

EVENTS & NEWS

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After a chaotic year, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season...a time when believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. The second Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his second coming. It's a beautiful chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and to ponder what the future (promised to us through prophecies) will bring.

Psalm 46:10-11 says:

"...Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

This week, we pause to remember who God is and what He has done for us. When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do lists. Making space in our schedules for prayer and meditation helps us to better see God at work in our lives and in our world.

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we faithfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.

--Our Church Staff--

Mr. Buck Ham, Music Director
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Worship Service is live via Facebook, Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study, via Facebook, Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.



Date	Intercessory Prayer
Dec. 4	Stephen Cox
Dec. 11	Alan Lawhon
Date	Nursery Rotation @ 10:30 am
Dec. 4	K. Scarborough Amanda Turner Beth Moore
Dec. 11	Emma Padgett Betty Ham Sara Moore
Date	Children's Church
Dec. 4th	Susan Thornton Karsyn Thornton
Dec. 11th	Fredda & Samantha Irving



—This Week—

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Coffee Connection
9:30 p.m. Bible Study for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship; Children's Church
12:00 p.m. Partners Class lunch
6:00 p.m. Deacons & Wives Dinner

Monday

6:00 p.m. Lalla Carter Grp. in MFLC

Tuesday

8:15 a.m. Dessert Bar items @ DLC
2:30 p.m. Good News Club

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Church Council Mtg.
6:45 p.m. Awana
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study; Youth Bible Study
7:45 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday

4:30 p.m. Joy Club to Iris Gardens Festival of Lights

Friday

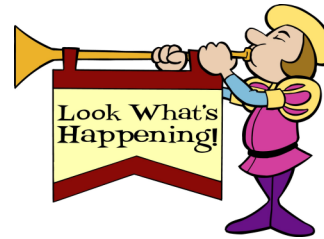
New Disciples Class @ Ricky & Beth Moore's

Saturday

5:30 p.m. Fearless Followers Class in MFLC

Next Sunday

5:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling (please sign-up)



December 7th @ 7:00 p.m.

Called Business Mtg. - The Pastor Search Team recommends that Rev. Chris Smith be our transitioning pastor until an interim can be secured. Details @ the meeting.

December 8th @ 4:30 p.m.

The Joy Club will be going to the Festival of Lights at Iris Gardens in Sumter. Departing at 4:30 p.m. and eating dinner.

Your **Christmas Breakfast is Dec. 18th at 9 a.m.** Please let Lana Jones or Ann King know if you are attending.

December 12th @ 6:00 p.m.

The Janie Chapman will be eating dinner at the Peddler Steakhouse. You are reminded to bring a \$10 gift card to exchange.

December 13th @ 12:00 noon

The Dorcas S.S. Class will have lunch in the MFLC and prepare your Christmas baskets.

December 19th @ 6:00 p.m.

Youth Christmas Party @ Sally's

December 20th @ 6:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Party in MFLC

THIS & THAT



BONUS POINTS

December 7th and December 14th

Bring stocking stuffers to help fill the stockings for our 18 DLC Angel Tree Children and receive **BONUS POINTS!**

Children range in age from Age 6 to Age 17.

Help with Awana Store Items!!!

Kids earn dollars for the Awana store by memorizing their Bible verses, doing the fun extra points each week, and many other things.

The store is Dec. 21st. Please help us stock the store. Bring any kinds of items you think kids would enjoy having. This is anything from toys, gift cards, fun drinks, candy, etc. Please have your items at the church by Dec. 14th.

Thanks for your support!

December Schedule

Dec. 4th - Rev. Tom Brown
Sermon this week from John 3:16—
"God's Greatest Gift"

Dec. 11th - Rev. Chris Smith

Dec. 18th - Rev. Chris Smith.

The Adult Choir will perform a cantata at 5 p.m.
followed by our Annual Christmas Fellowship.
Bring finger foods, sandwiches, or your favorite
Christmas goodies.

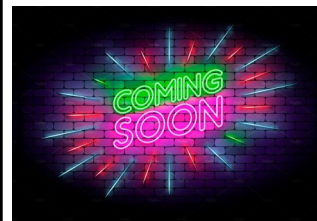
Christmas Day—Dec. 25th
Carol Service & Deacon Lead Devotion. There will
be no Coffee Connection or Sunday School.

Dec. 28th
No Services

Office will be closed December 26th—January 2nd



We will have a Commissioning Ceremony
for this team on Dec. 11th. (please note change!)



January 21st

Dessert/Chili



Merry Christmas

Celebrate JESUS

CHRISTMAS CAROLING & SOUP

Sunday 11th DEC 2022

5:00 pm

Please sign up for # attending
& to bring Soup/Cornbread/Dessert

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A small icon of a church building with a steeple.

Dessert Bar

FOR
DEWEY CARTER
SCHOOL

SIGN-UP FOR WHAT YOU CAN
BRING

A graphic showing various desserts including cakes, donuts, and a roll, decorated with strawberries and frosting.

