

Messenger

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A perfect God entered a flawed world on Christmas to make it possible for us to come into His presence one day. May the Christ of Christmas bless you and lead you through this coming year!

Your church staff sends their love. It is our privilege to serve people like you!

Bro. Lauren

Lettie

Tera

Rosemary

Linda

Jenny

Man



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

10:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service

No Sunday School

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

JANUARY 8

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir



22. Max Sanders, John Howie

24. Lacey Myers

25. Jon Parker Dees

30. Nathan Burton

1. Joan King

3. Tina Thomas

4. Brielynn McClellan, Sarah Ragland

6. Jennifer Summers

7. Larry Lafferty

9. Sara Beth Wyatt

10. Mabel George, Chat Phillips, Brad Phillips

11. Will Phillips

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27. Mr. & Mrs. Will Bond,

Mr. & Mrs. Reece Vaughan

30. Mr. & Mrs. Bob Coker

5. Mr. & Mrs. Owen Richards

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please have all contributions to be credited to 2019 in the church office by December 29.

Sunday, December 22, worship services will be at regular times, 9 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School at regular time.

Sunday, December 29, there will be ONE joint worship service at 10 a.m. NO Sunday School.

Ministry Spotlight

LOAVES AND FISHES

There is a small group of ladies in our church who prepare meals and a host of others who help deliver meals once a month to many who are homebound, elderly, and sick in our congregation.





Solid Ground Youth

This will be our last lesson for December as we wrap up the Christmas story. There will be NO Sunday School on December 29, due to the joint service at 10 a.m. Sunday School will resume on January 5.

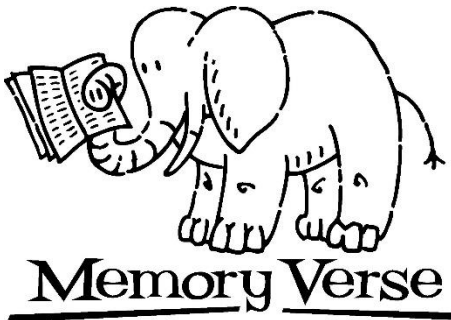


Thank you all for your faithfulness to our Youth group and participation in the White Christmas Program. You guys did a great job, and you were so awesome to commit to the program during exam week. Love you all and Merry Christmas!!



Please pick up yours poinsettias this Sunday. Thank you for helping to decorate the church during this Christmas season with your poinsettia orders. They always contribute so much and help brighten the sanctuary as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Children's Page



"The angel said," Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you - wonderful, joyous news for all people."

Luke 2:10



Our lesson this Sunday is about the coming of Jesus. Today we will celebrate His arrival and talk more about why this was such an important event.

There will be no Sunday School next Sunday, **December 29**, due to only one Worship service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday school will be back meeting at regular time Sunday, January 5.

Hiskidz and Planet 456

Thank you to all children who were a part of our annual "Christmas day of Cheer." We enjoyed visiting the elders at the Green Houses and singing to them. We also had a great time baking cookies and Christmas candy, as well as making ornaments and a special Christmas canvas. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help out with this fun day. A special thanks to Mrs. Neetsie Gary for all the time and love that you share with our children.

Confirmation

Our Confirmation classes for our 6th grade students will begin in January. Information about this will be announced soon.



What a great performance of the Children's Musical, "The Little Drummer Dude." The Hiskidz Choir was amazing! Thank you to all for giving your time and talents to present this percussively fun program. We appreciate all who helped make this possible.



White Christmas Music and Candlelight Service

Our White Christmas – Candlelight program is always a special time in our church. The beautiful music provided by our amazing choir and instrumentalists brought the message of our Christ's birth to life and we are thankful for their time and talents that they share with us. The Youth presented the Drama which brought to life the message and we so appreciate their part in helping us visualize the scriptures. We thank the children once again for their participation. Those that provided sound, lighting, video—we applaud you! A big thank you to our narrators Marilyn Burnett and Owen Richards for their meaningful words that guided us through the program.

Volunteers serving Sunday, December 22, 2019

Greeters	Wanda Woodard/D'Ann Adams
Acolytes	Kendall Swoope & Maggie Day Ragland
Scripture	Matthew 2:13-18
Sermon	"The Challenge of Christmas"
Security	Larry Adams/Brent Chaney

Volunteers serving Sunday, December 29, 2019

Greeters	Denny & Brenda Paul
Acolytes	Myla Wallace & Maddie Canard
Scripture	Luke 2:41-52
Sermon	"Finding Jesus"
Security	Jason Smith

DECEMBER

22. 4th Sunday of Advent	Luke 1:26-38
23. The Prince of Peace	Isaiah 9:2-7
24. <i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Luke 2:1-14(15-20)</i>
25. <i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>John 1:1-14</i>
26. Shining like the dawn	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
27. Praise the Lord!	Psalms 148
28. When time was full	Galatians 4:4-7
29. 1st Sunday after Christmas	Luke 2:22-40
30. Choosing a master	Matthew 6:24-30
31. <i>New Year's Eve</i>	<i>Ecclesiastes 3:1-14</i>

JANUARY

1. <i>New Years Day</i>	<i>Acts 26:8-18</i>
2. A witness before kings	Acts 26:19-29
3. Your light has come	Isaiah 60:1-6
4. A godly ruler	Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14
5. Epiphany Sunday	Ephesians 3:1-12
6. Epiphany of the Lord	Matthew 2:1-12
7. Like a refiner's fire	Matthew 3:1-11
8. Goodness will be vindicated	Psalms 24:1-7
9. Exulting in God's love	Psalms 52:8-9
10. I am the LORD	Isaiah 42:1-9
11. God's majesty and power	Psalms 29

Attendance, December 15, 2019

Worship Services	210
Sunday School	108