PO BOX 307 905 Third Street Roscoe, TX 79545 www.roscoecofc.crg PULPIT MINISTER: Phil Stroud



Sunday Morning: Phil Stroud Sunday Evening: Phil Stroud 6:00pm

# 🔆 January 7th, 2024 🔆



"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

(Isaiah 43:18-19)

Well, we all need a new perspective on life from time to time, don't we? It's too easy for us to dwell on the past; to rest on our laurels, or to gravel in our guilt. It's easy for us to reside within our comfort zones and say to ourselves, and sometimes to other, "I don't like change!" But we tend to forget the fact that, while not all change is growth, all growth is change; and God wants to grow us. I love the passage from Isaiah quoted above because it tells me that, while He Himself does not change - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8) - still, our Lord is all about granting us new perspectives on life. He is all about wiping away our often treacherous and ugly past. He is all about challenging us to move beyond our former victories and the accolades we may have accumulated to ourselves. He is always moving, instigating, redirecting, calling us onward and upward, giving us new insight and opportunities to rise above the mundane world we try to create for ourselves so that we can sail to new heights of love and service to God and to others.

One of the wisest things ever said to me came from a wonderful sister in Christ who said, "Phil, don't trip over what lies behind you!" While I know that it's okay for me to remember the past, to reflect on the past, and to learn from the past, it's not okay for me to live in the past. The Apostle Paul said, *"forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13-14). Hey, it's a new year, a new day, a new opportunity for us to grow and to become ever more what He intend for us to be.

Happy New Year ~ Phil

#### Prayers Needed:

### Nursing Care/Shut-ins:

Zelma Mauldin (Tammy Carper's mom), Anna Griffin, Doris Teel, Nelva Jones (Carla Sandusky's mom), Willo Dean Ellis (Linda Freeman's mom), Glynn & Elva Compton (Parents of Coilla Smith), and Letha Fullwood Friends and Family:

Morgan Martin upon the passing of her grandfather, Robert William "Bill" Dean. Please pray for Morgan, Tyler, the girls, and all who loved him.

Shaundra Parker is home. She has shown some improvement this week. She will follow up with her transplant team in a couple of weeks.

John & LaTonne Rodgers (Parents of Jonna Herrera) are both experiencing health concerns. Jonna's mom is declining and will hopefully be moved from the hospital in Comanche to Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. She is battling blood disease (MDS).

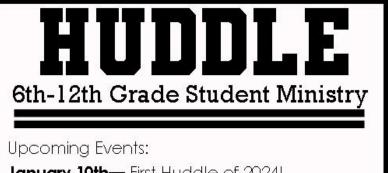
#### **Expectant Mothers:**

Callie Bell, Hannah Hyde, Chelle Rich, Tatum Richburg, Amber Summerlin, Sierra Thompson, and Amber Hesterly.

#### Those Battling Cancer:

Son of Carolina Perez (8 years old, at Cooks for treatment), Jackson Richburg, Danny Butler, Taylor Epperson, Jimmie Joy, Willis Hughes, Tim & Belinda Ince, Ina Beth McCoy (of Abilene), Amber Appleby, Charles Speer, Charlette Moss, Tad Perkin, Walt Richburg, Sandy Bryant, Linda Sneed, and Koti Lindsey **Missionaries:** 