DECEMBER 6TH

HAVE YOUR ITEMS @ DEWEY CARTER BY 8:15 A.M.
OR TAKE TO BETH'S HOUSE THE NIGHT BEFORE

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PRAYER GUIDE-DECEMBER 4, 2022

Members

Angie Chavis, bladder procedure 12/1
Bryan Collins, home after foot surgery
Ricky Hill, home after surgery
Shirley Hill, hairline fracture/knee
Lois Morrow
Carlton Turner, Jr., awaiting cardiologist appt
Carlton Turner, Sr. procedure, 12/1

Friends, Family and Others

Karen & Pat Aho, mother & daughter
w/ cancer- L. Bartis
Cameron Barksdale, Debra LeKoy
Nephew
Stacey Bartis, Jim's daughter cancer
Huntley Bateman, 5 yr. old w/ heart
Problems, Angie Chavis contact
Tara Barrineau, neck fusion
Donette Welch Bayne, cancer- Nashville
Robbie Blackwell, cancer-C. Carmon
Jack Brown, 5 yr old. child of
Barbara Moore's friend
Linda Daniels Brown, K. Thornburg frd.
Cancer
Virginia Coleman, contact S. Thornton
Sandy Conner, cancer-B. Reynolds
Jackson Cooper, 5 month old
Nicole Conyers, breast cancer
Trent Edwards. accident- Marjorie contact
Sandra Evans, heart-Chris Chavis contact
Betsy Feezor, paralyzed from fall
Martha Fitzpatrick, heart attack- Russ
Gertrude Floyd, S. Thornton neighbor-cancer
Ellen Gardner, colon cancer
Kimberly Gaskins, heart A fib, Stella's friend
Willie Graham, cancer
Brent Gulyas, 5 yr. old Heart transplant
Cecil Gray, cancer-B. Reynolds
Ryan Hicks, heart issues- Wilbur contact
Becky Hill, knee replacement 10/19
our cleaning lady
Grady & Karen Johnson, health issues-
Dorothy Collins Family
Christon Jeffords, S. Thornton frd.
Wilbur Jordan, heart surgery 11/17-COLA.
Herman Powell frd.
Jake & Danielle King, church planters/
Kansas

Colt Kirby, Suzette contact
Marcia Knight, heart surgery 9/28-
Kaylee Thornburg's friend
Jim LeKoy, tests
Trish McMahon, Kaylee Thornburg frd.
Sue Maness, Jeanne Clark's mom
Lori Marlowe, cancer-G. Reynolds
Evelyn McCutcheon
Bobbie McElveen, Shirley Hill's sister-home
James McGee, fall- McLeod
Mack McInville, Gibson's neighbor
Edwin Miles, home-dialysis & more tests @
Duke
Laura Morris-Suzette contact
Diane Munn, kidney-L. Parker's aunt
Michael Nicholson, Madison Ham's cousin
James Patterson, Rare blood condition,
Linda Bartis' grandson
Laura Petty, Linda Bartis contact
Polly Price, Linda Bartis' friend
Dennis Regan's sister, Tracy
Jan Reynolds. Mass on spleen awaiting
result
Scott Reynolds, kidney cancer (Rupert's son)
Brittany Shelley, cancer
Jerry Strawn- home
Taylor Tatum, chemo- Marjorie's frd.
Robbie Tedder, cancer & fall
Doris Tedder Family, Carmon aunt
Danny Turner, heart- Stella McGee frd.
Donnie Turner, Susan Thornton
Lisa Turner, cancer- Glenn Padgett friend
Susan Vincent, breast cancer
Linda Bartis' sister
Will Wannamaker, paralyzed from deer stand
collapse- Betty Hancock's grandson
Kenneth Welch
Wyman Wise, C. Carmon
Andy Witherspoon, 34 yr. old w/ Colon & liver
cancer

Long Term Health Issues, Nursing Home & Shut-ins

Gene Askins, Marion Hospital Rm. 329
Harold Anderson, home
Jean Birch-Bethea
Allen Carmon, home

Chris Carmon, health issues
Wendy Cox, L. Reynolds' niece
Shirley Daniels, Jennifer Spring's
Grandmother
Virginia Dennis, Bethea
Juanita Elswick, home
Daphne Friar, Spartanburg
Glenn Ham, Buck & Jeanette's son
Julie Ham, form of dementia
Sheila L. Herring-Commander
Laverne Holloman
Karel & Johnny Ivey
Diane Ingram,
Commander 10
Burnette McKenzie, Southland-125-Kathy's
mother-in-law
Kathy & Thomas McKenzie
Jeanette Morris Family, Frieda's family
Rodney Owens, MS
Adrienne Poston, Laverne's niece-
brain cancer
Dick Powell, K. Scarborough stepdad
Herman Powell, home
Jay Pridgen
Kenny Pridgen
Janice Smith, Mary Miles' family
Tommy Stokes
Don Trask, home
Judy Vause, home
Myrna Wiggins, Bethea
Don & Alice Wise, Buck's friend

MISSIONARIES

MILITARY

Allen Langston Austin Crouse
Bryce Padgett Alexander Ussery

Kentucky & Florida Flood Victims

Leader & 1st Responders

WHY THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING IS NAMED FOR LOTTIE MOON



While living in China, Lottie wrote letters to the Foreign Mission Board (now the International Mission Board) and to Baptist women. She asked for more missionaries and for money to grow her work among the Chinese. Because of Lottie's determination, WMU collected a Christmas Offering to give to the Foreign Mission Board. In 1918, at Annie Armstrong's suggestion, WMU named the offering for Lottie Moon.

Today, we still give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor of her work and sacrifice to keep our missionaries on the field. **One hundred percent of the offering goes to the missionaries, none to administration.**

Words from Lottie Moon...

"Need it be said why the week before Christmas is chosen? Is not the festive season, when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of The Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?"