift given to you in Jesus Christ. This year take time to talk about your faith with family. Include reading the Christmas story to all present. And most importantly, as a family spend time worshipping your Prince of Peace!

Your pastor, Randy Martin

### Church Staff

**Randy Martin**, Senior Pastor  
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**Steve Henderson**,  
Music Pastor  
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**Neil Brown**, Drummer

### Office Hours:

9 am– 4 pm

Monday through Thursday

**Closed on Fridays**

**(540) 362-0613**

**(540) 362-0052 on call**

### Service Times:

Prayer Time 8:45 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship 10:20

Wednesday Activities 6:30 pm

## POBC Leaders

### December 2nd

Deacon: Danny Theller  
Ushers: Hank Mills, Ed Smith, Bob Hart Counter:  
Kelli Theller  
Nursery: Ellen Allmon, Sharon Terrell

### December 9th

Deacon: Mark Novak  
Ushers: Danny Obenchain, Kippy Shaver,  
Terry Rogers  
Counter: Sandy Myers, Dennis Patrick  
Nursery: Linda Rice,

### December 16th

Deacon: Wayne Myers  
Ushers: Dillon Schrader, Terry Rogers,  
Ed Smith, Danny Theller  
Counter: Stephanie Fralin, Ramona Kern  
Nursery: Lori Cunningham, Lori Smith

### December 23th

Deacon: William Henderson  
Ushers: Danny Obenchain, Kippy Shaver, Bob Hart  
Counter: Kim Novak, Linda Rice  
Nursery: Nikki Sparks, Iva Buchanan

### December 30th

Deacon: Wayne Sink  
Ushers: Danny Theller, Dillon Schrader, Mark Novak  
Counter: Jody Shaver, Ellen Allmon  
Nursery: Cathy Crews, Jada Henderson





**Sunday December 2th**  
Sunday School 9:15  
Sunday Worship 10:20

**Wednesday, December 5**  
Bible Study & Prayer 6:30—7:30 pm  
Choir Practice 7:30 pm

**Sunday December 9th**  
Sunday School 9:15  
Sunday Worship 10:20

**Wednesday, December 12**  
Bible Study & Prayer 6:30—7:30 pm  
Choir Practice 7:30 pm

**Sunday December 16th**  
Sunday School 9:15  
Sunday Worship 10:20  
Churchwide Christmas Dinner 6pm

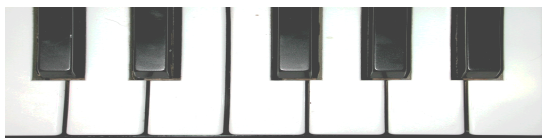
**Wednesday, December 19**  
Christmas Caroling  
6:30 pm  
(no Bible Study)

**Sunday December 23th**  
Sunday School 9:15  
Sunday Worship 10:20

**Monday December 24th**  
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

**No Wednesday Night Service on 26st**

**Wednesday, December 30th**  
Sunday School 9:15  
Sunday Worship 10:20



We are need of a church pianist. Please be aware and in prayer of this need.



**Homebound Focus for this month:**  
Phyllis Cox  
110 Winners Circle  
Salem, VA 24153  
540 580 0424

# MISSIONS

**Women's Missionary Union**  
WMU regular meeting time  
2 pm on third Monday of month  
*Please contact Mildred Gilbert or Ellen Allmon*  
**Lottie Moon Offering**  
Goal \$1200  
Collected at our Annual March to the Cross  
December 24th  
**Sunday Morning Service**



**Ron & Sylvia Schrader**  
would like to invite the church to  
**Dillon's Graduation Party**

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**  
In the Roc  
1:00-4:00pm  
Come & go open house!



Be apart of this essential, basic needs ministry,  
contribute today by check or by grocery bag.

If you know a family in need take  
them a bag from the food pantry!

**Open 2nd and 4th Sunday's after service!**  
Canned meats & soups are good  
this time of year!



**Women's Winter Bible Study**  
**Starts Wednesday, January 9th.**  
**"Breathe" by Priscilla Shirer.**

**If you would like a book or with any questions,**  
**please contact Stephanie Fralin at 540-915-0783.**

## Churchwide Christmas Meal & Games

**Sunday**  
**Sunday, December 16th,**  
**6 pm**

**Bring a side dish or dessert!**  
**Church supplies**  
**Meat & Drinks!**



**Christmas Caroling**  
**Wednesday,**  
**December 19th,**  
**6:30 pm**

Meet at the  
church to go to  
area nursing  
home!

**Candlelight**  
**Christmas Eve Service**  
**Monday, December 24th**  
**6 pm**



November Numbers:

Monthly offerings: \$17,666.00 divided by 4  
Sundays \$4,416.50 weekly average  
YTD Actual receipts: \$194,159.68  
YTD Budget requirement: \$188,002.71  
Amount given to UWB: \$3,212.00



Our Sign  
Is now  
Complete!  
Thanks to God for  
His provision  
and all those who  
helped design &  
build!

**Polar Express**  
**Children's Christmas Program**  
**Saturday, December 8th**  
**2 pm to 4 pm**  
Snacks, games, prizes  
Experience the true meaning of Christmas!



*Some of the men of the church built this train to  
attract attention for our Polar Express Event.  
Thanks to all who were involved!*



**Online Giving now**  
**Available on our website**  
**www.pobc.org**

Our giving tools provide the ability  
to donate on our website, After creating an account, you  
are able to give a donation or schedule a series of  
donations directly from your checking account  
or by using your debit or credit card.  
See Danny for questions!