

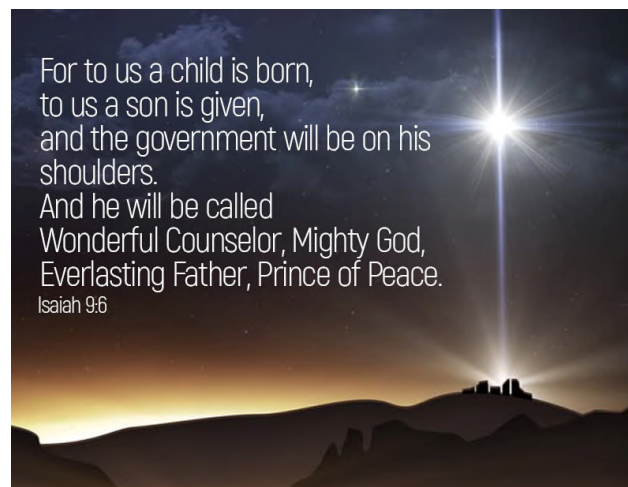
From the Pastor's Desk:

*"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.*

And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

Picture it... The entire region of Palestine was in dire straits. There was this tyrannical and fearful leader called Herod, that was ruling by force and fear! There seemed to be no hope! What the people needed was a Savior, a Redeemer, a Messiah! Remember John3:16? Well, God acted upon the needs of the people, and He sent His only Son!! *"That whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life!"* Folks, just as in the days of Herod, we need a Savior, right now, today! Our world is a bit more sophisticated and complex than the one that Jesus was born into, but we are, in need of, a Savior! This world is as blind and deaf and evil, as the days of Jesus. Where can we find HOPE? As we stand at the threshold of another Christmas, the same Savior that was born in a stable and that Savior that offered Hope for the Hopeless and sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf, is beckoning us to Him, right now, today! Our Hope is in the One who lit the Bethlehem star and directed the Heavenly Choir that mesmerized the shepherds on that Galilean hillside and led the Wise Men to His presence! *"Our Hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' Love and Righteousness!"* May you find Hope in this Christmas Season and may you continue to Hope in Jesus! Each year, as I look at the splendor of Christmas and the decorations that abound, I remind myself to look past the tinsel and glitter to the REAL reason for the Season, JESUS CHRIST! May you experience the Majesty and Glory of the SAVIOR! MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Pastor Glen & Annette



December 2023

Newsletter

Our Memory Verse for December is:

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11 KJV

December 2023 Reading Schedule

Day 1	Daniel 4-6	Day 16	Micah 1-3
Day 2	Daniel 7-9	Day 17	Micah 4-7
Day 3	Daniel 10-12	Day 18	Nahum 1-3
Day 4	Hosea 1-3	Day 19	Habakkuk 1-3
Day 5	Hosea 4-6	Day 20	Zephaniah, Haggai
Day 6	Hosea 7-9	Day 21	Zechariah 1-3
Day 7	Hosea 10-12	Day 22	Zechariah 4-6
Day 8	Hosea 13-14	Day 23	Zechariah 7-9
Day 9	Joel 1-3	Day 24	Zechariah 10-14
Day 10	Amos 1-3	Day 25	Malachi 1-4
Day 11	Amos 4-6	Day 26	Revelation 1-3
Day 12	Amos 7-9	Day 27	Revelation 4-6
Day 13	Obadiah	Day 28	Revelation 7-10
Day 14	2 & 3 John, Jude	Day 29	Revelation 11-15
Day 15	Jonah 1-4	Day 30	Revelation 16-18
		Day 31	Revelation 19-22

SAVE THE DATE

Meetings/Gatherings this Month:

Thursday, December 7th: O.W.L.S. going to Charlotte to see "The Christmas Story" leave at 10:00am

Friday, December 8th: Youth and children going to Kennedy Home Open House leave at 5:30pm

Saturday, December 9th: Youth Christmas Party leave at 5:00pm

Saturday, December 9th: Deacon's Christmas Party @ 6:00pm

Sunday, December 10th: Christmas Cantata during 11am Worship Service

Monday, December 11th: Levada Driver Circle Group @ 12:00pm in the FMC

Monday, December 11th: Leadership Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Saturday, December 16th: Live Nativity at 6:30pm with fellowship following in the FMC

Monday, December 18th: Vera Hocutt Circle Group

Monday, December 20th: Administrative Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Tuesday, December 19th: O.W.L.S. going to Carolina BBQ for Christmas Leave at 10:30

Sunday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Communion Service at 10:00am

Every Wednesday:

Mission Marketplace Open for Shopping 7:30am to 12:00pm

Wednesday Night Meal 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Wednesday Youth Bible Study at 6:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study Groups at 6:30pm (Adult & Children)

Come Join us for our Christmas Cantata on
Sunday, December 10th
During our 11am
Worship Service



Live Nativity

December 16th 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Will be held outside under our shelter at Church.
Fellowship to follow in the FMC with Refreshments.



