#### December

Dec 17 Devotional at Homestead Assisted Living Center; 3:00pm

Dec 17 Caroling Fellowship 2:45 p.m.

Dec 24 Devotional at Homestead Assisted Living Center; 3:00pm Dec 31 Devotional at Homestead Assisted Living Center; 3:00pm

#### **DEVOTIONALS AT HOMESTEAD**

We are in charge of devotionals the month of December at Homestead Assisted Living Center at 500 North Plum. They will be every Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

#### **CAROLING FELLOWSHIP**

December 17, Caroling Fellowship. Meet at the church at 2:45 p.m. for Christmas caroling, cookies and cocoa. All are welcome. Come and enjoy the fellowship. If you have any questions, please see Jordyn Clark.

## **BLESSING BOX MINISTRY**

Thank you for your continued support of the Blessing Box! This project has become quite an outreach in our community. The pantry items are often taken within minutes of the box being filled, and we have neighbors who have been joining in our efforts and filling the box for others. Questions see Kendall or Jennifer.

### **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

Our Theme for Children's & Teens Bible Classes is "Jesus is Alive." Jesus' resurrection was no secret. For 40 days, Jesus appeared to His disciples and hundreds of others so that they would know He is alive forevermore. Jesus wants everyone to know Him, trust Him, and live for Him. Here is a peek at this month's lessons, the Big Picture Question and the Bible verse to practice.

December 17—Jesus Forgave Peter; John 21

December 24—God Wants Us to Know Him; Matthew 28

#### **Big Picture Question:**

Q: How do we know that God wants us to know Him?

A: We can know that God wants us to know Him because He has revealed Himself through His word.

This Month's Bible Verse:

"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." John 17:3 (NIV)

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

December

Dec 17—Audra Hudspeth Dec 31—Kaitlin Francisco Dec 24—No Children's Church

#### **FELLOWSHIP ROOM SCHEDULE** Dec 17—Jordyn Clark

#### FROM THE PREACHERS DESK Prophecy & Blood

When the Spirit opens our eyes, we can see Jesus throughout the entire Bible.

The first reference that we receive for his future death on the cross and resurrection is found in Genesis 3:15, which says,

#### <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."

The Bible translators help us a little by capitalizing the pronoun, "He," which always indicates in the Bible that God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit is being referenced.

There is also a hint here about how Jesus will come into the world, by a woman, "her seed."

And finally, we know that Jesus' death on the cross appeared to be a victory for Satan. It appeared that Jesus received a "bruise...on the head," but upon His resurrection from the dead, it was clear that what appeared to be a death blow, was nothing more than a bruise on His heel.

Later in Genesis chapter 3, in verse 21, we have another hint as to what is required for the forgiveness of sins,

# <sup>21</sup> The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

In the beginning, the Lord God Himself made the first blood sacrifices in order to put the sins of Adam and Eve on hold in anticipation of the day that the great blood sacrifice of Jesus would forever forgive those sins.

The Lord gave us a shadow of the blood sacrifice of Jesus in the very beginning and just as God clothed Adam and Eve then, today He clothes all believers with Jesus. Galatians 3:26-27 says,

<sup>26</sup> For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Praise be to God for assuring us in every book of the Bible of our salvation through Jesus!

Much love!

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**Prayer List:** Tim Evans, Claire Norris, Marvin Kline, Gary Bodine, David & Rita Carroll, Bob & Beth Brownlee, Richard Wartick, Eliza Conwell, Larry Helton, Julie DeSoignie, Kylie Lock

#### **EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY**

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Darlene Larson. Darlene passed away this week. Her services were Thursday. Please keep Darlene's family in your prayers.

#### GIVE A TRULY PRICELESS GIFT

Remember that the best gifts are not the most expensive ones in the store. While they impress for a moment, it's the lasting ones that make an impression. When you give one of these, you are giving a priceless gift—yourself.

1. **The gift of listening**. One of the greatest things you can do for another person is to listen without interrupting, daydreaming, or thinking about your next leap into the conversation. Put down what you are doing and zero in on the words, feelings, and intent of the person.

2. **The gift of compliment**. Help people reach their full potential. Catch them doing something right or well. Compliment children for listening, for their smile, for giving a hug, or for sharing. Seek to compliment your spouse every day. Compliment co-workers, store clerks, and your elders.

3. The gift of showing affection. Demonstrate the love you feel deep inside with hugs, kisses, a gentle squeeze of the hand, pats on the back, and smiles.

4. **The gift of cheerfulness**. Decided to have a good day no matter what. This means no complaining, no feeling sorry for yourself, no ugly comments, and no yelling. Your gift of cheerfulness will be precious for everyone around you. Try to see the humor in day-to-day living. Develop the ability to laugh at yourself. Don't take things so seriously.

5. The gift of doing a favor. Help with the dishes, type a letter, run an errand, or watch the neighbor's kids. Volunteer to help a co-worker finish a project or bring cookies to share with people in your office. Most important, have the attitude and willingness to help out another person in spite of your busy schedule.

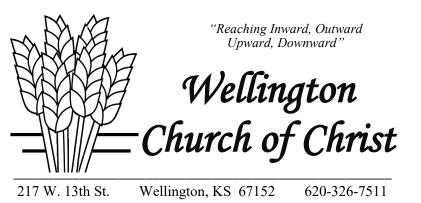
6. The gift of prayer. Pray for people with full compassion and concern. Pray for them when they are in need and when they are experiencing blessings. God wants to be a part of every person's life. Pray particularly for those who don't know Christ as their Savior. Be persistent in your prayers for them.

7. The gift of Christ. Tell people the story of Christ. Tell about His birth, His life, His death, burial and resurrection from the dead. Tell them the WHY of His life no just the "how." Let them know that the baby born into this world as Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Messiah, the Son of the one, true, living God. Trust Him and you will have life in His Name. —Selected

A man is poor not because he has nothing, but because he does nothing.

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THOSE WHO SERVE					
<u>SUNDAY, 10:30 AM</u>	<b>Dec 17</b>	Dec 24	Dec 31	Dec 31	
Opening Prayer	B. Turney	E. Newberry	N. Bradbury	N. Bradbury	
Song Leader	D. Pierce	D. Pierce	D. Pierce	D. Pierce	
Communion Talk					
<u>&amp; Prayer</u>	K. Dodds	J. DeJarnett	W. LeFlore	W. LeFlore	
Contribution Prayer,	A. Shields	A. Shields	A. Shields	A. Shields	
Collection & Count	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	
Ushers	C. Francisco	C. Francisco	C. Francisco	C. Francisco	
	D. Clark	D. Clark	D. Clark	D. Clark	
Closing Prayer	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris	
Deacon in Charge	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	
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WEDNESDAY—I	December 13	;			
Auditorium—17		Teens—4			
Bible Hour—5 Total—26					
ELDERS Rex Harris I Tom Norris	Marvin Kline	Bible (		<b>SERVICE</b> 9:30 a.m10:30 a.m.	
Aaron Hines	Kevin Dodds Leroy Lewis Wade Pierce			, 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	
MINISTER Wes LeFlore					



ORDER OF WORSHIP
December 17, 2023

Call to Worsh	ip		
Song #57	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"		
Song #770	"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"		
Prayer			
Song #366	"By Christ Redeemed"		
Communion Prayers			
Contribution Prayer			
Contributio	n Collection		
Song #162	"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"		
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Lesson

Song #944 "What Shall It Be"

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.