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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

One of the most marvelous Messianic Prophecy passages in the Bible is Isaiah 9, where we get these rapid-fire names for the Child who would be born: "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isa 9:6) Actually, as we know, Hebrew names meant something, so these are descriptions of the character of Jesus. Some promised Child!

As we focus on the meaning of each of these names, we see they are high and lifted up, they are names of divinity. This Son who would be born would be God-in-the-flesh. These are names of hope and deliverance, of a coming Savior who could be trusted.

I read about one new dad who was tasked by his wife to take care of their tiny little boy. He promptly forgot about him, went to the store, and while there remembered he didn't have their baby with him! He ran home, and thankfully the boy was in his crib. He said, "I confessed to Joan myself, over a candlelight dinner and new silver bracelet. Being a Christian woman, Joan forgave me and offered me another chance. And the very next morning, after she handcuffed me to Spencer, she said "Honey, I trust you"! Yes we men can sometimes forget! Of course, as the movie "Home Alone" teaches us, women (even they!) can forget a child too!

But God never forgets us. We are always on His heart. He doesn't need handcuffs! And as Isaiah 9:6 so powerfully teaches, He is real, and genuine, and reliable, and powerful! And He will *always be with us...*

I want us to focus on these marvelous names as we gather for worship on Sundays in December. I hope you and your family will join us as we celebrate the coming into our World of Jesus, the Divine Son of God.

Join us each Lord's Day! Join us too on Dec 11 from 5-7:30 pm for "The Carols of Christmas", a great program that Dwayne and our Choir, Orchestra, and Tech Crew have been working on! Bring your friends! Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion is coming on the 24th at 6 pm. And Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year, join us Christmas Morning for worship at 10:45 am!

May the Glorious Christ Child be the centerpiece in all our hearts and families, at Christmas, and all year!

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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SERMON SERIES

December 2022 Sunday Series

"For To Us a Child is Born", Isaiah 9:1-7

1. Dec. 04: "Wonderful Counselor: Reliable Guide"

2 .Dec. 11: "Mighty God: Able Helper"

3. Dec. 18: "Everlasting Father: Hand Holder"

4. Dec. 25: "Prince of Peace: Storm Stiller"

Wednesday Menu

DECEMBER

- 7 Sloppy Joe Sandwiches
- 14 Lasagna
- 21 No Meal
- 28 No Meal

Missions Spotlight





Please pray this month for one of our national missionaries. They are being persecuted so much that we can't even mention the mission or their name for fear their government will see this. We've removed all mention of them from our website but God knows who they are. Pray for their safety and strength.

Also please pray for Jesus Place this month. With the cold weather hitting us so quickly they will need supplies like men's clothing, blankets etc. If you would like to help in this manner please contact someone on the mission team or Jeff Stephens.







November was a great month for Thrive.

We had a costume and pumpkin decorating contest. The kids had a great time. Their outfits were hilarious.

With the cold weather at hand, we spent a couple Wednesday nights doing youth group out at the fire pit.

Can I tell you that it was probably some of the most meaningful discussions we have had. One night after our talks, the youth group started singing praise songs at the fire pit. Worshiping God from their hearts. It was amazing.

I was also blessed by the youth group because for my birthday, they threw me a surprise birthday party. Cake and gifts and a heartwarming card that they signed. I am truly blessed by my youth.

To end of the month, we had something awesome happen. Henry Nguyen gave his life to Christ, and I had the honor of baptizing him. Some of the teens came along with us to help support him and his decision to follow Christ. What an awesome time!

Please keep praying for us as we continue to seek God and His will for the teens department.

God speed. Alex Aleman Youth Pastor

























Recharged (Adult Singles)

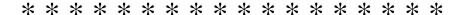




The Recharged Christmas Elves delivered 97 Operation Christmas Boxes to their warehouse in Tucker on Thursday, 11/17/2022. We appreciate everyone who packed a shoebox for this great Samaritan's Purse project. We also took the last of the donated school supplies, as well as some extra goodies to be used, as needed. Anything not used will be sent to their 'Gift In Kind' program. Once the shoeboxes are shipped, we will be able to track them to their final destination. After the first of the year, we will share that data with the congregation.

Note: Watch for information in upcoming newsletter, email and the church bulletin.

Any questions? Contact Karen Throckmorton, Rosie Bengtson, Bill Michael, Marilyn Nelson or Beverly Miles.





2022 Trunk or Treat winners: Gary and Vicki Wilson This kids and adults loved the hay rides.







December

- 4 Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday
- 5 Congregational vote on 2023 Budget
- 6 Election Run-off
- 8 Ladies Christmas Party in the FLC at 6:30 pm
- 10 CTO Rehearsal 10 am Noon
- 11 Christmas Program starting at 5:00 pm
- 13 Recharged/Single Adults going to Holiday Light Show at Coolray Field
- 14 Thrive Youth Group "Ugly Christmas Sweater Party" at 6:30 pm in the Chapel.
- 18 Christmas Program at Whistleville Christian Church
- 21 No meal nor Wednesday Night Activities
- 24 Candlelight Service at 6:00 pm
- 25 Christmas Day Worship Service at 10:45 am
- 28 No meal nor Wednesday Night Activities

Read Thru the Bible

DECEMBER

1 Ezek 28-30, 1 Pet 3:7-4:6

2 Ezek 31-32, 1 Pet 4:7-5:14

3 Ezek 33-34, 2 Pet 1

4 Ezek 35-36, 2 Pet 2

5 Ezek 37-39, 2 Pet 3

6 Ezek 40-41, 1 John 1:1-2:11

7 Ezek 42-44, 1 John 2:12-3:3

8 Ezek 45-46, 1 John 3:4-23

9 Ezek 47-48, 1 John 3:24-4:19

10 Dan 1-2, 1 John 4:20-5:21

11 Dan 3-4, 2 John

12 Dan 5-6, 3 John

13 Dan 7-8, Jude

14 Dan 9:1-11:4, Rev 1

15 Dan 11:5-12:13, Rev2

16 Hos 1-5, Rev 3

17 Hos 6-9, Rev 4-5

18 Hos 10-14, Rev 6:1-7:8

19 Joel 1-3, Rev 7:9-8:13

20 Amos 1-4, Rev 9

21 Amos 5-9, Rev 10:1-11:10

22 Obd, Rev 11:11-12:17

23 Jonah 1-4, Rev 13

24 Micah 1-7, Rev 14

25 Nah 1-3, Rev 15-16

26 Hab 1-3, Rev 17

27 Zeph 1-3, Haggai 1-2, Rev. 18

28 Zech 1-4, Rev 19

29 Zech 5-8, Rev 20:1-21:8

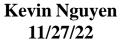
30 Zech 9-14, Rev 21:9-27

31 Mal 1-4, Rev 22









Proyer Requests

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The Cregger Family
Marcia Heinz
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Sandy Dunbar
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Melissa Daniell

Jaime Kirby
Phyllis Macheski
Dennis Heinz
Henriette Wilke &
Family
Baby David Hartnett
& Parents, Colin &
Kelly
Baby Hollie Hartman
& Parents, Phil &
Amy



Congratulations to Kelly and Colin Hartnett in the birth of David Cleburne Hartnett. He weighed 9 lbs. 11 oz. and is 22 inchs long.





Congratulations to Phil & Amy Hartman in the birth of Hollie Harper Hartman at 6:51 am on Tues., Nov. 29, 2002. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and is 19.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Huck & Kathy Huddleston and Scott & Genie Hartman.



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