



Snow Creek Christian Church

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December 2024

Reflections

The way the calendar lines up this year, December 1st is actually the first day of Advent. All four Sundays of Advent fall within this month as does, of course, Christmas, so I thought I would use the candles on the Advent wreath to highlight some of the events that our church has going on as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

HOPE (December 1st) – The first candle of Advent is meant to represent hope, the shimmer of light that God's grace continues to shine forth even as the darkness of winter sets in. As we look forward in hopeful anticipation of Christ's coming, the youth are planning to help us decorate accordingly. Our annual Hanging of the Greens will be this Sunday as we prepare both our church and our hearts for the coming of the Son of God.

LOVE (December 8th) – OK, nothing fancy going on this Sunday, but that's alright because love is supposed to be at the center of every Sunday. It is why we worship, to show

our love to God, and why we gather together to do so, in order to share that Spirit of love with each other. We do also have our monthly board meeting after the service that day and I know how much everyone LOVES those, so there is that.



JOY (December 15th) – Joy to the world, you don't have to listen to me preach this Sunday. Instead, we will have the annual youth Christmas pageant as a part of the worship service which is always a great joy.

PEACE (December 22nd) – We kind of botched the theme for this Sunday. After the service, we are planning to corral the youth for lunch and then take that circus on the road to invade the homes of our homebound members and sing Christmas carols to them. This little adventure is usually anything but peaceful, but they do certainly make a joyful noise.

CHRIST (DECEMBER 24th) – On that Tuesday night at 9:00 PM we will gather for

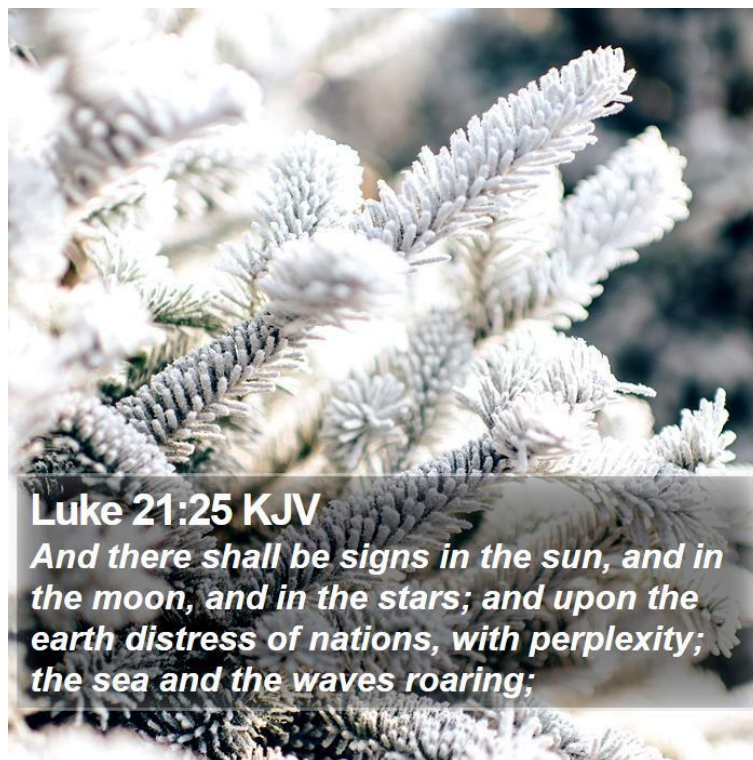
our special candlelight Christmas Eve service as we light the Christ candle in thanksgiving for the light that God sent into the world through Jesus Christ on that dark Christmas night.

CHRISTMAS (December 29th) – Yes, that date is correct. Don't think Christmas is over after December 25th. In fact, the next twelve days are meant to be the Christmas season, a time of celebration for the birth of Christ. So we are going to do just that. We will have our, regularly scheduled worship service on Sunday, the 29th. Then we will have a soup lunch for our entire district and a second worship service that afternoon where many of

the churches throughout the district will be sharing their musical talents so that we can both hear and sing the Christmas story all over again.

There is a lot going on this upcoming month at Snow Creek Christian Church, but I hope that instead of filling your life with more clutter and chaos as Christmas so often seems to do nowadays it will instead fill you with the hope, love, joy, and peace that God intended in sending the light of Christ into the world in that humble birth in Bethlehem.

