



# TIDINGS OF

# J . O . Y .

Just Older Youth (age 55+)  
Church of the Nazarene

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## Christmas Cards for J.O.Y. Friends



The J.O.Y Group will give gifts and/or send cards to members and/or former members in early December. If you would like to include a **personal Christmas card**, please give your cards to Janet Messick **now through Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**. The eleven (11) individuals/couples to prepare cards for are: **Jud & Ellen Baldwin, Erma Bontrager, Shirley Brooks, Laurel Burcham, Julia Carpenter, Barbara Burgess, Earl & Agnes Clarke, Oletha Lotts, Lou Newman, Betty Rodes, Milton & Helen Showalter.**



## DRUMMER BOY FUND 2021

The 2021 JOY Christmas Project is to support the **Drummer Boy Fund on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. This offering is taken to assist those in our local church and community who may be struggling during this season as well as support community outreach. Thank you for your generous gifts on December 12<sup>th</sup>.



## SPECIAL EDITION OF J.O.Y.

The **J.O.Y. Christmas Greetings** will contain your **personal messages to members/friends of the J.O.Y. Group**. To have your message included in this annual Christmas edition, **please submit your greetings to Sheryl Wyse** by mail, in person, or by email at [skwyse@comcast.net](mailto:skwyse@comcast.net) **between now and Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**. The Christmas Greetings will then be emailed and/or mailed by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you ahead of time for your participation in this special Christmas Greeting of JOY to your friends!



## J.O.Y. CHRISTMAS DINNER Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.



**Church Sanctuary**  
**Doors will open at 5:00 p.m.**  
**(Meat will be provided)**  
**(Bring your favorite Christmas dish to share)**

You are invited and encouraged to attend this fellowship dinner and program event being planned for persons ages 55 years and older. **There is no charge to attend, but tickets are required. Tickets will be available Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Fellowship Dinner and at a table in the church lobby each Sunday in November through December 5<sup>th</sup>. The cutoff to get a ticket is Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> as the meat will be ordered the next day. We hope you will put this date on your calendar and plan to attend! You will not want to miss this event!**

**If you need transportation or could provide transportation, please contact Dick Shoemaker 540-810-0012.**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## DECEMBER

1 – Jay Showalter	20 – Tammy Spitzer
2 – Doris Davis	21 – Leonard Moyers <b>80<sup>th</sup></b>
7 – Stephanie Thigpen	22 – Pearl Parks
10 – Jud Baldwin	25 – Wayne Hausknecht
11 – Debbie Bontrager	26 – Frank Waldrop
15 – Jerry DuBose	27 – Rachel Hinz
15 – Chris Troyer	29 – Pastor Joseph Stoner
16 – Eldon Petre	



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 1, 1963	Larry & Doris Davis	58 <sup>th</sup>
December 17, 1961	Earl & Agnes Clarke	60 <sup>th</sup>
December 18, 1960	John & Betty Anderson	61 <sup>st</sup>
December 18, 1976	Pastor Jim & Deb Harrison	45 <sup>th</sup>
December 19, 1970	Randy & Gloria Stokes	51 <sup>st</sup>
December 24, 2000	Bobby & Sheila Morris	21 <sup>st</sup>



## J.O.Y. Directory Updates

**Vic & Tina Bright (address)** 595 Holladay Lane  
Waco, KY 40385

**Jackie Corson (email)** [jcorson22@gmail.com](mailto:jcorson22@gmail.com)  
**(phone)** 303-9030389

**Janet Nixon (email)** [janetnixon525@gmail.com](mailto:janetnixon525@gmail.com)



## J.O.Y. GROUP RECOGNITIONS IN 2021

**80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY:** Winston Detamore, Lee Haupt,  
Leonard Moyers, Chuck Oster

**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Elam & Harriet Steiner

Since the JOY Group began recognizing these two milestones, **92 persons** have celebrated their **80<sup>th</sup> birthday** and **50 couples** have celebrated their **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**.



## Praying for J.O.Y. Family & Friends



These are the prayer requests since **October 16<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for being a prayer warrior and a support system during a time of health concern, loss of loved one, recent surgery and/or rehab.

<b>JD Boyd</b>	recovery from liver & kidney transplant
<b>Becky Campbell</b>	stroke, moved to Luray rehab facility
<b>Kim Carnahan</b>	health journey without treatment
<b>Mike Carnahan</b>	health journey without treatment
<b>Marty Clark</b>	fell in Peru, fractured vertebrae, etc.
<b>Christine Delawder</b>	blood clots, internal bleeding
<b>Elizabeth Dove</b>	heart attack, passed away
<b>Joe Grogg</b>	Covid related health concerns; recovery
<b>Connie Howdysshell</b>	Covid, on oxygen
<b>Mike Hutton</b>	cancer, no treatments planned
<b>Larry Jenkins</b>	successful cancer treatments
<b>Rob Lawson</b>	vertigo after surgery, suffered a stroke
<b>Betty Rodes</b>	hospitalized with non-Covid infection
<b>Larry Swisher</b>	rehab after heart bypass surgery
<b>Amy Wilson</b>	on a ventilator, passed away

**Unspoken request**

### Loss of Loved Ones:

<b>Elaine Fulk</b>	<b>10/31/21</b>	Shorty Whetzel's sister
<b>Benny Howdysshell</b>	<b>11/13/21</b>	Shirley Driver's son
<b>Fred Hauser</b>	<b>12/8/20</b>	Debbie Huntley's father
<b>Hal Corson</b>	<b>12/20/20</b>	Jackie Corson's husband

