



GOLDFISH FAITH

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A new year invites fresh beginnings, but many of us enter January still carrying weight from the past—regret, shame, or unresolved hurt. This January, our sermon series **Goldfish Faith** invites us to begin differently.

The title comes from a simple image: **goldfish are known for having very short memories**. They don't replay yesterday's mistakes or stay stuck where they've been—they keep swimming. That image reflects a biblical truth. Scripture repeatedly calls God's people to release what is behind them so they can move toward what lies ahead. As Paul writes, *"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal"* (Philippians 3:13–14).

Over four weeks, we'll explore what it means to practice holy forgetting and faithful focus as we step into a new year.

Week 1 — Swim Forward - Philippians 3:13–14

We begin by learning why moving forward requires letting go. This message challenges us to stop dragging last year's failures and disappointments into a new season and to fix our focus on what God is doing now.

Week 2 — A Forgetful God - Hebrews 8:12

This week centers on grace. We'll explore what it means that God chooses to remember our sins no more—and why we must stop carrying guilt and shame that Christ has already removed.

Week 3 — Release What Still Hurts - Ephesians 4:31–32

Some memories involve pain caused by others. This message addresses forgiveness, bitterness, and healing, reminding us that releasing hurt is essential to spiritual freedom and forward movement.



Week 4 — Remember the Right Things - Hebrews 12:1–2

Biblical forgetting creates space for godly remembering. We'll close the series by focusing on what we are called to remember—God's faithfulness, mercy, and the hope set before us in Christ.

As we begin 2026 together, **Goldfish Faith** calls us to live with **short memories for failure and strong focus on Jesus**. Some things are holy to remember. Others are holy to forget. Let's start the year swimming forward.

Jim Gibson

Preaching & Discipleship Minister

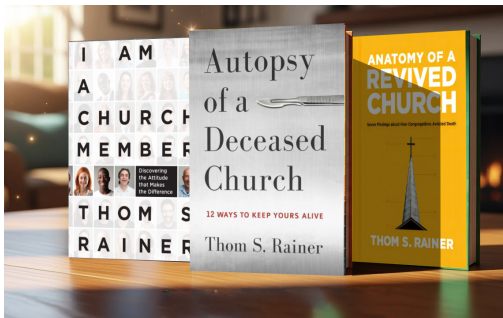
Baby Recognition Sunday

January 18th



Send the following information to Katie:
fcckids45120@gmail.com

- Baby full name
- Parents & Grandparents names
- Baby birth weight/height
- Baby birth date
- 1 picture of baby



Three Books. One Conversation.

By: Thom Rainer

I Am a Church Member, Autopsy of a Deceased Church, and Anatomy of a Revived Church help us explore what it means to be a healthy, Christ-centered church. These books encourage us to reflect on our role as members, recognize habits that can weaken a church, and rediscover the hope of renewal through prayer, humility, and unity.

This is an open and welcoming study focused on learning together and seeking God's heart for His church.

You're Invited to Join the Conversation

Available meeting times at the church building:

Sundays @ 10:00 AM

Mondays @ 6:30 PM

Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Come as you are. Learn together. Grow together.

You may attend any night and are not required to commit to one host or group. Each gathering stands alone, so missing a week is no problem. Reading the book is helpful but not required-come even if you're still catching up. This is a shared conversation, not a lecture.

Books are available through Libby, Hoopla, online retailers, or the church. Gatherings last about 60-75 minutes, and childcare or snacks may vary by host. Bring your book or notes-and an open heart.

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FELICITY
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

TUBING AT



MONDAY, FEB 16
LEAVING AT 12:30PM
RETURNING AROUND 5:30PM

\$25 + MONEY FOR
FOOD/DRINKS
(CARDS ONLY)

SNOWFLAKE SOCIAL

JANUARY 17TH 2PM-5PM

**CRAFTS, HOT COCOA,
POPCORN, AND A MOVIE!**

FREE!

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

**HELD AT THE FELICITY
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**HOSTED BY THE MEET ME IN
FELICITY COMMITTEE**



PLEASE have all
submissions for the February
newsletter submitted before
January 25th



Check out the church's website:
www.felicitychurch.org

Open your camera and point it at the QR
code. Make sure to hold your phone
steady so your camera can recognize it!
Once it does, a notification will show up
that links you to the correct website.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Martha Buckler	13 Rick Jennings
Myra Myers	14 Jonah Stinchcombe
Jonathan Smith	16 Tonia Blackburn
3 Jimmy Maupin	Marty Cornelison
John Maupin	Holli Roehm
5 Mark Fisher	22 Mason Ninichuck
8 Steve Schulte	23 Garet Hall
Brady Stutz	25 John Balash
12 Patrick Eling	31 Brent Bender

Don't see your birthday here? Be sure to contact the office to update your personal information!

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING FOR DECEMBER

	Attendance	Offering
12/7	203	\$5308.78
12/14	87 (Snow Day)	\$5614.56
12/21	238	\$6571.22
12/28	184	\$5289.40
Average	208	\$5695.99

Scripture Reading Plan

JANUARY

How to Use This Plan

- 1. Read Slowly:** Let the day's Scripture sink in.
- 2. Reflect:** Ask, What should I remember? What should I release?
- 3. Pray:** Invite God's help to let go, receive forgiveness, and focus forward.
- 4. Apply:** Live out what you learn each day. This plan helps you begin 2026 lighter, freer, and focused on God's calling.

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| 1 – Isaiah 43:18–19 | 17 – Romans 8:1–4 |
| 2 – Lamentations 3:22–23 | 18 – John 8:1–11 |
| 3 – Psalm 98:1–3 | 19 – 1 John 1:7–9 |
| 4 – 2 Corinthians 5:16–17 | 20 – Ephesians 4:30–32 |
| 5 – Ecclesiastes 3:1–8 | 21 – Hebrews 12:14–15 |
| 6 – Philippians 3:12–14 | 22 – Matthew 18:21–35 |
| 7 – Luke 9:57–62 | 23 – Romans 12:17–21 |
| 8 – Genesis 19:15–26 | 24 – Genesis 50:15–21 |
| 9 – Psalm 32:1–5 | 25 – Psalm 147:1–6 |
| 10 – Proverbs 4:25–27 | 26 – Colossians 3:12–15 |
| 11 – Isaiah 65:17–19 | 27 – Hebrews 12:1–3 |
| 12 – Romans 8:5–11 | 28 – Joshua 4:1–7 |
| 13 – Hebrews 8:10–12 | 29 – Psalm 77:11–15 |
| 14 – Psalm 103:8–14 | 30 – Luke 22:14–20 |
| 15 – Isaiah 43:25 | 31 – Psalm 40:1–5 |
| 16 – Micah 7:18–19 | |