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White Christmas Music and Candlelight Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 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 for a time of fellowship and refreshments provided by the Family Ministries Committee.



December



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. **White Christmas Music & Candlelight Service**

Reception immediately following

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 5-6:30 P.M. *Christmas Eve Communion*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY



- 19. Owen Richards
Marilyn Burnett
Betty Dearman
- 20. Julie Paul
Tres Paul
Helen Tenhet
- 21. Albert Vandevere
- 22. Max Sanders
John Howie
- 25. Jon Parker Dees

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- 19. Mr. & Mrs. Andy Bardwell



December 19

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

December 26

10 a.m. Joint Worship Service
No Sunday School

January 2

10 a.m. Joint Worship Service
No Sunday School

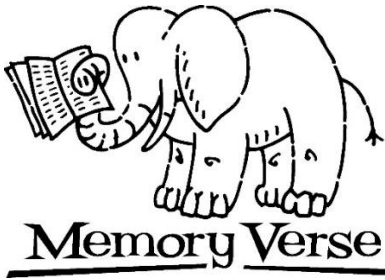


Sympathy and love is extended to Bettye Dearman in the death of her sister, Joyce Moore, who died December 11, 2021.



Sharon Smith

Jimmy & Meredith Creekmore



"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given."

Isaiah 9:6



This week will be our last lesson until January in the series entitled "**Jesus: His Birth.**" The lesson this Sunday, *Tell the Good News*, is a reminder that we should never stop sharing the Good News about Jesus. On the night of his birth, the Angels told the shepherds, and the shepherds shared the news. Soon word began to travel that a Savior had been born. We must never stop telling people about Jesus.

W.O.W. WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

W.O.W Wednesdays will not be meeting for the remainder of the year. We will resume our Bible Study in January. The date will be announced in the coming weeks. If your child has not attended this Bible Study, please consider joining in the New Year!

Day of Christmas Cheer!!

This past Wednesday, the Children's Ministries had their annual Day of Christmas Cheer!! This is always such a fun day of making Christmas Ornaments & Crafts and enjoying time in the kitchen making candy & cookies. A special thanks to Amanda Canard for helping this year. Also, thank you to all of our families who support the Children's Ministry within the church. We had several children participate in this fun day, and it was the perfect way to begin spreading Christmas Cheer!!





Youth Sunday School

This Sunday will be our last time to meet until January 9th. As we close out the year of 2021, we will discuss our lesson, *Unexpected Plans*. This lesson brings focus to our strengths and weaknesses. We live in a society that only wants to draw attention to our failures. God is all about taking those failures and weaknesses and drawing us closer to Him and helping us see His plan and purpose for our lives. Mary faced an unexpected plan that saved all mankind.

Sunday & Wednesday Night Group

We will not be meeting anymore throughout the remainder of the year. Bible Study will resume in January.

Thank You!!

Thank you to Robyn and Bryon Kelly for hosting the Youth Christmas Party last Sunday night. The Youth Ministries program appreciates all those who open your homes to our teens.



Thanks also to all who bought poinsettias this year.

Our Sanctuary looks beautiful. We appreciate Donna Heidel and Angie Kyle for decorating the sanctuary and Mabel George for decorating the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Greeters
Acolytes
Scripture
Sermon

Christy Cader/Linda & Bob Coker
Maddie Canard & Myla Wallace
Luke 2:36-40
“The Hope of Christmas”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

19. 4th Sunday of Advent

20. The LORD will save us

21. See, I am coming soon

22. Your servant will be blessed

23. The promise of the Spirit

24. *Christmas Eve*

25. *Christmas Day*

Matthew 1:18-25

Isaiah 33:17-22

Revelation 22:6-7; 18-20

2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29

Galatians 3:6-14

John 1:1-14

Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20