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Silent Night

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Why has "Silent Night" become one of the most beloved carols? Is it the words -- tender, intimate, gentle? Or the tune -- so peaceful, so memorable, so easy to sing? It is not a joyous, fast-paced carol like Handel's "Joy to the World." Nor theologically-rich like Charles Wesley's "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing." Nor does it have a complex tune like "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Rather, "Silent Night" is quiet and reflective, calling us to meditate on the scene. It is the ambience conveyed by both the gentle words and melody that create from this carol an oasis of peace.

"All is calm, all is bright."

**""Round yon Virgin, mother and Child,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace."**

You *feel* as the "shepherds quake at the sight." You can *imagine* as "heavenly hosts sing Alleluia." And you begin to sing "Alleluia to the King" right along with them. Rays of backlit brilliance highlight many a religious painting, but here the picture of light is painted in words:

"Glories stream from heaven afar...."

**"Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face...."**

Just Who is in this manger? What is the significance of this birth? What is Christmas about -- really? Perhaps most of all, "Silent Night" is beloved because it reminds us in its simple, but exceedingly clear way, the truth behind it all -- the truth that changes everything:

"Christ, the Savior is born!"

Sing it again this Christmas and let its gentle peace wash over you and its bold assertion renew your soul.

"Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

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Please pray for...

For our nation as we are going through troubled times

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Ellen Lemon as she nears the end of her radiation treatments.

Alex Cram had positive results from his bone density test but his eye sight has worsened somewhat. Surgery appears to be inevitable.

Matthew Rappaport (21 yr old friend of Scott Jennings--Jack's son--in Clearwater, FL) has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Prayers are requested by Scott and Matthew.

Nick Gampp had his catheterization on Thursday and has significant blockage. By-pass surgery is scheduled for Monday, December 29, at SOMC. Note: Nick thanks us for our prayers and asks that we keep phone calls and visits to minimum for now. Cards certainly welcome.

Mike Miller (neighbor to the Dixon's) having a recurrence of leukemia.

Rose Alvis (Joni Dixon's mother) suffering with Parkinson's and leukemia and recently had a bout with shingles.

Angela Williams (neighbor to the Copas') suffering with an untreatable autoimmune disease. Prayers for her soul and healing.

Brenda Richmond (Rikki Richmond's grandmother) kidney disease that is worsening over time. May have to have a transplant.

Thelma Rakes (Rushie Richmond's mother) scheduled for a knee replacement surgery right after Christmas.

Jamie Riley is recuperating from pneumonia.



**LET US KNEEL
BEFORE THE
LORD, OUR
MAKER!**

Psalm 96:6



Coming Events

- 12/21 - Deacons Meeting, 5 p.m.**
Youth Group Passing Party 7:30 p.m.
12/23 - Christmas Cookie Exchange 6 p.m.
12/28 - PM Preaching Service
02/01 - No Debt-No Sweat Class Begins
02/20-22 - Winterfest in Gatlinburg

VERSE OF THE MONTH

You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14 & 16



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

12/21 Galatians 5-6
12/28 Preaching Service
01/04 Ephesians 1

01/11 Ephesians 2
01/18 Ephesians 3
01/25 Preaching Service

Wednesday

12/24 Exodus 16-18
12/31 Exodus 19-20
01/07 Exodus 21-23
Leviticus 24:10-16
Numbers 18-19

01/14 Exodus 24-27
01/21 Exodus 28-31
01/28 Exodus 32-34

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **John Mott** who passed away this week in a Columbus hospital.

RESCHEDULED EVENTS

Bible Study Change

Due to Christmas Eve hitting on Wednesday evening and the family activities that will be happening in most homes, we are moving our midweek Bible study to Tuesday at 7:30 pm for this week only.

Cookie Exchange Rescheduled

Due to several scheduling conflicts the Cookie Exchange has been rescheduled for Tuesday, December 23, at 6 pm here at the church Annex. The cookie exchange and catered dinner will be happening just before our Bible Study on Tuesday evening

Spirit Club

No meetings till January, 2009, due to the holidays and the need for Christmas Program rehearsals.

Youth Group Passing Party

Tonight after PM services. This is for all in the youth group. We're having a passing party so bring a wrapped gift that costs no more than \$10.00. Pizza, chips and drinks will be served. We'll round out the evening with games and a holiday movie.

Winterfest Registration

Winterfest 2009 is scheduled for February 20-22 in Gatlinburg. We always take a charter bus load to Winterfest and registration is now available on the church's website. Click on "Winterfest Sign Up." Cost is \$90.00 which is due upon departure. This does not include meals or miscellaneous expenses (souvenirs, etc). A flyer is available on the table in the foyer. For more information see Shaun McCray or Jamie Riley.

Welcome New Family Members

Several people who filled out our green ministry survey sheets in October indicated that they have confessed Christ and been baptized in His name and that they now desire to be recognized as members of this congregation and to accept the spiritual oversight of our elders. This morning we will have them stand and give them all a Sunshine welcome. Listed below are the names and addresses and phone numbers. Please make the additions in your directory if you have not already done so.

