

December

Dec 22 Elders/Deacons meet after evening services

Dec 25 No Ladies Bible Class

Dec 25 No Wednesday Night Services

Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Room; bring snacks & games

January

Jan 01 Teen Supper in the Basement at 6:30 p.m.

Jan 05 Botkin Care & Rehab Devotional at 3:00 p.m.

Jan 07 Winfield Rest Haven Devotional; van leaves at 6:30 p.m.

Jan 12 Botkin Care & Rehab Devotional at 3:00 p.m.

Jan 15 Teen Supper in the Basement at 6:30 p.m.

Jan 16 Gals & Gab at 6:00 p.m. details to follow

Jan 19 Botkin Care & Rehab Devotional at 3:00 p.m.

Jan 22 Bring cookies for Winfield Rest Haven

Jan 26 4th Sunday Luncheon after morning services

Jan 30 Man-Up meets at 6:00 p.m. details to follow

GALS & GAB

Gals & Gab will meet at 6:00 p.m. on January 16. Details will follow at a later date. If anyone would like to plan a night in at the church building, out somewhere, or host one at their house, talk to Kendall LeFlore. We need hosts for February, March, April and May.

SWEET SYMBOL

A significant symbol of Christmas

Is the simple candy cane.

It's shape is the crook of the shepherd

One of the first who came.

The lively peppermint flavor is

The regal gift of spice.

The white is Jesus' purity.

The red is sacrifice.

The narrow stripes are friendship

And the nearness of his love.

Eternal, sweet compassion

A gift from God above.

The candy cane reminds us all

of how much God cared.

And like His Christmas gift to use

It's meant to be broken and shared.

Author Unknown

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

We need volunteers! Sign up across from the office!

December

Dec 22 Darlene Cooney & Louise Kirkwood

Dec 29 Linda Wartick & _____

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

The Why

At Christmastime, we are all reminded of Jesus' birth. It's a fascinating story, very concise in the Bible. I love to study all of the details surrounding His birth. It is very important.

What I would much rather dwell on though, is not *that* He came, but *why* He came.

Jesus coming to dwell among us, in itself, was meaningless. Think about it. If Jesus was born into the world, grew to be a man, dazzled us with His teaching, performed miracles and then left, you and I would be doomed today.

Why he came is infinitely more important than *that* He came. Simply speaking, He came to die. There were some other things on the divine checklist that had to be completed first. He had to fulfill a multitude of Old Testament scriptures. He had to become the perfect fulfillment of the Law. He had to show the world that He was God in the flesh. He had to make disciples. This is not an exhaustive list.

The point is, He had things to do. But on that great divine list, there was one to-do written that made all of the others appear to be minor details, though they were not. That one glaring to-do was, to die. His coming to die is the great why behind the Christmas story.

Those who came before Him, didn't deserve Him. Those who lived at His time on earth, didn't deserve Him. Those living today, don't deserve Him. To me, that is what is most amazing. He didn't die for us because we are good. He died for us because we are not.

This Christmas, I encourage everyone to read Matthew chapters one and two and Luke chapters one and two. Remember His birth. Examine the details and experience the wonders. But then, much more importantly, remember the why and glorify His name.

Much Love,

Wes LeFlore (918) 607-8489 or huskerwes1@gmail.com

PRAYER LIST

Roger Brownlee-recovery from gal bladder surgery

Yvonne Bennett-dealing with cancer and treatments

Sandy Albin-dealing with cancer and treatments

A LITTLE HUMOR!

"We had planned for months to take our children to Oklahoma for the holidays so they could meet family members they hadn't met before. We talked to them at length about the car trip and what we would see and do. When we were about half-way to Oklahoma City, our four-year-old asked, 'Who IS our Uncle Homa anyway?'"

"My Mom and I took my children out to eat pie at the local cafe. My son, who loves berry pies, asked for boysenberry pie. My daughter Keny (then four), not wishing to be left out of something special, asked the waitress if she could have 'girlsinberry' pie. We all got a good laugh (except my daughter who didn't understand what was funny), and the waitress brought her a slice of banana cream instead. My daughter has heard this story every Thanksgiving since (she's now nine), and now she's in on the laughing."

"We were discussing holiday dinner plans and I asked my mom if I could borrow her gravy boat because I didn't own one. My husband said we should go buy one. My son Jacob, age six, asked wide-eyed, 'Can I ride in the new boat, too?'"

A merry heart doeth good. —Proverbs 17:22

EVERYDAY IS CHRISTMAS

Every day is Christmas when you have the kind of mind,
That stores up all the goodness and the sweetness it can find.

When you don't need an occasion, to spread a bit of cheer,

But just keep on a-giving of yourself all year.

Every day is Christmas with a gaily wrapped surprise,
When you've learned to see the friendship, in someone else's eyes.

When you try a little harder and complain a little less,
Holding fast to all the fervor of the faith that you possess.

Every day is Christmas when you've found that you can be
More concerned with words like "you" and less with "I" and "Me."

When it's fun to do a favor, and to lend a helping hand,

When being understood means less, than when you understand.

Every day is Christmas with a beauty deeply cast,
When you find it doesn't matter, if you're first or if you're last.

When you can face your conscience, and be glad of what you are,
Then every day is Christmas with a stable and a star.

—Unknown

May the simple joys of Christmas

Warm your heart, fill your home

And last a lifetime.



**THE POWER OF THE KING:
POWER OF THE PROPHESED KING**

Matthew 9:27-33

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "It shall be done to you according to your faith." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them: "See that no one knows about this!" But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout all that land. As they were going out, a mute, demon-possessed man was brought to Him. After the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed, and were saying, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

Personal Application:

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Notes:

THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY, 10:30 AM
SCRIPTURE READING
PRAYER
COMMUNION

USHERS
DISMISSAL PRAYER

SUNDAY, 6:00 PM
PRAYER
COMMUNION
DISMISSAL PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM
LEAD SINGING
DISMISSAL PRAYER

ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY—December 15
BIBLE CLASS.....69
A.M. WORSHIP.....91
P.M. WORSHIP.....38
CONTRIBUTION.....\$2,351

WEDNESDAY—December 11
Auditorium—36 Teens—7 Bible Hour—9 Nursery—5
Total—57

COMMUNION PREP **COORDINATOR**
December Lynette Turney December Alan Shields

ELDERS
Rex Harris Marvin Kline
Ed Newberry Tom Norris

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

MINISTER
Wes LeFlore

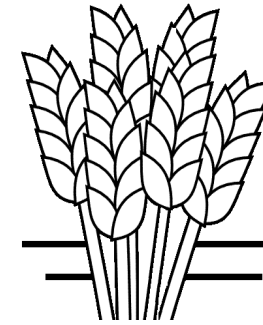
December 22
Alan Shields
Marvin Kline
Parker Dodds, Nathan Bradbury
Ed Newberry, Joe Church
Tom Kirkwood, David Carroll
Tom Norris

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Leroy Lewis
Nathan Bradbury, Ed Newberry
Tom Norris

December 25
No Bible Classes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
Sunday
Bible Classes.....9:30 A.M.
Worship.....10:30 A.M.
Children's 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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Church of Christ**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 22, 2019

Call to Worship

Song #144 "O Worship the King"

Song #134 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Prayer

Scripture Luke 1:26-38

Song #386 "He Loves Me"

Lord's Supper

Song #590 "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

Lesson

Song #924 "Just As I Am"

Closing 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 study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.