Christmas Eve Morning Communion Service

Come join us in partaking in Communion at 10am
on Christmas Eve Morning.



Recurring Prayer Needs

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| Shawn Allen | Douglas Hinton | Betty Seibert |
| Larry Anderson | Elizabeth Hocutt | Mykayla Smith |
| James Bailey | Carl Holt | Ray & Donna Smith |
| Mike Bailey | Jax Hopkins | Katie Speer |
| Nancy Batchelor | Donna K. House | Brian Stanley |
| Judy Boswell | Eric House | Lori Stokes |
| Lester Boyd | Joan Hunter | Eldie Strickland |
| Bruce & Judy Brantley | Bruce Jacobs | Kenneth Strickland |
| Greg Clay | Grady Johnson | Julie Swinson |
| Patsy CoatesCoffey | Oscar & Shirley Lane | Sue Thomasson |
| Linda Coffey | Linda Lee | Cameron Thompson |
| Tim Cooke | Denise Lewis | Debbie Wall |
| Brian Cox | Jack Lofton | Annette Walton |
| Tim Craig | Allen Matthews | Jerry Watkins |
| Anna Creech | Cathy Maynard | Dale Weathers |
| Faye Creech | Pam Maynor | Celia Whitley |
| Wayne Currie | Karl Mesloh | Tempie Whitley |
| Angela Curtman | Ken Moore | Lee Williford |
| Ray Davis | Nancy Morse | Robert Williford |
| Charles Driver | Jonathan Newell | Doug Vaughan |
| Shirley Earp | Teresa O'Neal | Bruce Young |
| Kim Eatmon | Vic Pace | Israel |
| Tim & Laura Ford | Clarice Peterson | |
| Danielle Gidding | Pat Pettit | |
| Gayle Haines | Donna Pippin | |
| Randy Hales | Larry Price | |
| Linda Hammett | Joan Privette | |
| Doug Hahn | Cameron Richardson | |
| Jimmy Rex Harris | Christi Sasser | |
| Janice Hill | Connie Scott | |
| Mike & Georgia Himmel | Gracie Pippin Searcy | |

New Prayer Needs

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| Elaine Barham | Kim Kasai |
| Wade Boughman Family | Jerry Lee |
| Ann Boyette | Anna Martin |
| Natalie Brock | Annette Ragan |
| Heather Cooke | Dolores Renfrow |
| Elmer Crocker Family | Jane Strautnieks |
| H. E. & Phyllis Edwards | Marie Strickland |
| Cecilia Gardner | Randy Talton |
| Candice Green | Ricky Wadford |
| Danny Hocutt | Becky Wiggs |
| Roger Hocutt | Betty Williford |
| Thelbert Hocutt Family | Wayne Wright Family |
| Kenneth Jones | Unspoken Requests |

Youth Team (Danielle Gidding-Team Leader/Christin Brown-Co-Leader):

We have a date for Summer Camp... it is July 15th-19th, we will be in a cottage this year!
 We have a fundraiser going on now to help with the cost of camp. If you are interested please see a youth or we have some flyers around the church. We will have more fundraiser coming up next year.
 We have our Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9th. We will be leaving Church around 5pm to go to Big Daddy's Farm to see Christmas lights, we will then go to Crystal and Brandon Baker's home for dinner and games.
 Thank you for bringing your Youth and encouraging them to stay involved!
 We are looking forward to new adventures we will have in 2024!

Children's Director Search Committee

We are excited to announce that interviews are planned very soon!

Youth Director Search Committee

The current job description is what we are posting. We are only advertising within the Church at this time. Please pray for us to find the PERFECT person to fill this important job.

Youth Director Needed Part Time: The Director of Youth will provide leadership to nurture an authentic faith in God in our youth, 6th – 12th grades, to help them realize God created them, loves them, and has a purpose for them as they live their lives in God's mission in the world. If you have a passion to lead our Youth please contact our secretary Ashelyn Briggerman M-F 9-12noon @ the church office 919-365-5558 or Baptisttabern621@bellsouth.net for any questions or to receive an application. **To be considered we must receive a completed application, resume & 3 references.** Please note: Applicants being considered at this time are those within our church, Deadline to submit is Sunday, Dec. 17th.

