

# Messenger

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## *White Christmas Music and Candlelight Service*

***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022 at 6 P.M.***

Sunday night we will gather to celebrate the wonderful gift of God, wrapped in the person of the baby Jesus.....the Wonderful One...the Christ of Christmas. This is the gift that is at the very heart of the Christmas season....a season rich with tradition, alive with music, and warm with family and friends. But the true wonder of the season is that hope is reborn each Christmas. Into this dark world, a light is come!

Let us search our hearts as we hear the story once again through music, narration, and drama. Let's celebrate the long-expected Savior, our Redeemer, Emmanuel - God with us. Let's celebrate the King of Kings who stepped down from heaven to earth to bring true Joy to our world and real Peace to every longing heart. Let's celebrate Christmas!

The offering of non-perishable items or money will be used in helping with the needs of people through mission projects. We thank you for your endless support as we combine music and missions!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the program for a time of fellowship and refreshments provided by the Family Ministries Committee.



# December

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 1:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Drama rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. **White Christmas Music & Candlelight Service**

Reception immediately following

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 6:30 p.m. Prison Bible Study

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 5-6:30 p.m. *Christmas Eve Communion*



- 18. James Patterson
- 19. Owen Richards, Marilyn Burnett,  
Betty Dearman
- 20. Julie Paul, Daniel Hines  
Helen Tenhet, Tres Paul
- 21. Albert Vandevere
- 22. Max Sanders, John Howie
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- 19. Mr. & Mrs. Andy Bardwell

### KAIROS MINISTRY

I will be leading the 45th Women's Kairos from March 23-26th. If you think you might be interested in prison ministry, please pray about serving and contact me at 571-4964. I would be honored to talk with you and answer any questions that you might have.  
Allison Hughes.



## December 18

Regular Morning Worship Times and Sunday School

11 a.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir  
Special Music

6:00 p.m. **White Christmas Music and Candlelight Service**

Reception immediately following program in the Fellowship Hall

## December 24

5-6:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Communion**

## December 25

*Christmas Day*

10 a.m. Joint Worship Service  
No Sunday School

## January 1

10 a.m. Joint Worship Service  
No Sunday School



*David Walker Arnold*

Frank M. Patty, Jr.  
Brenda & Jim Oakes



*Sympathy and love is extended to Buford Atkinson and family in the death of his brother Bill Atkinson, who died December 5, 2022.*

This week will be our last Sunday School lesson for the year 2022! We will finish the series, *God's Plan*. The lesson this Sunday, "Our Gift to Jesus," comes from the Book of Matthew and is the story of the Wise Men. The birth of Jesus was God's gift to us, and our gift to Jesus is to worship Him.



## W.O.W. WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

W.O.W. Wednesday met this Wednesday Night and wrapped up our Bible Study for this year. We will plan on meeting again in mid-January.

### A Day of Christmas Cheer!!

On Thursday, the children enjoyed our annual Day of Christmas Cheer. We had such a fun time baking cookies, making candy and making Christmas crafts. Thank you to the girls in the Youth Group who stopped by to help.



This Sunday's lesson, "True Acceptance," is our last lesson for the year 2022!! In this lesson, Jesus challenges the Jewish leaders on their acceptance and recognition of who is. Knowing who Christ is, what He did, and why He did what He did for us helps us believe and know that Jesus is the Son of God.

## Sunday & Wednesday Night Group

A special thanks to Robyn and Byron Kelly for hosting the Youth Christmas Party.



\*\*The Youth will also participate in the White Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18. We will meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. on that day with Mrs. Lettie for final instructions. The youth will participate in the dramatization as the Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men, and Mary and Joseph.



The Tillman Sunday School Class recently had a Christmas party at which they prepared Christmas stockings for the Elders at the Martha Coker Luse House.

## **Sunday, December 18, 2022**

Greeters

Advent Readers

Scripture

Sermon

Wanda & Tommy Woodard/Millie Phillips

Dixie & Jim Roberts/Robyn & Byron Kelly

Matthew 2:1-12

**“A Light to the Gentiles”**

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

#### **18. 4th Sunday of Advent**

19. Hannah is promised a child

20. Hannah presents Samuel to God

21. Jesus enters Jerusalem

22. A child is born for us

23. Let the earth be glad

24. The grace of God has appeared

#### **Luke 1:26-38**

1 Samuel 1:1-18

1 Samuel 1:19-28

Mark 11:1-11

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96

Titus 2:11-14