God be with you. Scott



December Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

December 1st (1st Sunday of Advent)

- Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Psalm 25:1-10
- 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
- *Luke 21:25-36*

December 15th (3rd Sunday of Advent)

- Zephaniah 3:14-20
- Isaiah 12:2-6
- Philippians 4:4-7
- Luke 3:7-18

December 8th (2nd Sunday of Advent)

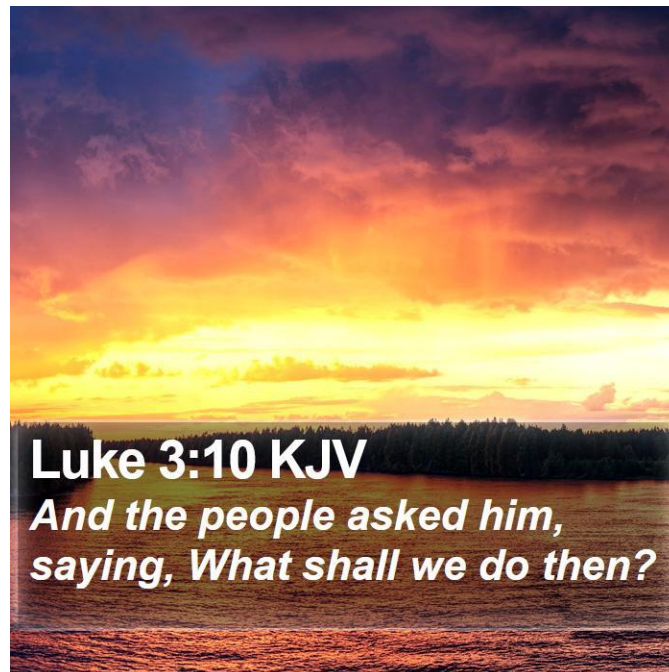
- Malachi 3:1-4
- Luke 1:68-79
- Philippians 1:3-11
- *Luke 3:1-6*

December 22nd (4th Sunday of Advent)

- *Micah 5:2-5a*
- Luke 1:46b-55 OR Psalm 80:1-7
- Hebrews 10:5-10
- Luke 1:39-55

December 29th (1st Sunday after Christmas)

- 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
- Psalm 148
- *Colossians 3:12-17*
- Luke 2:41-52

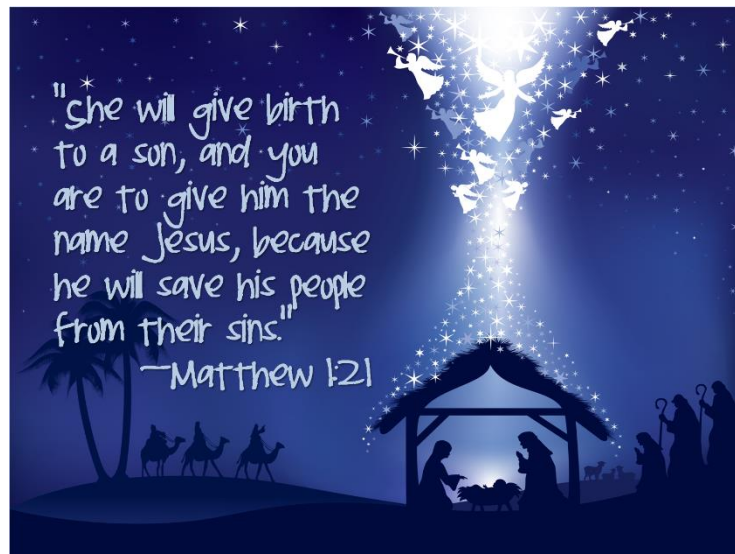


Christmas Special Offering

(from Disciples Mission Fund)



On December 15th and 22nd, Disciples churches across the US will collect the annual Christmas Offering. This offering supports regional ministries. In 31 regions across the United States and Canada, ministers are nurtured and congregations are provided opportunities for work and worship. Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination. Both are key to church leadership and development. Regions partner with congregations to support the work required to call a new minister. Thank you so much for your generosity both past and present in support the Disciples of Christ at the local and regional level through your giving.



