

Sunshine

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The Essential Message of Christmas

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name 'Immanuel,' which is translated, 'God with us.' "

Matthew 1:23

At this time of the year, we say, "Merry Christmas." I prefer that to "Happy Holidays," but I don't get confrontational about it. Instead, I want to be gracious. After all, Christmas isn't always a happy time for everyone. For someone who has lost their job, this is not the most wonderful time of the year, because so much emphasis is placed on a Merry Christmas being a materialistic one.

There are also those who have lost loved ones. I am one of those people, and things that once made me happy at this time of year now make me sad. Those things that once brought happiness are now things that bring sadness, because they evoke memories of times we spent together. Therefore, Christmas becomes a difficult time for some.

There are many who are in need of encouragement at this time of year. They don't need a Christmas present; they need His Christmas presence. They need to be reminded of what this season is all about. It is not about things. It is not about presents.

These things have their place, but we need to remember the essential message of Christmas, which is Immanuel—God is with us. And for the hurting person, the lonely person, the sorrowing person, this is the time of year to bring the gift of encouragement to them and say, "The message of Christmas is: God will be with you. God will help you. God will strengthen you."

So look for opportunities to share the love of God during this season, because it is a time when we seem to be more open to engaging in conversation with others. Now is a great opportunity for you to bring encouragement to someone who is struggling. Who needs your encouragement today?



PRAYER REQUESTS

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 Chhetri and Ashok Basfor

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

Boston Schwamberger (3 yr old son of Ashley Bennett Schwamberger) has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. Radiation treatment in progress. Prayers for child and family requested.

Pauline Jordan (mother of Kandi Cooper) had a heart attack this week and is now in the nursing home.

Ian Adams (Cathy Coriell's nephew in Columbus area, 18 yrs old) in chemotherapy for stage 2 cancer.

Gavin Rupp (13 yr old nephew of Jo Ann Miller) has undergone surgery for a recurrence of a brain tumor.

Praise Report: John Gampp came through his triple bypass surgery well on Friday. Has about a week of recovery in the hospital. At St Mary's in Huntington.

Beverly Norman had hip replacement surgery on Monday and is now home. Prayers and cards appreciated: 2010 Henley-Deemer Road; McDermott, Ohio 45652.

Gayel Swick battling cancer, had surgery at the James Center on December 2.

Bob Nichols, struggling with grief after passing of his son and wife in November.

Larry Wright (friend of Mike Gampp) has surgery scheduled for Dec 4.

Gayle Bays (sister to Dee Bradshaw) having seizures and is going through testing for them.

Robert Thayer (in Winchester, VA, uncle to Katy Holladay) hospitalized with multiple serious problems.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of Mandy Evans whose husband passed in Vanceburg, KY on Tuesday. Mandy is Dee Bradshaw's sister.

To the family of **Eldon Lamerson** (friend of Jimmy and Jamie Forbes) who died in an auto accident on Wednesday.

To the family of **Eddie Tatman** (member at Friendship) who passed last Sunday.

Bible Curriculum

12/9	Rom 1	12/12	Judges 17-18
12/16	Rom 2	12/19	Judges 19-21
12/30	Rom 3	12/26	Ruth 1-2
1/6	Rom 4	1/9	Family Class
1/13	Rom 5	1/16	Family Class
1/20	Rom 6	1/23	Family Class
1/27	Rom 7	1/30	Family Class

Looking Ahead

12/15	Caroling
12/20	Shepherds Prayer
1/7	Roller Skating 6-9
1/9	Family 101 Class Begins
2/4	Roller Skating 6-9

Sew You Care Update

Anyone who would like to help is welcome. People who don't sew can cut squares or snip seam allowances. We will meet at the church at 9:00 and work until about 2:00 each of the days listed below. If someone wants to come for only part of that time, that's OK too. Last two sessions are Saturday, December 15 and Monday, Dec 17.

Coats for Kids

Donations are being accepted for our annual Coats for Kids program. The local school district gives us a list of children in the elementary and middle school that are in need of winter coats along with their size. If you wish to help out with this project give your money to Kristine Coriell or Eugene Risner. \$30-\$35 will buy a coat. Excess funds from this collection will become part of our White Christmas for needy families.

Free Smoking Cessation Program

January 7 through February 18, SOMC will be hosting a Smoking Cessation Program at the SOMC Cancer Center Conference Room each Monday night from 4:30 to 6 pm. Free gum and patches are available but you must attend the sessions in order to receive them. Details are posted on the bulletin board. Other sessions are scheduled later in the year.



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. - Luke 2:11

Youth News

The youth group will be going Christmas caroling at Best Care nursing home on December 15. We are asking each student to bring two dozen cookies with them to the church building at 1 pm. We will be making Christmas cards and filling goodie bags. Upon completion we will travel to Best Care Nursing home in Wheelersburg where we will hand out goodie bags and cards to the residents, we will also be caroling. In advance, please make and bring at least 5 Christmas cards for the residents. Afterwards we will go to Fred's in Wheelersburg for dinner. If you have any questions please see Tim Gamp.