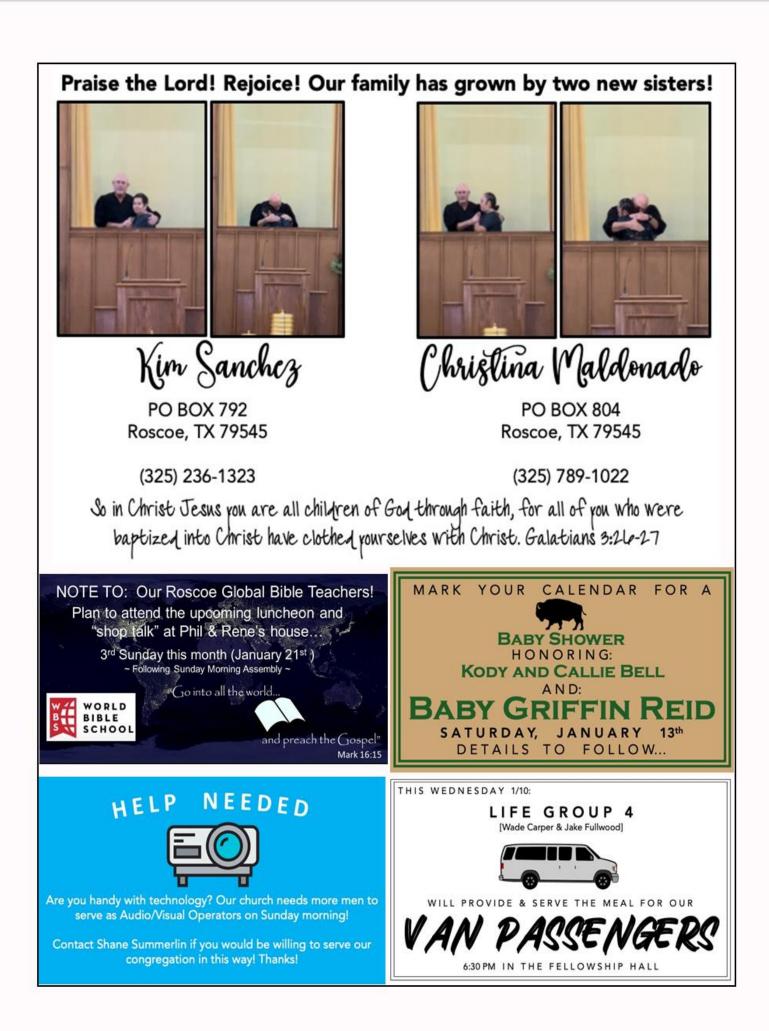
Edward & Elsie Nkosi in South Africa, Alfred Habashy in Egypt, Byron Benitez & Hawatthia Jones in Guatemala, Grayling Church of Christ in Grayling, Michigan, and Cade Pharis and Disciple Trips' work at the St. John's Church in Antigua.



January 10th— First Huddle of 2024! (More details will be announced this week!)

Huddle Roscoe





Weekly Services: SUNDAY	Elders: Kim Alexander	<b>Deacons:</b> Sean Cain	Weekly Records:
Bible Class— 9:30 AM Worship—10:30 AM Evening— 6:00 PM <u>WEDNESDAY</u> Bible Study— 7:00 PM	Paul Johnson Randall Smith <b>Minister:</b> Phil Stroud	Wade Carper Ronnie Helm Don Martin Shane Parker Allen Pharis Shane Summerlin	Bible Class Worship Contribution\$6,068 Budget\$3,900
Bulletin can be viewed online weekly at: Roscoe church of Christ P.O. Box 307 Roscoe, TX 79545-0307 www.roscoecofc.org		SERVICE ROSTER: Song Leader: Caden Smith* AV Operator: Joe Brad McVey Opening Prayer: Alfred Vardema Table Reading: Kim Alexander Communion: Justin Hesterly Willis Hughes Gary Fullwood Jacob Richburg	Jaxton Fullwood n <b>Closing Prayer:</b> Brent Allen <b>Greeter:</b> Joe Brad McVey <b>PM:</b> <b>Opening Prayer:</b> Kelton White
	s in December by	<b>January</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> 5th—Willis Hughes 14th—Jeannie McBurnett 14th—David Rich 15th—John Ruben Herrera 21st—Alyssa Cain	

22nd—Finley Smith 23rd—Michelle Allen 27th—Skye Bishop

## Anniversaries:

26th—Ronnie & Ramona Helm