



### 🌿 Christmas Dinner – December 16, 2021 🌿



*The Holiday Inn catered the meal – buffet style. The staff provided excellent service! Chris Kinsler, editor of the Martinsburg Journal, provided the program. He discussed top stories of 2021 in the Eastern Panhandle. Centerpieces, provided by Pam Wagoner, were given away as door prizes.*

#### **Club Business/Announcements from President Steve Truax:**

It's the end of the year and I have been reaching out to a lot of members I haven't seen or heard from in a while. I found out from John Lucas' daughter that he has been having health problems, and at next week's meeting I will have a get-well card for us to sign.

We were one of the groups honored at the recent Berkeley County Public Schools STARS presentation.

The Board has voted to proceed with a pickle ball fundraising tournament in March. Rob Lowe is looking for people to join his pickle ball fundraising committee. If you are at all interested in pickle ball or fundraising, please see Rob.

Student Guests will resume next week, when they are back in school.



The December 30<sup>th</sup> Program was presented by Matt Miller, Area Representative for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in the Eastern Panhandle. Born and raised in Martinsburg, Matt is a 1985 graduate of Martinsburg High School. Matt has been married to his wife Dale for over 31-years. They have three sons (Ryan, Joel & Brandon), one daughter (Hannah), one daughter-in-law (Logan) and one grandson (Maxwell). The family also includes Cocoa, the chocolate lab, and Millie, the pot belly pig. After a short time seeking a drafting career, he went to Appalachian Bible College and then on to Shepherd College where he graduated with a major in Sports Broadcasting. An internship led to his first and only broadcast job with Talk Radio WRNR in May of 1993. For the last 29-years, you've heard him calling Martinsburg Bulldogs, Shepherd University and other high school football, basketball, and baseball games on the radio and recently on TV10. Over his 29-year career he called over 2500 games. He has recently moved on to his current position with FCA.

During his presentation, Matt shared a story from his youth, "The Miracle of 1974". This was an amazing story in which Matt should have died or at a minimum had severe brain damage and loss of the ability to speak. He joked saying that although he probably did have a little brain damage, he not only spoke again but he had a career in speaking – praise the lord! It was a great story and if you missed it, you should track him down to hear it for yourself.

Matt admitted that although his career in broadcasting was very rewarding and memorable, he was being called by the lord to do something else. "Have you ever thought about your life? The way God has worked to bring you where you are now? It starts for me in a Christian home where I trusted in Jesus at a young age. I grew up playing and watching sports and in my late teens God used a speaker at a basketball tournament to challenge me to really live for Jesus! That led to years of service through our local church and a cool career in sports broadcasting. Now, after twenty-nine years of calling local high school and Division II college football, basketball and baseball games, God has called me to full-time ministry."

"While He has opened doors through the years to share my faith, now is the time to build on those relationships as an Area Rep for Fellowship of Christian Athletes. To come along side and help coaches and athletes in Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan Counties to know and grow in a relationship with Jesus. What an exciting time! Please, consider how you can partner with us in this ministry. Pray (Colossians 4:3)...Volunteer (Ecclesiastes 4:9)...Donate (2 Corinthians 9:7). Let's work together to see the good news of Jesus spread through the Eastern Panhandle! 1 Corinthians 10:31"



## January Birthdays:

Member Birthdays	
Bartoldson, Drew	23-Jan
Brookreson, Joseph	17-Jan
Collis, Berniece	7-Jan
Linsenmeyer, Jim	31-Jan
Preston, Charles A.	15-Jan
Slick, Scott	15-Jan
Snyder, Carolyn	23-Jan

## Member Anniversaries:

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Agee, Jonathan	1/1/2021	1
Cazin, Butch	1/12/2006	16
Collis, Berniece	1/18/2001	21
Janelle, Sherri	1/24/2019	3
Jenkins, Vicki R	1/21/1999	23
Johnson, Chris	1/14/2010	12
Linsenmeyer, Jim	1/16/2020	2
Parsons, Fred	1/1/1990	32
Pifer, Chris	1/30/2020	2
Pifer, Renee	1/1/2019	3
Poland, Buzz	1/1/1974	48
Truax, Steven	1/12/2017	5

## Wedding Anniversaries:

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Bowen, Bill & Monica	23-Jan	51

## Future Programs:

- Jan 4 – Board Meeting
- Jan 6 – Rob Mario, WRNR & Brett Sherman, WV State Champion Football Team
- Jan 13 – Tina Nipe, Tenth Degree Technologies and E-Sports
- Jan 20 – Bob Williams, MBC Parks & Rec
- Jan 27 – Boy Scouts

**Guest:** Jon Elliott was a guest of Pete Mulford

## A Look Back in Time: 1973 Grapevine shared by Doug Arndt