Cards for Injured Vets

Tim Wolfe has been posting on Facebook about a special program run through Walter Reed Hospital to send a little bit of cheer and gratitude to soldiers who have been wounded and are struggling through recovery at the hospital. In some cases there will be no recovery, only learning to live with a permanent disability. These soldiers need people to care about them and to thank them for their service and sacrifice. If you will, please send as many Christmas cards as you would like to the following address. They will be distributed throughout the hospital to the veterans there. **A Recovering American Soldier, c/o Walter Reed Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Ave, NW Washington DC 20307-5001**

In the News

Several of our young people are appearing in the Portsmouth Little Theatre production of **A Charlie Brown Christmas**. Performances are this afternoon at 2 pm and December 14 and 15 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$12 (Seniors \$10) and are available online or at the door one hour before each performance.

Deacons & Budget Deadline

There will be a deacon's meeting this evening following Bible study. If you have a new budget item for them to consider or need to make changes to an existing item, this morning is the deadline to make your request known.



Out of Town Addresses

Here are the addresses of some of our former members who now live out of town so that we can send a greeting card. If there are other addresses you would like to get, check with Steve.

Vic and Arlene Knore

1091 Cane Ridge Rd
Paris, KY 40361.

Geneva Miller

159 Bristol-Champion Townline Rd
Bristolville, OH 44402.

January Sweet Monday

January Sweet Monday will be January 7 at 7:30 PM with a demonstration on juicing by Julie and Serena Miller! Please plan to attend!



Family 101 Starting

On Wednesday nights beginning on January 9 and continuing until we're done, we'll be covering some of the practical areas of family life. It will be a discussion type class covering topics like love, marriage, communication, in-laws, friends, finances, child-rearing, etc. We will try to bring scripture to bear on the issues of family life. Classes will be held in the auditorium and led by Steve Miller. During this period of time our textual study of the Old Testament will be suspended. Since this is a discussion type class, please help by seating yourself in the middle sections of the auditorium.

Centennial T-Shirts

We have several Centennial T-Shirts that are available in the church office. Some have been spoken for but not picked up as yet. There are some extras that were ordered and available. See Aaron McCray to get yours. \$10/shirt.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders
Message

December 9

Don Coriell
Aaron McCray
Jason Coriell
Terry Grashel
Steve Miller

December 16

Jon Coriell
Shaun McCray
Troy Gahm
Shane Mougey
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

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

Zach Coriell
Spike Ferrell
Aaron Kallner
Eric Copas
Mike Coriell
Romans 1

Shawn Gragg
Mike Gamp
Mark Villinger
Tim Gamp
Dale Kuhn
Romans 2

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Don Ramey
Jeff Vannatta
Judges 17-18

Gabe Coriell
Tim Coriell
Judges 19-21

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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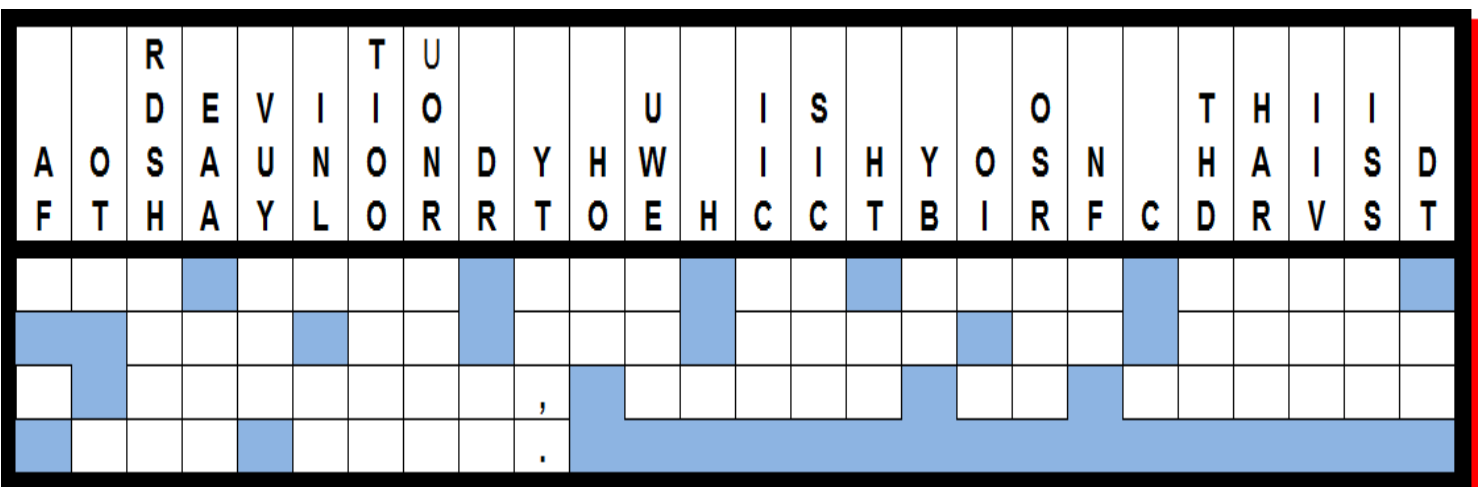
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Many of our members also keep in contact via Facebook. Ask about joining one of our church related groups there.



A familiar seasonal verse from Luke 2 has been scrambled vertically below. Drop each letter from the columns into it's correct position in the grid to solve the puzzle. Solution is at the bottom of page 2.



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