Board Minutes

Snow Creek Christian Church

Board Meeting – September 08, 2024

G.B. Washburn called the meeting to order. Pastor Scott had our opening prayer. The August meeting minutes were reviewed. Janet Perdue made a motion to approve the minutes, Vivian Doyle seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – G.B. reported for August: Expenses were higher than receipts since donations were down. Doug Perdue made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Joyce Ingram seconded, the motion carried.

Pastor's Report

- The District Gathering is being held on Saturday, September 21st. Pastor Scott requested funds for Snow Creek Church to provide an ice cream sundae bar at the event. Janet made a motion to approve funds as Pastor Scott requested, Joyce Ingram seconded, the motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Property – Joyce reported that with the breakfast coming up on October 4th, a new coffee pot and new frying pan have been purchased.

Old business

- Steeple – G.B. reported that George Martin has finished pressure washing the old steeple and it is ready to be transported so Todd Martin can wet sand and paint it. This should be done before winter. We will need Davis Construction to assist with returning the steeple to the roof so we do not void our warrantee. This work was not included in the price of the roof repair.
- Children's Church Room – The room has been temporarily moved so the wall in the current room can be assessed for damage and be repaired.
- Bud Hippisley purchased a new black and white printer/copier and it will be installed at the church this week.

New Business

- Nominations Committee - G.B. asked for volunteers for the Nominations Committee. He had spoken to Linda and Bud Hippisley and she will speak to Barbara Smith. Vivian Doyle volunteered to be on the committee and G.B. thanked her for being willing to serve.
- Budget - The budget should be ready for the October meeting. It will be much the same as this year, except for the property insurance increase and the elimination of copier maintenance due to the purchase of a printer/copier.

- Quilt – Ruby Mae Oakes offered a quilt to the Board to be raffled as a fund raiser. Board agreed that they would be happy to raffle the quilt and wanted to know what Ruby Mae wants the proceeds to be used for. Her answer is pending.
- Pastor’s Salary – Pastor Scott was asked to leave the meeting for this item. G.B. noted that Pastor’s Scott has not had a salary increase since before COVID. He asked the Board to consider including an approximately 7% increase for Pastor Scott in the budget, pending Bud Hippisley’s confirmation that the budget can support it.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wanda Damon, Secretary



Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting – October 13, 2024

G.B. Washburn called the meeting to order. Pastor Scott had our opening prayer. The September meeting minutes were reviewed. Joyce Ingram made a motion to approve the minutes, Linda Hippiisley seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Bud reported for September. Giving receipts were \$7614 and Expenses were \$6930. Backpack receipts were \$890 and Expenses were \$1943. Doug Perdue made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Janet Perdue seconded, the motion carried.

Pastor's Report

- Over \$2000 in donated cleaning supplies for hurricane Helene victims in southwest Virginia were delivered to Boones Mill Christian Church pastor Smith-Arrington. The supplies will be transported to Pearisburg Christian Church for distribution.
- Suggestion from Scott to participate in an additional Week of Compassion offering to collect donations that will benefit Hurricane Helene victims. Motion by Linda and seconded by Bud to conduct the additional offering. Motion carried.
- The funeral for Debbie Haynes will be Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 11am. A meal will be provided by the church following the service.
- Trunk or Treat will be held Sunday, October 27th from 5:30-7:30pm.
- Scott is working with Patti Amos on the annual Christmas pageant. A date will be determined soon.
- SCCC will host a District 4 Christmas gathering on Sunday, December 29th. The time and schedule will be determined in the next month.
- The Board approved Scott to work from home on Monday, October 14th.

Committee Reports

- Property – Joyce reported that she is working with a contractor to repair some of the entry doors.

Old business

- Steeple – G.B. reported that George Martin has finished pressure washing the old steeple and it is ready to be transported so Todd Martin can wet sand and paint it. This should be done before winter. We will need Davis Construction to assist with returning the steeple to the roof so we do not void our warrantee. This work was not included in the price of the roof repair.
- Children's Church Room – The room has been temporarily moved so the wall in the current room can be assessed for damage and be repaired. There are issues with some of the receptacles in the room that need to be investigated.
- Bud Hippiisley purchased a new black and white printer/copier and it is working well.
- The fall breakfast was very well attended. Final revenues will be determined by next month.

