

December

- Dec 03 Youth Group Cheer Baskets and Christmas Party; noon to 4:00 p.m.
- Dec 04 Seven @ Seven
- Dec 05 Devotional at Winfield Rest Haven; van leaves at 6:30
- Dec 06 Pizza in the basement for the teens at 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 10 Men’s Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 11 Seven @ Seven
- Dec 15 Ladies Holiday Party at 7:00; look for details below
- Dec 18 Seven @ Seven
- Dec 24 No Evening Services
- Dec 27 No Ladies Bible Class
- Dec 31 6:00 p.m. devotional followed by New Year’s Eve Party in the Fellowship Room—Bring Snacks & Games

YOUTH GROUP CHEER BASKETS/CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Youth Group Cheer Basket and Christmas Party will be held today from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For any questions see Nathan or Sarah Bradbury.

LADIES HOLIDAY PARTY—DECEMBER 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Ladies, we are changing things up! This year we are doing a Holiday Painting Party. The cost is \$10.00 per person. We are opening this up to 6th grade and up accompanied by a mother or grandmother of our congregation. We need a head count and money ahead of time. If you want to participate, please sign up in the foyer and give your money to Jennifer Hines or Vickie Ricke. We will have some finger foods there, so if you want to bring a snack to share, that is up to you. All you need to bring is yourself. Make sure you sign up by December 10th. If you are not signed up, you won’t be able to participate.



FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

Do you ever go through a day and think, “Wow, that went fast?” Have you ever thought how such a small amount of time (a day, an hour, or even a minute) can change everything? I often find my mind contemplating moments by saying, “What if that would have happened? or “I should have done this or that.” Truth is, it takes only a moment to change your day or your entire life. Too often we think of these moments when tragedy strikes. Another truth is (even greater than the rest) a small window in our history happened on Christmas that changed everything! On Christmas morning in 1844, Alexander Campbell wrote the following words:

*“THIS morning being Christmas, and, as the Roman superstition would have it, the nativity of man’s Redeemer; assuming it as true, my thoughts naturally lead me to Bethlehem, Calvary, and the sepulcher of Joseph. And what mysterious, sublime, and animating associations cluster around those three places! How near the point of distance! Eight short miles measured the whole space from the manger to the cross! And how short the interval of time between the first birth from Mary, and the second birth from Joseph’s tomb, of Arimathea! Not quite the half of three-score-years-and-ten completes the labors and the life of Heaven’s and Earth’s First Born! And yet what scenes and transactions crowd this narrow space of earth, and this short interval of time!”*

Many lives changed and eternities sealed in a relatively short period of time and space. The world you and I live in today was not even a thought, but yet that moment in time and space changes everything for us. His birth, life, death and resurrection gives us significance and life. Life forever! And that time . . . well it came at just the right time. Paul said to the church in Galatia, “So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (Galatians 4:3-5).” God knew what He was doing. The birth and every step after was planned by a God who loves and redeems all creation. May we all come to the One who was born, who died and who lives. Thank God for that time in history!

—Preacher

*Only Jesus can turn  
a mess into a message,  
a test into a testimony,  
a trial into a triumph  
a victim into a victory  
HE’S WORTHY TO BE PRAISED!*

FAMILY NEWS

Richard Wartick will have surgery Monday at 1:00 to have his hip removed. He will be moved to a rehab facility a few days later. Keep him in your prayers.

PRAYER LIST

Teresa Pierce, Richard Wartick, Rita Carroll, Jim Wilson, Tom McReynolds, Dalton Brownlee, Cecil Drinnen, Scott Callaway, Tim Evans, David Brundage, Matt Norris, Norma Gooch, Eliza Conwell, Larry Helton, Patsy Pierce, Allen Stone, Deedra Bostick, Crystal Anderson, Jack Edwards. *Shut-In’s:* Bertha Brown, Jerry Howell, Dorothy Lauterbach, Gene Deffenbaugh, Maxine Cole, Georgia Spencer, Bennie Jefferies.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD MEDICINE

A little boy came home from Sunday school and told his mom he learned a new song about Andy. His mom couldn’t understand what he meant until he sang the song. “Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me, Andy tells me I am his own...”