Annie Brisker

991 Wheelers Mill Road
Wheelersburg 45694
820-4227

Sam Griffith

985 Rases Mountain Drive
Minford 45653
820-4740

Two families who were listed in the bulletin last week as new members were not present last Sunday due to family emergencies. We would like to have them stand today and be recognized:

Coriell, Tonya

100A Burro Rd
Minford 45653
820-2714

Howard, Crystal; Hunter and Hayley

Residence = 10499 S.R. 139; Minford 45653
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285-1321

Special Class on Sunday Evenings

Starting Sunday evening, February 1, a new class for adults will be meeting in the Annex, called **No Debt-No Sweat**. It is a video seminar on money management created by Steve Diggs, based on proven money management practices and Biblical principles. The class is open to church members and community people alike and is free. Each session will have a short video presentation by Steve followed by time for note-taking and discussion and Bible study. A note-taking manual will be provided. Copies of the book **No Debt-No Sweat** are also available at a reduced rate. The class will probably go on for 14 to 16 weeks. See Steve Miller if you have questions.

Children's Bible Time Offering

This year, the children in CBT gave \$1500 to use to help kids that are less fortunate. You are welcome to come and see in the annex all of the things we have bought. We will be delivering them tonight to the homeless shelter in Portsmouth.

Haiti Mission Donation

There is one item we are collecting for our trip to Haiti. We have been asked to come up with 300 boxes of crayons for Haiti school children. All must have 24 crayons--no more, no less. We are also requesting that you buy only CRAYOLA brand crayons. If you would like to buy some boxes and contribute to this need, there is a collection box in the foyer to receive your donation.

BE STILL AND KNOW

You and I both know how busy the holidays can get. I think about it every year. This is supposed to be the time when the world stops and considers Christ more than any other time, but I'm finding that this time is just like every other time of the year. We're busy, and we crowd Him right out of life. Confession is good for the soul.

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). In our crazy existence, we need to ponder these words very carefully.

When the world around us doesn't seem to make any sense, be still and know that Jesus is the truth and He will bring sanity to a sometimes insane existence (John 1:14).

When it seems that everyone has turned against us, be still and know that the Lord promised never to leave or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5-6).

When the storms of life, both physical and emotional, are raging around us, be still and know that God will be our shelter in any storm that the devil can throw at us (Romans 8:35-39).

When the future looks dark or dim, be still and know that God is already there and that there is nothing that He doesn't know and can't handle (Psalm 139).

What a wonderful God we serve! Try to remember these things when life is too crazy. Remember when your days seem so full yet are so empty. When everything is stressful around you, just be still and know! - William Eudy, Southside Church, Mineral Wells, TX

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
L Server 6
O Server 5
R Server 4
D Wine
S Bread
S Server 3
U Server 2
P Server 1
P
E
R
Message
Closing Prayer

December 21

Jon Coriell
Shaun McCray
Mike Gamp
Jason Coriell
David Gamp
Tim Coriell
Barry Gamp
Don Ramey
Dewey Cordle
Tyler Jones
Troy Gahm
Michael Dixon
Steve Miller
Mark Risner

December 28

Wayne Gamp
Nick Davis
Steve Williams
Gabe Coriell
Josh Coriell
David Gamp
Derek Miller
Spike Ferrell
Rich Book
Dale Gamp
Troy Gahm
Chuck Allison
Steve Miller
Greg Coriell

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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info@sunshine-church.org

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer
Bible Class

Zach Coriell
Jeff Hayward
Ira Coriell
Ryan Coriell
Zack Sims
Galatians 5-6

Aaron McCray
Gary Glispie
Matt Hoskins
Jacob Miller
Eric McLaughlin
* Preaching Service *

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Shawn Gragg
John Berry
Exodus 16-18

Mark Gamp
Caleb Miller
Exodus 19-20

Children's Bible Time

Dec 3/5: Jennette Ferrell, Pam Coriell, Irmalee Gamp
Dec 6/8: Kerri Davis, Kim McCray, Jessie Coriell

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innermissionssu.com

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

Word Search

Luke Chapter 2

Find the words below hidden in the grid at the right. Some words may be spelled diagonally and/or backwards. Solution is posted on the bulletin board and on page 5 of the online bulletin

ANGEL
BEHOLD
BETHLEHEM
CAESARAUGUSTUS
CHILD
CHRIST
DECREE
ESPOUSED
FIRSTBORN
GALILEE
GLORIFYING
GOODTIDINGS
GOODWILL
GREATJOY
INN

JERUSALEM
JESUS
JOSEPH
JUDAEA
MANGER
MARY
MULTITUDE
NAZARETH
NIGHT
PEACE
PONDERED
SAVIOUR
SHEPHERDS
SWADDLING
TAXED

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Word Search Solution

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Luke 2

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