

## Upcoming Events

### January 1

New Year's Day

### January 6

10:00 am New Ladies  
Bible Study  
“Angels”

### January 11

Communion Sunday

5:00 pm Calendar Mtg

### January 13

11:30 am Senior Lunch

### January 18

Sanctity of Human Life  
Sunday

### January 21

5:30 pm Mission Meal  
Fish Fry for Cuba

6:30 pm Missions Night

### January 23-30

Mission Trip to Cuba

### January 24

9:00 am Ladies/Girls  
Cookie Baking



# Marriage Minute



## FROZEN BISCUITS IN THE AIR FRYER, OR YEAST ROLLS?

**Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatever your hands find to do, do with all your strength...**

When it comes to investing in my marriage, in the health of the relationship with the ONE that I LOVE, am I making air fryer biscuits, or yeast rolls?

I remember being so proud of myself when we got our air fryer. I got a roll of biscuits out, and found instructions on how to cook them in the air fryer. THEN I had to learn how to hit the roll on the edge of the counter to pop it open... Another proud moment on the 4<sup>th</sup> try! Then I followed instructions, and in a few minutes, I had some really good biscuits.

That is a far cry from what I have learned about how Angie makes yeast rolls.

First, you have to have a “starter”. I don’t know who made the first one, but you usually get yours from someone else, and keep it in the fridge. I think it’s something that is half alive and half dead!! The day BEFORE you make your rolls, you have to get the starter out, and then “feed” it, and let it sit out for a day. I think it has to foam. The next day, you measure out at least NINE different ingredients, then you mix some of them “with a fork”, and let it “rest” until it is “puffy and happy”. Then you add some more stuff and mix it up. Then you use a different bowl to GRADUALLY mix more of the stuff up, until it pulls away from the edge.

At some point it is all mixed together and do something with it until it passes the WINDOW PANE TEST?? Then you sit and wait an hour or two until it doubles in size.

(Is anyone else getting tired yet?)

Finally, (not really), you make balls and put them in a pan, and then, yes, wait another half hour or so while it sits on the warming pad you bought just for this purpose. Now finally, really, you bake them for about half an hour and then put some butter on them.

My air fryer biscuits are pretty good, for real, but they can’t compare to Angie’s yeast rolls. How much better would our marriages look, feel, be; if we put in the time and effort to make the better version of our relationship, instead of taking the quick and easy way?



# Mount Vernon Baptist Church

## Serving in Love. Growing in Faith

Newsletter  
January 2026

### From the Pastor's Desk-

As we step into a new year, we do so with gratitude for God’s faithfulness and confidence in His unchanging purposes. A new year often invites reflection and looking back on what God has done and looking ahead to what He may be calling us to do.

Through every season, one truth remains: God has been faithful, and He will continue to be faithful.

The calendar year may change, but our calling does not. We are still called to walk closely with Christ, to grow in His Word, and to love one another with humility and grace. The new year is not about making resolutions rooted in self-effort, but about renewing our dependence on God. True growth is not produced by striving harder, but by abiding more deeply in Christ and trusting Him to do the work He has promised to complete.

As your pastor, my prayer for this year is that we would be a

people marked by steady faith and joyful obedience. That we would hunger for God’s Word, not out of routine, but out of love for the One who speaks to us through it. That prayer would become more than a habit, but a lifeline.

I also pray that this year we will deepen our love for one another. The church is not a building or a program; it is a family. We grow best when we walk together, bearing one another’s burdens, encouraging one another in truth, and pointing each other back to the hope we have in Christ. In a world marked by division and uncertainty, the church has the privilege of displaying the unity, peace, and love that only the gospel can produce.

As we move forward, let us remember that God is always at work often in quiet, unseen ways. Even when the path ahead feels uncertain, we can trust that

God orders our steps and uses every season for His glory and our good. He is not surprised by what lies ahead, and He will provide everything we need to follow Him faithfully.

May this year be one in which we grow not only in knowledge, but in Christlikeness. May our lives reflect the grace we have received, and may our church continue to be a place where the gospel is clearly proclaimed and faithfully lived out. I am grateful to walk into this new year with you, trusting God to lead us, shape us, and use us for His purposes.



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## Prayer List

If you have added a name to the prayer list, please remember to give updates or let us know when to remove.

Tony Shaver	Donna York	Billy Steele	Linda Wike
John Ray Campbell	Angie Wooten	Ashton Welborn	Donna Hartley
Wesley Dezern	Amy Lynn	John "Skip" Douglas	Teresa Ervin
Charles Kurfess	Tony Smith	Everly Lyons	Oliver Smith
Wayne Cline	Todd Daniels	Jimmy Howard	Emerson Moss
Virginia Williams	Melissa Holland	Teresa Lentz	Hal Moose
Amanda Church	Ann Arrington	Crystal Hendrix	Evie Milstead
Dee Vanhoy	Donnie Seipel	Martie Gaither	Alyse Milstead

## WMU News

Jan. 24  
Ladies/Girls  
Cookie Baking  
9 am– noon

Open to all girls and teens. Come spend the morning making cookies with the ladies and enjoying a time of fellowship and mentorship. Sign up in the foyer by Jan. 17th to ensure supplies and ladies to help. If your girl is in a child seat, please plan to stay. Otherwise, this is a drop off event. See Elizabeth for details.

## SERVE AND GROW



January 21st

5:30 pm

Proceeds will go to the  
Cuba Mission Trip to offset  
costs for those going.  
(Pastor Andrew, Julie  
Rupard and Doug Prevette)

## Truthgirlz

[Www.truthgirlz.org](http://www.truthgirlz.org)

Suggested donations for incentive boutique and lessons for January are candles and air fresheners. Also, there is an amazon wish list connected to the QR code below.

If you have any questions, please see Julie Rupard.



## SENIOR ADULTS

All seniors are invited to lunch at the church January 13th at 11:30 am. Menu is to be determined but come for some good food and great fellowship!

S	SHOPPING LIST
Y	canned meats
B	beans (canned or 1 lb. bags)
A	small packages of biscuit or cornbread mix
F	Please place the macaroni and cheese
O	items in the spaghetti noodles
O	spaghetti sauce
D	tomato sauce
P	canned ravioli, spaghetti, etc.
A	peanut butter
N	crackers
T	toiletry items (shampoo soap, toilet paper)
R	
Y	



## Deacons

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## Youth News

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**  
**All of the youth and children did an amazing job in the Christmas play. Thank you for your hard work and to all of those who helped.**