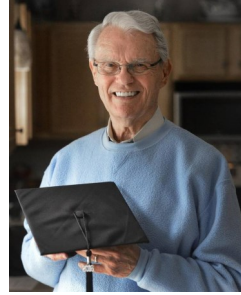


### Christian Sympathy

Rev. Leland Stephens passed away on  
Wednesday, January 12th, 2022.

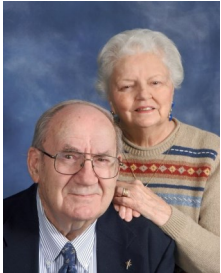
His service will be held TODAY at  
First Baptist Matthews (185 South Trade Street,  
Matthews, NC). His visitation will be  
1-3 PM with the service following.



### Christian Sympathy

Bob Murray passed away on Monday,  
January 17th, 2022. His obituary details have  
not been posted yet.

A time of memorial for Bob will take place during  
Sunday morning church service on January 30th.



### Blood Drive

Wednesday, February 2nd 2-6:30 PM



**American  
Red Cross**

Mary Elizabeth Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall

3703 Mary Elizabeth Church Rd, Waxhaw NC

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767 for an appointment.

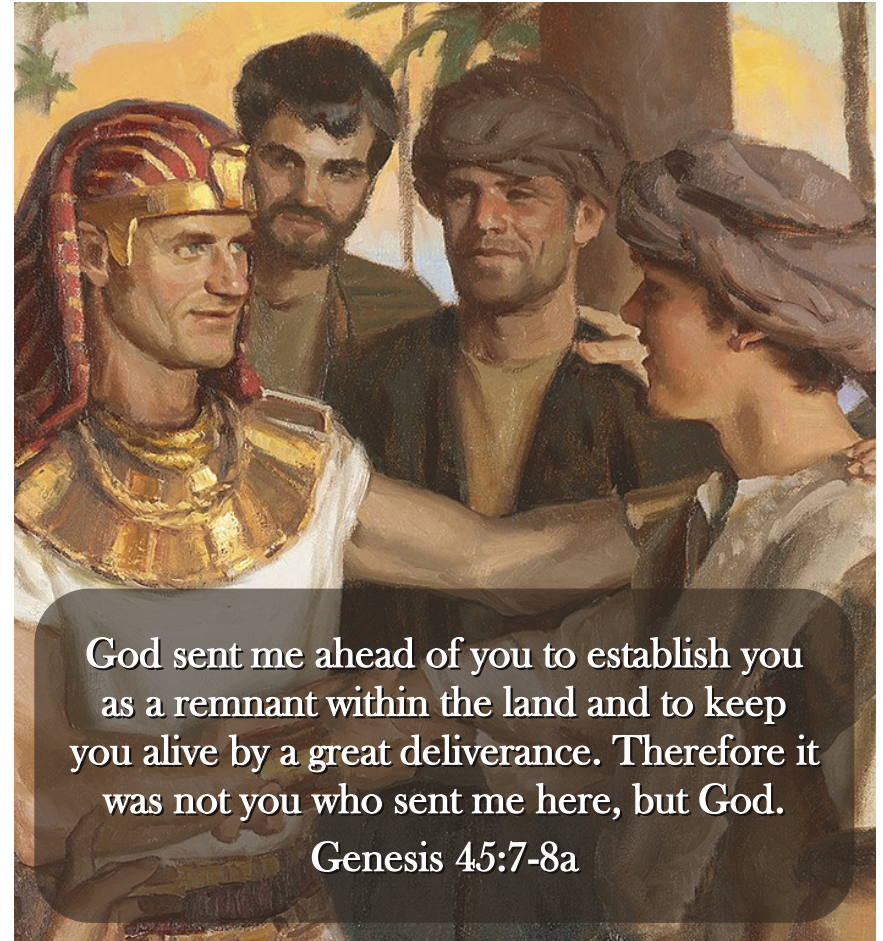
### Masks

With Covid cases on the rise, we would like to encourage everyone to  
be mindful of those around them, concerning masks. Church leaders  
will do their best, with the sharp rise in cases, to

keep an inside service viable, as well as our  
online presence. We will continue to do our part  
to keep the spread from happening within our  
walls. Thank you for helping us with this goal!



**January 23, 2022**



God sent me ahead of you to establish you  
as a remnant within the land and to keep  
you alive by a great deliverance. Therefore it  
was not you who sent me here, but God.

**Genesis 45:7-8a**

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### Sunday, January 23 2022

The Pitfall of Betrayal (Genesis 39:1-12)

**The Point:** God is at work, even when it's not obvious.

**The Bible Meets Life:** Trust is a valuable commodity and it really stings when that trust disappears. Have you had a friend turn his back on you? A sibling file a lawsuit against you? The pain of betrayal can be crushing. When a trusted ally becomes an enemy, a long winter of depression can set in.

Kevin was a church planter in the Midwest. At age 25, he felt called to start a new church. He gathered a launch team, built a website, and hosted meetings to determine interest. Knowing he was not strong in organizational skills, Kevin wisely surrounded himself with a solid team of strategists. The church took off like a rocket.

But then the unthinkable happened. Behind the scenes, the leaders Kevin had put in place held a series of secret gatherings. They chose to search for a fresh leader with greater administrative skills, and they fired Kevin from the church he was led to start.

Perhaps you have a story like Kevin's. Betrayal can be devastating, and bitterness can consume us. We don't have to face betrayal alone. God still works, as we will see in the life of Joseph.

**Live It Out: Be honest with God.** Many live in denial, refusing to admit that their heart was broken. Step one is to open up with God and to admit your hard feelings. **Pray for a friend.** Most of us know someone who feels a deep sense of betrayal. Begin praying for them and look for signs that God is at work in helping them heal. Be ready to step in as part of the answer to that prayer. **Begin a support group.** As you meet others dealing with betrayal, consider starting an informal Bible study, perhaps a weekly coffee. Be sure to invite one or two people who have overcome their struggles who can help others.

### Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

#### How to Avoid Life's Pitfalls

Sunday, January 30 The Pitfall of Temptation  
(Genesis 39:1-12)

Sunday, February 6 The Pitfall of Injustice  
(Genesis 39:21-23; 40:4-8, 20-23)



### Opportunities for Ministry & Service

#### Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

#### Wednesday

6:30 PM Youth

6:30 PM Online Worship

#### Thursday

Jail Ministry

### Service Attendance

Sunday, January 16

No Indoor

Online Reach: 167

Wednesday, January 19

Online Reach: 84 Youth: 8

### 2022 Offering Envelopes

The 2022 offering envelopes have arrived! The envelopes will be available for pickup in the vestibule this morning!

### Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$18,566.08

January Offering

To Date: \$6,801.00



### Prayer Requests

Adin Beatus

Kent Chapman

Gary Clontz

Lela Crump's

Grandson

Woodrow



Peggy Dean

Sadie Griffin

Nan Helms

Rich & Pam Majewski & Megan

Gaskins & Family

Bob Murray's Family

Lory Parker

Leland Stephens' Family

### Baby Bottle for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday



If you feel led to donate to the HELP Pregnancy Center in Monroe, please place your change, cash, or checks in the large baby bottle in the vestibule.

The baby bottle will be out through February 20th in honor of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