New Business

- Nominations Committee continues to finalize nominations by November meeting.
- Budget - The budget should be ready for the November meeting. It will be much the same as this year, except for the property insurance increase, and increase for Scott, and the elimination of copier maintenance due to the purchase of a printer/copier.
- Quilt – Ruby Mae Oakes offered a quilt to the Board to be raffled as a fund raiser.

Board agreed and the proceeds will be used for the Steeple Restoration Fund.

Calendar of Events

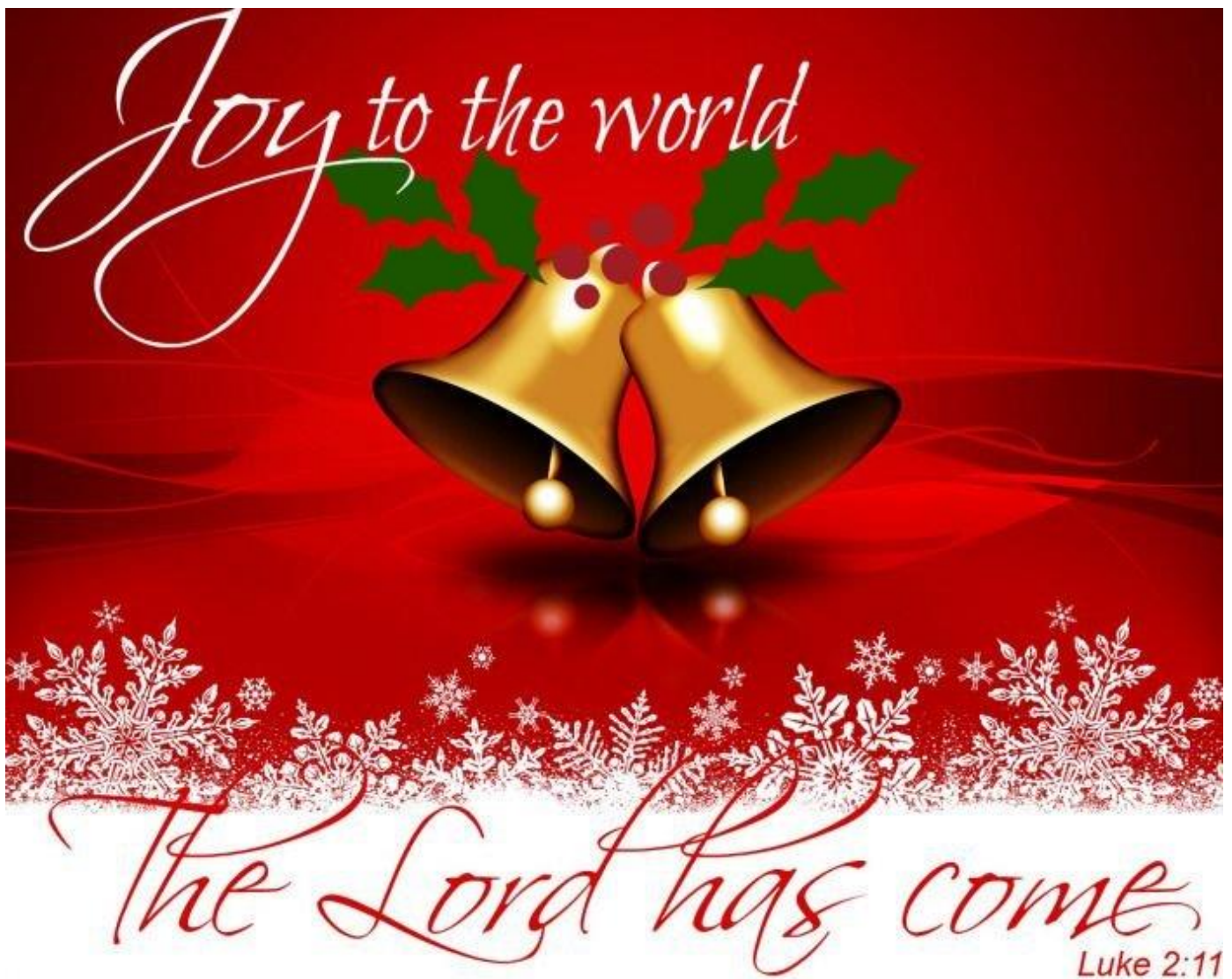
Sunday, November 10th – November Board meeting