Religious Christmas Word Search

WORD LIST

ANGELS	GABRIEL	MANGER	NATIVITY	STABLE
BETHLEHEM	JESUS CHRIST	MARY	PROPHECY	STAR
FRANKINCENSE	JOSEPH	MYRRH	SHEPHERD	WISEMEN

Calendar Today < > December 2023

SUN 26 MON 27 TUE 28 WED 29 THU 30 FRI Dec 1 SAT 2

SUN 3 MON 4 TUE 5 WED 6 THU 7 FRI 8 SAT 9

SUN 10 MON 11 TUE 12 WED 13 THU 14 FRI 15 SAT 16

SUN 17 MON 18 TUE 19 WED 20 THU 21 FRI 22 SAT 23

SUN 24 MON 25 TUE 26 WED 27 THU 28 FRI 29 SAT 30

SUN 31 MON Jan 1 TUE 2 WED 3 THU 4 FRI 5 SAT 6



December Birthdays



December Anniversaries

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| 1 st Elizabeth Hocutt
Emma Maidon
Juan Trippe | 15 th Madison Adams
Adam Driver
John Nowell | 8 th Joseph & Samantha Lambert |
| 4 th Layla Mack
Anna Martin | Autumn Hargreaves
17 th Nita Edwards | 9 th Ryan & Brooke Hargreaves |
| 5 th Bruce Whitley | 18 th Benjamin Hocutt | 12 th Charles & Mary Padgett |
| 6 th Cassie Hinnant
Holly Hughes | Bobby Sellers
19 th Jon Carroll | 14 th Tracey & Cynthia Hudson
David & Holly Hughes
DJ & Kayla Scott |
| 7 th Patsy Coates
Kelly Currie
Lauren Driver | 20 th Linda Hammett
Charle' Johnson
Clay Lewis | 16 th Kim & Jamie Jeffreys |
| 8 th Sean Bannon
Glen Horton
Ken Spencer | 21 st Erma Adkins
Carolyn Stevens | 20 th Jimmy & Brenda Lewis |
| 9 th Jackson Briggerman
Stacy Bunn
William Hocutt | 22 nd Rebecca Dunabr
Fred Flowers | 21 st Tommy & Rowena Perry |
| 10 th Wallace Bunn
Matthew Lee | 23 rd Sean Melvin | 22 nd Matthew & Brooke Sanders |
| 11 th Blair Driver
Linda Strickland | 24 th Brantleigh Dunbar | 29 th Tracy & Angela Gilmore |
| 12 th Dena Brannan | 25 th Merry Hocutt
Vickie Hocutt | |
| 13 th Sheila Currin
Jimmy Lewis | 26 th Joe Bloniarczyk
Everly Boyette
Benjamin Green | |
| 14 th Frances Carroll | 27 th Jerry Richardson
Brooke Scott
Jennifer Thompson | |
| | 28 th Wendy D. Jeffreys
Brandon Carroll | |
| | 29 th Nicole Batten
Joan Privette | |
| | 30 th Rose Godwin | |

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

Pastoral Team (Ricky Narron-Team Leader/Jimmy Faison-Co-Leader):

The Deacons continue to visit shut-ins with calls, cards, and prayers. Starting January 2024, the Deacons will have, The Deacon of the Week, set up to assist Pastor Glen with calls, visits, prayers and whatever our members need. Look for it in the weekly bulletin. Remember God is good today, everyday, and all the time!

Administrative Team (David Hughes -Team Leader/Ricky Watson -Co-Leader):



The Administrative Team meeting for November consisted of the usual reviews of the financial reports, investments, and a discussion of the church insurance policies. For the month, most of the meeting consisted of discussing and planning the 2024 Church Budget as recommended by the Ministry Teams. The final 2024 Church budget will be presented at the regularly scheduled January Church Conference.

This month we will feature the Leadership Team which is included in Article III of the Constitution & By-Laws. The Leadership Team consists of the current Team Leaders of each of the Ministry Teams and the Church Moderator. The Chairman of the Deacons will serve as the Leadership Team Chair. Monthly, the Leadership Team will hold a planning meeting of the Ministry Teams which includes the two Team Leaders of: Administrative, Bus, Discipleship, Evangelism, Fellowship, Missions, Pastoral, Property Management, and Worship and one leader each of the Age Specific (Children, OWLS, Youth). This meeting is to review needs, set goals, prepare plans to reach those goals, and evaluate the progress of the church. Also, the Leadership Team will approve expenditures of the Ministry Teams if they are within the approved budget. Expenditures that are not within the approved budget must be approved by the Church at a regular Church Conference. Please note that this is not an open meeting, but a working meeting of the approved Leadership Team. Recommendations of the Leadership Team are then presented to the Church at open Church Conferences for Church approval.

