



Dear friends,

I have always enjoyed reading Kathleen Norris and loved this story that came my way this week from her writings: "The baby was staring intently at other people, and as soon as he recognized a human face, no matter whose it was, he would respond with absolute delight. I realized that this is how God looks at us, staring into our face in order to be delighted. I suspect that only God, and well-loved infants, can see this way. Even when we try to run away from our troubles, as Jacob did, God will find us, and bless us, even when we feel most alone, unsure if we'll survive the night. God will find a way to let us know that [God] is with us in this place, wherever we are, however far we think we've run."

What reassurance for each of us as we begin a new decade. God truly delights in our presence and never leaves us. I hope to see you in worship as we remember the baptism of the Lord and Install/Ordain new Elders on Sunday. Please read Acts 10:34-43 to prepare.

Blessings

Julie

Things to remember

Ladies who lunch will meet tomorrow, Jan. 10 at 11:45 at McAlister's Deli for food, fun and fellowship. All are welcome.

The Back Porch Circle will meet Tuesday, Jan 14 at 10:00 at the home of Debbie Balltrip. **Circle 3 has been moved to the home of Elfriede Henry at 7:00 that same day.**

Please take the time to thank Vickie Gray, Gayle Mason, Jessica Sullens, Dale Wright, and John Yarborough for serving on the Session. They will rotate off as we install Vickie Gray (not a misprint!) and Margie Dobbins and Ordain James Cantrell, Brian Kern and Taylor Nunamaker to the Class of 2022.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Lisa Hayes
- Jenny Collins
- Doug Hughes parents, Tom and Betty
- Julie Schaaf's aunt, Mary McRae
- James Cantrell's cousins, Tharpe and Judy Ward
- Rusty Kirkpatrick's sister Candy in the loss of her husband
- Finley Sutton
- Katie Barath's uncle, Gary Brinson
- Sheryl Anderson's friends, David and Lisa Dodd
- Jessica Sullens' mother, JoAnn Sullens,



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