## THANK YOU...

to the JOY Group for the beautiful card and Willow Tree "Heart of Gold" figurine. It is so pretty and appreciated. Thank you so much for the thought and the gift."  
--- Winston Detamore

"I want to thank the JOY GROUP for your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, and food that I have received since my last surgery in July with reversed shoulder. It is a good feeling to know that our JOY Group is praying for me. I still have a way to go, and I am very sore from the surgery. I know with God's help I'll soon be back to normal. Also, thanks for the beautiful birthday cards. You are a great group of people. Thanks so much." --- Juanelle Simmons

"I just want to take a moment to thank you for your many contributions to the reception this past Sunday in celebrating our pastors. The baked goods were delicious and loved by all. Please know that you each are very loved and appreciated. It is a true privilege to serve alongside you in these days. You matter to God and to each of us."  
--- Pastor Adrian & the pastoral staff

"Please express our gratitude for the cookies, bars, and brownies brought to the church for reception to honor our pastors. We heard so many favorable comments about how delicious everything was. We know this was a lot of work and you all took such pride in what you brought. We could not have done it without the efforts of everyone who shared. It spoke of your love for our pastors and they also expressed how great everything was. Some wanted to taste all of them! God bless you for the time you spent making and providing them for the reception. A big thank you from the committee. Blessings to each of you."  
--- Pastor Appreciation Committee

"Thank you for the many prayers, and cards with beautiful expressions of sympathy and love in the recent loss of my son and daughter-in-law. It is so comforting to have your support and prayers. May the Lord bless you for your thoughtfulness.

--- Rachel Hinz



**J.O.Y. Calendar 2022**

January 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Fellowship Dinner at noon
February 16	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Fellowship Dinner at noon
March 16	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Fellowship Dinner at 5:30
April 20	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Fellowship Dinner at 5:30
May 18	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Fellowship Dinner at 5:30



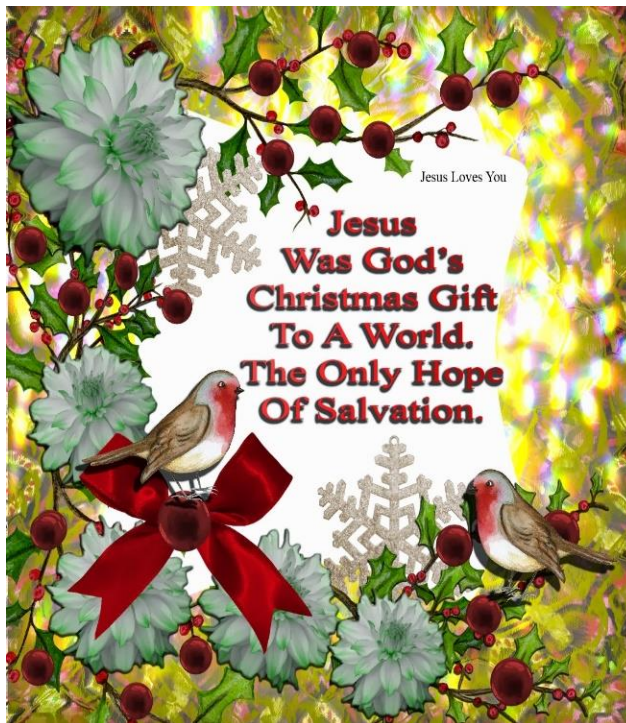
**An Opportunity for You?**

Pastor of Children's Ministries, Julie Miller, has an idea for a more meaningful gift the church can begin giving to families when they dedicate their child. Each family is supposed to select a Bible verse for their child, so Pastor Julie thought it would be special to **embroider the Bible verse with the child's name and dedication date and frame it.**

Is there a person(s) in the Joy Group who knows how to embroider and might like to take this project on? If there are multiple people who know how, we could split it up or rotate each time there's a dedication

If you embroider and are interested and willing to take on this project with Pastor Julie, please contact her at [pastorjulie@cotnaz.org](mailto:pastorjulie@cotnaz.org) or contact her at the church.

---- Grateful, Julie Miller



**"It's Still the Greatest Story Ever Told – Today, your Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord was born..."** (Luke 2:11a GWT)

**"Lord, we glory in Your Story! The Greatest Story Ever!"**

--- Pastor Kerry W. Willis  
"The BOY Brings JOY!"



The **J.O.Y. Board** extends a **THANK YOU** to each J.O.Y. member for your support and participation in supporting friends with prayer, attending fellowship dinners, going on trips, and with other activities throughout 2021. Each one of YOU is the reason we serve. Let us know your ideas for trips and activities in 2022 for increased opportunities of ministry, spiritual growth, and fellowship! We pray God's richest blessings upon you this Christmas season and in the New Year.

<b>Pastor Joseph Stoner</b>	<b>Jeff &amp; Marnie Laurion</b>
<b>Dave &amp; Rose Caplinger</b>	<b>Dick &amp; Pat Shoemaker</b>
<b>Tim &amp; Caryl Devers</b>	<b>Gary &amp; Bonnie Thompson</b>



**CHURCH EVENTS**

**IMPORTANT DATES** in the life of our church:

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|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>November 15-22</b>           | Shoebox Collection Week<br>( Sign up to help collect shoeboxes) |
| <b>November 21<sup>st</sup></b> | Shoebox Dedication Sunday                                       |
| <b>November 25<sup>th</sup></b> | Thanksgiving  |
| <b>December 12<sup>th</sup></b> | Drummer Boy Offering  |



**Next Newsletter Items due by December 8<sup>th</sup>.**