Sunday, November 17th – Annual Congregation Meeting

Scott offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. B. Washburn, Board Chairperson



SNOW CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH
2025 OFFICERS

Chairperson	G. B. Washburn	Historian	Barbara Smith
Vice Chairperson	Joyce Ingram	District Representative	As needed
Secretary	Wanda Damon	District Representative	As needed
Treasurer	Bud Hippisley	District Representative	As needed
Financial Secretary	Janet Perdue	Trustee	Doug Perdue
Financial Secretary	Doug Perdue	Trustee	Mike Doyle
Clerk	Vivian Doyle	Trustee	Andrew Mitchell

ELDERS

	George Martin	G. B. Washburn	Phil Winn
Mike Doyle	Andrew Mitchell	Linda Hippisley	Bud Hippisley

DIACONATE

Jennifer Brown	Ken Beall	Jimmy Martin	Amy Mitchell
Addison Brown	Joyce Ingram	Barbara Smith	Krystal Washburn
Trey Washburn	Jared Pruitt	Brodie Eanes	Nathan Amos
Kitty Plybon	Susan Gardner	Kellyn Eanes	Lesley Amos
Brandon Perdue			

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| a. Finance | Del Smith |
| b. Property | Joyce Ingram |
| c. Christian Education | Whitney Eanes |
| d. Outreach | Linda Hippisley |
| e. Worship | Vacant |
| f. Membership | Jadie Carter |
| g. Media | Mollie Mitchell |
| h. Pulpit/Pastoral Relations | G B Washburn |
| i. Elders | Linda Hippisley |
| j. Deaconate | Ken Beall |

**Snow Creek Christian Church
Proposed Operating Budget 2025**

	2025 Budget		23-24 Actual	2024 Likely
Ministerial Expenses				
Minister's Salary	\$24,800	2066.67/mo	\$21,600	\$21,600
Pension Fund	\$5,152	429.33/mo	\$4,704	\$4,704
Housing Allowance	\$12,000	1000/mo	\$12,000	\$12,000
Mileage Reimbursements	\$800	.50/mile	\$0	\$0
Misc Discretionary Expenses	\$1,200		\$1,000	\$1,000
Total	\$43,952		\$39,304	\$39,304
Property Expenses				
Maintenance / Repairs	\$2,500		\$68,644	\$2,500
Church Exterminator	\$500		\$525	\$550
Church Security	\$350		\$201	\$350
Church Electricity	\$4,000		\$4,916	\$4,000
Church Phone	\$1,300		\$1,296	\$1,300
Church Internet	\$1,200		\$744	\$1,200
Church Heating Oil	\$1,600		\$129	????
Property Insurance	\$6,700	*****	\$4,866	\$4,804
Office Supplies	\$500		\$605	\$500
Copier Maintenance Agreement	\$0		\$0	\$415
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	\$400		\$0	\$200
Church Cleaning	\$3,000		\$3,240	\$3,300
Total	\$22,050		\$85,166	\$19,119
Christian Education				
Sunday School Supplies	\$400		\$86	\$400
Vacation Bible School	\$650		\$396	\$650
Christian Youth Program	\$250		\$232	\$100
Other Programming (Christmas, Easter, etc.)	\$800		\$0	\$800
Total	\$2,100		\$714	\$1,950
Worship				
Media Committee	\$500		\$0	\$500
Piano Maintenance	\$300		\$0	\$300
Choir Supplies	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000
Guest Speakers	\$750		\$400	\$750
Communion Supplies	\$200		\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$200		\$302	\$100
Total	\$2,950		\$1,702	\$2,650
Membership				
Flowers & Cards	\$400		\$337	\$400
District IV Dues & Registrations	\$100		\$100	\$100
Membership Misc (bibles/certificates etc.)	\$300		\$282	\$300
Total	\$800		\$719	\$800
Outreach				
Community Outreach	\$7,200		\$17,427	\$6,400
Other (Gideons, DoC, etc.)	\$5,000			\$5,000
Total	\$12,200		\$17,427	\$11,400
Total Annual Budget	\$84,052		\$145,032	
	\$68,432	What we would have "normally" spent last year	-\$66,600 Roof Replace	
			-10000 Resque Squad	

UNDER THE SEA



This year's Christmas Pageant will build on to this past summer's Vacation Bible School theme.

