

Messenger

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White Christmas Music and Candlelight Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018 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!

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

4:00 p.m. Youth rehearsal for Nativity Drama

5:15 p.m. Hiskidz Choir meet in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. White Christmas Candlelight Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

9-12 noon Methodist Market

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:30-2:00 Christmas Day of Cheer Gr. 1-6

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

9-12 noon Methodist Market



16. Molly McNair, Millie Phillips

17. Deb Ragland, Ann Stewart Cader

18. James Patterson

19. Owen Richards, Marilyn Burnett, Truett Duncan, Bettye Dearman

20. Julie Paul, Tres Paul, Helen Tenhet

21. Albert Vandevere

22. Max Sanders, John Howie

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17. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Webb

18. Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Backstrom

19. Mr. & Mrs. Andy Bardwell



Solid Ground Youth

This will be our last Sunday School meeting for the year 2018!! This Sunday we will reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, and how we can slow down and take time to focus on Jesus.

Sunday Night Youth

The Youth will meet this Sunday at 4:00 p.m. for the White Christmas Program. We will have a special rehearsal with the Chancel Choir and follow up with a snack supper in the basement. Please make every effort to attend.

Wednesday Night Small Group

We will resume with Small Group in January. Enjoy your Christmas Break.

Thank you!!

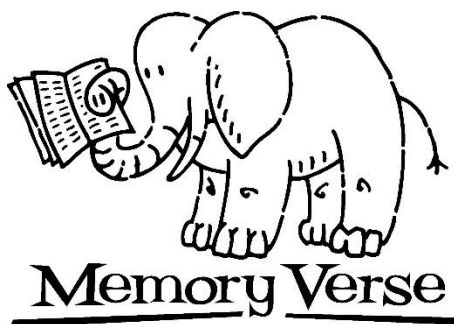
Thank you to Kathryn and Will Phillips for hosting the Youth Christmas Party. We had a wonderful night of fun, fellowship, and really great food. Thank you to all the parents who provided the appetizers and desserts. A special thanks to Neetsie Gary for the delicious Petit Fours. And thank you to all the youth for participating and wearing an "Ugly Sweater." We all know fashion is important to you guys, but thanks for having a little fun with it.



Poinsettias have arrived!!! Please pick up your poinsettia this Sunday or next week. If you offered to leave yours for decoration, they may be picked up after the service on Christmas Eve.



Children's Page



"In the depths of who I am I rejoice
in God my Savior."

Luke 1:47



For the past few Sundays in December, our lessons have been teaching us about the events that led up to the preparation, coming, and birth of Jesus. This week we will hear the story of Joseph, Mary and Jesus. What an exciting time for the world as we welcomed our Savior!



"A Day of Christmas Cheer" will be held on Wednesday, December 19, at 9:30 a.m. for the children in Grades 1-6. Please send \$5 with your child to help with the poinsettias. We will begin our day by visiting Martha Coker Green Houses to deliver poinsettias and sing. Then we will return to the church for lunch and a time of baking Christmas cookies and candy. We will also make fun ornaments to hang on the Christmas tree. If anyone would like to help with this day, please feel free to volunteer and contact Tera Smith.



The Hiskidz Choir (grades 1-6) will meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday at 5:15 p.m. to rehearse for the White Christmas program! They will wear their white robes.



George Caldwell

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Webb

Lanelle Montgomery

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Webb

Marvin Terrell

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Webb
Peggie & Jeannine Robertson
Mr. & Mrs. Rich Knox
Mr. & Mrs. Camp King
Buford Atkinson
Mr. & Mrs. R. N. Barrett
Mrs. Joe S. Stoner
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin McDonald
Mr. & Mrs. Weldon Aultman
Helen Hendrix
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Coker
Mr. & Mrs. David Arnold

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Cader
Men's Bible Class
Mr. & Mrs. John S. Howie
Penny Jackson
Frank Patty
Michael & Katherine Curran
Mr. & Mrs. B. Bryan Jones III
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Price
Mr. & Mrs. Gene VanCleve
Millie Phillips
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Patterson
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Joe Paulson

A Special Thank You

We would like to say a special thank you to all of our church family and friends for all the support you have so lovingly given to us the last few weeks with the loss of Marvin and my illness. We have so appreciated the food, flowers, calls and texts, visits and most of all the prayers. You will never know how much you have all meant to us. Our church family is truly a blessing.

Lettie, Jana, Julie, and family

Volunteers serving Sunday, December 16, 2018

Greeters	De & Julie Paul/Bill & Molly McNair
Worship Leader	Rich Knox
Acolytes	Mallory Pender & Kendall Swoope
Advent Readers	Julie & De Paul/Seth & Jamie Swafford
Scripture	Matthew 1:18-25
Sermon	“Why He Came...By Virgin Birth”
Security	Steve Newman/Larry Adams

Attendance, December 9, 2018

Worship Services	192
Sunday School	121

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DECEMBER

16. 3rd Sunday of Advent	Matthew 11:2-11
17. To prepare a people	Luke 1:5-19
18. From you, O Bethlehem	Micah 5:2-5a
19. Name your son Jesus	Luke 1:26-38
20. Ahaz gets a sign	Isaiah 7:10-16
21. Restore us, O God	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
22. Paul summarizes the gospel	Romans 1:1-7

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please have all contributions for 2018 in the church office by December 30, 2018 to be credited to 2018.

If you would like to "adopt" a foster child, purchase a single item, or make a financial contribution this Christmas, please contact Allison Hughes. 571-4964.