



## The Oakletter, Dec. 28, 2025

It's almost time. The Beverly Hillbillies Bible study mentioned here earlier starts Sunday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m., in person and via Zoom, and meets Sundays for four weeks, through Feb. 15. A Lenten study follows, starting Feb. 22.

Please let me know if you're interested in this study, so I'll know that it's worth starting. If you're going to participate via Zoom, I'll need to make sure that I have your email address so I can send you invitations in advance. I can share a Zoom link on Facebook as well, but it's always good to know beforehand who will join us.

Speaking of joining, why don't we meet for breakfast either Friday, Jan. 23, or Saturday, Jan 24, to kick this off? Where we meet and at what time is open to discussion. Please let me know where you'd like to go, and if you're going to come to breakfast.

I'd like to see all of our classes and groups engage in meals together away from the church, and in projects together away from the church as well. This is an idea that comes from Phil Maynard, an author who's coached district clergy for years. For our *Doubt* class last fall, we combined these plans and went to a fundraiser for ForKids at Chipotle. I'm not sure what opportunities will present themselves during this study, but if any occur to you, please let me know that.

I will invite you again to join me in the Polar Duck Dip, Saturday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m. at Camp Occohannock. As an alternative, the South Norfolk Civic League is participating in a clean-up at Lakeside Park that morning. Please let me know if you would like to know more.

Thanks,

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## This week at Oaklette

### Sunday, December 28

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am First Sunday after Christmas worship

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Second Sunday after Christmas worship

Noon Un-decorating of the sanctuary

### Wednesday, December 31

10 a.m. Bible study

### Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026

9:30 am Sunday School

Please note that the church office is closed until Monday, Jan. 5, and that the prayer list remains unchanged.

### Birthdays

Francis Kirby – Dec. 29

Ann Lee – Dec. 29

Emily Weifert – Dec. 30

### Sunday's Gospel, Luke 2:8-20

Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.

The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you – wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.



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