If you do not have a copy of the Constitution & By-Laws, please contact the Church Secretary for a copy.

If you have any questions concerning the Administrative Team or our meetings, please contact one of the members. They are: **Chair, David Hughes, Members:** Ricky Watson, Allette Hale, Kelly Currie, Juan Trippe, Crystal Baker, and Joyce Creech (ex-officio).

Discipleship Team (Susan Andrews-Team Leader/Tonya Bailey-Co-Leader):

Sunday School is available from 10:00-10:50 in the following locations:

Children's Classes: Location: Education Building

Nursery I: Ages birth - 2 years old (Room 101)

Bible Beginners: Ages 2 - 4 years old (Room 102)

Bible Learners: Ages 5 - 7 years old (Kindergarten - 2nd Grade) (Room 201)

Bible Discoverers: Ages 8 - 11 years old (3rd - 5th Grade) (Room 202)

Youth: Ages 12 - 18 years old (6th - 12th Grade) (Room 208)

Adult Classes: Location: Education Building

Journey: Young Singles & Couples (Room 205) Studying Books of the Bible

Mildred Driver Class: Singles & Couples (Room 108) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

J.O.Y.: Ladies Class (Room 103) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

Andrew Batten/Gary Hocutt Class: (Men's Class) (Room 104) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

Adult Class: Location: FMC

Growing in Jesus: Singles & Couples: Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway (KJV)

Visitors to Sunday School may check in with Susan or Tonya to help you locate a class. Everyone is welcome!

Worship Team (Dana Hocutt-Team Leader/ -Co-Leader)

Save the Date:

- Sunday, January 14th: Music Appreciation Sunday

Mission Team (Annette Ragan-Team Leader/Co-Leader):

It is that time of year once again. Jesus is the reason for the season. It's time to give back.

The Mission team has provided help with the Thanksgiving Meals provided by Anet's Katch. What a wonderful way to give Thanks!

The Mission team is providing gifts for the Angel Tree at Corinth Holders Elementary. Please contact Annette Ragan @ 919-763-2613 if you have someone that needs help this Christmas Season.

The Mission Marketplace is a great place to get last minute decorations or gifts.

The Mission Team is eager to help where we are needed.

1 John 3:17 reads;

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him how can the love of God be in him?

Property Management Team (Steve White-Team Leader/Ricky Andrews-Co-Leader):

We hope this finds everyone doing well. Due to weather and people busy no progress has been made on the wall behind the Sanctuary. Hopefully we will repair it soon. New digital sign has been approved to be placed in front of the Church. It will be installed some time after the first of the year. New doors were installed on the Sanctuary. During installation of the door closures one of the panels was cracked. We are waiting on the new glass to be replaced. New lights were also installed on the front of the Church. They are dusk to dawn lights and will only be on at night. We are still waiting on the new compressor for the kitchen refrigerator, the old one quit working.

That is all for now. God Bless Everyone.

Merry Christmas to All!

OWLS-Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors (Patsy Narron-Team Leader/Olivia Cooke-Co Leader):



The O.W.L.S. have been busy again during November. We enjoyed a trip to Bear Creek, NC to shop at Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory and had a great lunch at Bestfood Cafeteria. We met again in the Family Ministry Center for our monthly meeting on November 28th, Jimmy Faison led us in prayer time and Olivia Cooke did a devotion on prayer. We played several games of Bingo and then went to Wigg's Restaurant in Middlesex to eat. We had a total of 19 to attend our meeting. In December we are planning a trip to Charlotte to the Narrow Way Theater to see The Christmas Story and on December 19th we will have our Christmas Party at Carolina Barbecue. ALL SENIORS ARE WELCOME!

God Bless,

Patsy and Ricky Narron & Olivia Cooke



Children's Team (Wayne Batten-Team Leader/Pam Batten-Co-Leader):

Journey Kids have been learning about different types of missionaries from all over the World. They enjoy doing an activity, craft or food that relates to the missionary they are learning about.

Journey kids do balloon animals once a month to learn how to make new things and to sharpen their skills for the balloon ministry.

Journey kids and Youth will be going to the Kennedy Home Open House on December 8th. They will be taking gifts for the kids and the house mothers. We all look forward to this.

Children's Church kids have been learning about the events leading up to Jesus' miraculous birth. They do a craft each Sunday that relates to the story.

Our attendance has increased up from 4-5 kids to 9 or more, each Sunday! We are excited that our program keeps growing. We really enjoy working with them and appreciate their parents bringing them. They are a Blessing to us!

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas, celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, with your family.

We look forward to the new year and what God has in store for us and our Children's programs.

Wayne & Pam