Join us to see how a community of sea creatures deep in the ocean, where sunlight barely reaches, discover the true meaning of Christmas

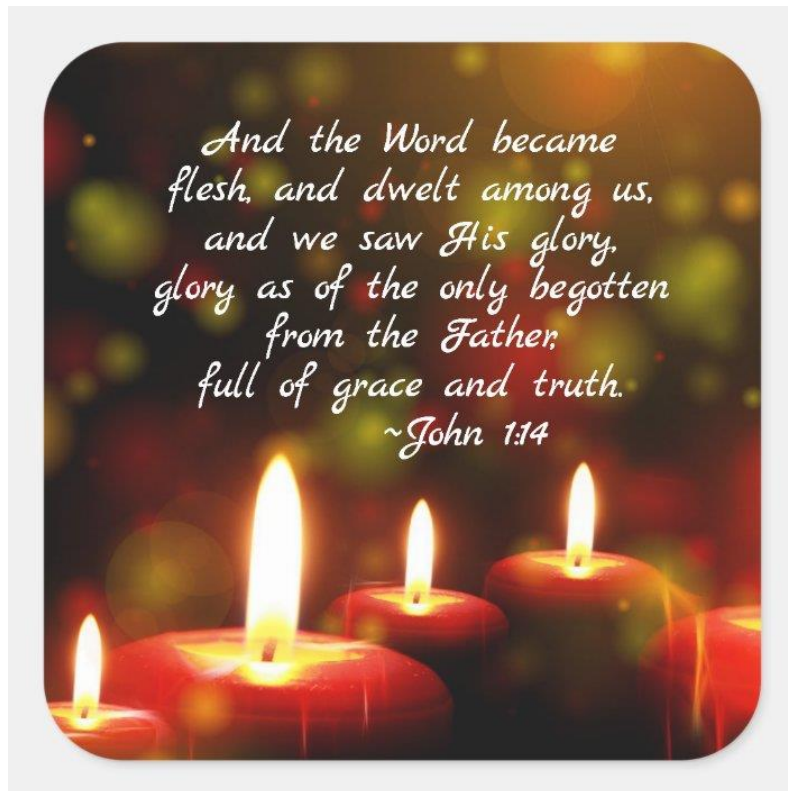
On December 15 during our 11:00 regular service



Upcoming Events

Daily Advent Devotionals emailed to the Church Family during the Advent Season by Minister Scott. Lighting of the Advent candles by families each Sunday during the Advent Season at Church.

- Dec 1 First Sunday of Advent/Hanging of the Greens
- Dec 1 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 AM
- Dec 8 Board Meeting after worship
- Dec 2 Advent devotions will resume on Dec 2nd through Christmas Eve+
- Dec 15 The Christmas pageant will be held during the service
- Dec 22 The youth will carol to homebound members of the congregation
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve service will be held at 9:00 p.m.
- Dec 29 The last Sunday of the year, we will host the District IV Churches for a worship service and soup lunch.





LET'S CELEBRATE



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Michele Beall
- 4 Mason Arrington
- 5 Cynthia Jordan
- 7 Nick Doyle
- 8 Delilah Jane Doyle
- 9 Jared Pruett
- 10 Lindsey Doyle
- 12 Lee Mitchell
- 13 Sammy Boyd
- 17 Walker Amos
- 19 Donna Thurman
- 19 Michael Smith
- 25 **JESUS**
- 27 Molly Mitchell
- 29 Breyer Martin
- 30 Marty Plybon

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Steve & Cynthia Jordan
- 12 Curtis & Louise Washburn

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Krystal Washburn
- 3 Ed Ingram
- 4 Tyler Jordan
- 4 Ryan Haynes
- 8 Nancy Compton,
- 8 Patricia Brown
- 9 Vickie Washburn
- 12 Michelle Via
- 13 Lisa Shepherd
- 16 Haley Morris
- 16 Ashlee Washburn Dalton
- 17 Nancy Martin
- 20 Taylor Amos
- 22 Jonathan Mitchell
- 23 Donald Via
- 24 Colton Haynes
- 26 Heather Amos
- 29 Curtis Washburn
- 30 Barrett Pruett
- 31 Lacey Mitchell

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Mike & Pam Doyle

Please email me any additions or corrections to the birthday or anniversaries list.

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