

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



## WHITE CREEK CHURCH

Independent - Congregational

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Village of White Creek, Rural Adams County

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**December 28, 2025**

**Welcome to Worship**

Announcements

Hymn #34

“How Great Thou Art”

Devotion

Hymn #73

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Offering

Doxology

Special Music

Memory Verses/ Testimonies

Prayer Requests

Message

Hymn #107

“And Can It Be”

Prayer

### DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Him all creatures here below**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost AMEN**

## CALENDAR

Sundays: Adult Sunday School - 9:15 A.M.

Morning Service - 10:30 A.M.

Tuesdays: ~~Ladies' Bible Study - 10:00 A.M.~~

~~Senior Housing Clubhouse, Adams~~

~~Thursdays: Men's Bible Study - 5:30 P.M.~~

~~@ White Creek Church~~

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - New Years Day**

**Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> - Ladies' Gathering**

**@ White Creek Church - 10 A.M.**

### AND CAN IT BE

Verse 4 No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!

Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
[Refrain]

### LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies' Bible Study will not meet this week! We welcome you to resume Bible Study with us on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M. We meet in the Community Room of the Senior Housing development behind the Adams Community Center.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will not meet on January 1<sup>st</sup>. We will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>, and continue our study of Matthew 26.

## January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Gary Bacon December 30

Meryl Lanphear 1 Scott & Cheryl Carlsen 13

Abigail Auten 3

Wendy Rynearson 6

Norm Roberg 16

Bob Wood 27

\*\*\*\*\*Please notify us of additions or changes. Thank You\*\*\*\*\*

## CONSIDER THIS

Just want to express our special Thank You to the White Creek Family for the Christmas Greetings and gifts to us this Season, and for your continuing Love throughout the year. Beverly and I love and appreciate you all very much.

It is usually our custom, along about this time of year, to reflect a bit on the past, and do our best to encourage one another concerning the year to come. There are always things of the past about which we can reflect, and brand new challenges to face in the days ahead. New year resolutions are part and parcel of our western lifestyle, coupled with the hope that things will be different - and BETTER - next year! Optimism is our calling card, for hope springs eternal, at least for a little while!

Someone has said that insanity is when we keep doing things the same way, hoping for a different outcome. I'm afraid that we may often approach new beginnings with a touch of insanity. With the best of intentions, we continue to plow the same furrow - redundantly - over and over again. Doing the same things once again, we are hoping to get it right this time. Maybe that's why last year looked a lot like the year before - and the one before that - and before that . . .

The point is this. What we have done in the past casts a reflection on what we face in the future, unless we take steps to correct the errors we have made. Maybe you haven't thought of it in this context, but the Apostle Paul had something to say about such reflections:

*Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 3:13,14.

Past failures often cast a negative vote on our future plans, even to the degree that our will and resolve

seem to be out-voted on many life-changing issues. We often feel that there is no hope for ever fulfilling God's plans and purposes because of our past track-record of failures. The past has cast its ugly reflection upon our future, and we prophetically assume that events which haven't even occurred yet will be failures as well. The Apostle stunningly declared to his readers that he was willing - even anxious - to FORGET those failures of the past! In fact, he was so focused on the opportunities that God had laid before him, that he was FORCED to lay aside the past. He could not PRESS forward while being opPRESSed by the past. Is it possible that a lot of our "dePRESSION" is really "opPRESSION" brought on by the enemy to keep us from the "exPRESSION" of God's will, and His "imPRESSION" on others by His life in us? Doesn't that sound like INSANITY?

No matter what the past has yielded in the way of success or failure, it is so easy to rest on our past accomplishments or defeats, saying, "Look what I have done." But it is Paul who reminds us, "You ain't seen nothin' yet!" (1Corinthians 2:9) The past, with its successes or failures can't hold a candle to what God has prepared for those who love Him. Let's get on with it!

**Pastor Sam**

## CHURCH BOARD 2025

Pastor:	Sam Downey - 608-547-8198 - msg
Clerk:	Pam Morse
Treasurer:	Meryl Lanphear
Deacons:	Martin Sytsma
	Stuart Burdick Moderator
Trustees:	Skip Collins
	David Seelenbinder
	Michael Zblicki
Missions Director:	Beverly Downey
Other Officers :	Custodian - Meryl Lanphear Sunshine Person - Anna Sytsma

## PRAYER LIST

We are encouraged in the Scriptures to be constantly in communication with our Father, concerning every issue and area of life. Please pray always!

Marilyn Wellman

Nancy Seelenbinder

Michael Zblicki

Gary Nordman