A children’s Sunday school teacher encouraged her five year olds to create an art masterpiece that related to the Bible. As she wandered around the room looking at the pictures, she came to little Alice. “Alice, what are you drawing?” “I’m drawing God.” “But no one knows what God looks like, Alice.” Without missing a beat, Alice replied, “They will when I’m finished.”

A naughty little boy had been sent to the corner during Sunday school. After a while he approached the teacher, telling her he had just prayed to God for help. “That is good,” said the teacher. “Maybe he will help you stop misbehaving.” “Oh, that’s not what I prayed for,” he replied. “I asked God to help you to put up with me.”

One Sunday morning I was sitting in church right behind the minister’s wife and their two children. When the minister began to preach, the seven-year-old asked his mom if he could go to the nursery. His mom replies, “No, you’re too old to go to the nursery.” The boy protested loudly, “But mom, I heard it last night and it’s a long one.”

After Sunday school, a grandmother was testing her grandson to see if he had learned anything in class. She asked him several questions...and each time he answered correctly. Finally, the boy said impatiently, “Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these things for yourself.

*“A cheerful heart doeth good.”  
Proverbs 17:22*



THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS: ROME

1. Rome believed in looking \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Rome believed it had \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Rome believed that \_\_\_\_\_ was stronger than \_\_\_\_\_.

Scriptures: Luke 2:1-7; Micah 5:2; James 1:16-17; Romans 8:38-39; Galatians 4:3-5

THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY, 10:30 AM  
SCRIPTURE READING  
PRAYER  
COMMUNION

USHERS  
CLIPBOARDS  
DISMISSAL PRAYER

SUNDAY, 6:00 PM  
PRAYER  
COMMUNION  
DISMISSAL PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM  
LEAD SINGING  
DISMISSAL PRAYER

ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY—November 26			
BIBLE CLASS.....	77		
A.M. WORSHIP.....	136		
P.M. WORSHIP.....	67		
CONTRIBUTION.....	\$2,581		
WEDNESDAY—November 29			
ADULTS...35	TEENS...10	KIDS...10	TOTAL...55

COMMUNION PREP  
December Kevin Dodds

COORDINATOR  
December Alan Shields

December 3  
Kevin Dodds  
Lindal Nelson  
Roger Brownlee, Rex Harris  
Joe Church, Parker Dodds  
John Wartick, Chuck Garver  
Riley Nichols, Daniel Garver  
Tom Norris

December 3  
Mike Neal  
Rex Harris, Joe Church  
Tom Norris

December 6  
Kevin Dodds  
Brian Turney

ELDERS  
Rex Harris Marvin Kline  
Ed Newberry Tom Norris

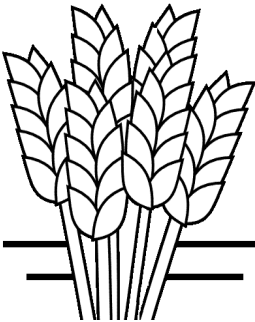
DEACONS  
Kevin Dodds Aaron Hines  
Leroy Lewis Mike Neal  
David Pierce Alan Shields

MINISTER  
Michael Nelson

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday  
Bible Classes.....9:30 A.M.  
Worship.....10:30 A.M.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.  
Children’s Class.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday  
Ladies Bible Class....9:30 A.M.  
Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.



“Reaching Inward, Outward  
Upward, Downward”

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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
December 3, 2017

- Call to Worship
- Song #1018 “Joy to the World”
- Song #995 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”
- Song #808 “Abide with Me”
- Prayer
- Song #366 “By Christ Redeemed”
- Communion
- Song #745 “Humble Yourself”  
(Children dismissed for Children’s Church)
- Scripture Isaiah 9:1-7
- Lesson
- Song #679 “‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
- Prayer

Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children’s Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the library for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.