

John 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, & Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

2 Peter 3:18

But grow in the grace
 knowledge of our Lord
 Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now & to the day of eternity. Amen.





Matthew 28:19-20

of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit, that I have commanded you.

Deacon of the Week: Harvey Davis 270-791-4951

12/14/25

Sunday School Attendance: 32 Worship Attendance: 92

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wish a happy birthday this week to Jerry Moore and Bre Corey.

All undesignated gift in today's offering will be designated toward the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Our annual Christmas Candlelight Service will be tonight at 6:00 PM in the historic sanctuary. Please bring snacks and desserts to share afterword.

Midweek activities are cancelled for December 24th and 31st.

Throughout the month of December, we will be collecting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO) which supports of the work of our international missionaries. 100% of your gifts will go directly to our missionaries. There are special offering envelopes provided. If writing a check, write "LMCO" in the memo line.

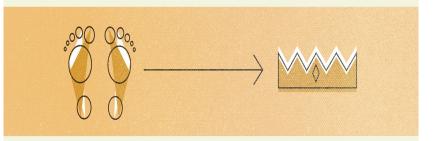
Sunday December 21st, 2025



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For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called



Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

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Call to Worship

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Welcome & Announcements

Scriptural Call to Worship

Romans 5:1-8

Worship through Song

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Worship through Giving

(After the offering, children 5th grade & under are dismissed to children's church)

Worship through Proclamation

Isaiah 9:2-7

Worship through Response

Silent Night

Benediction

Scripture Reading

Romans 5:1-8 (CSB) 1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 We have also obtained access through him by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, 4 endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. 5 This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For rarely will someone die for a just person—though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. 8 But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Isaiah 9:2–7 (CSB) 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; a light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness. 3 You have enlarged the nation and increased its joy. The people have rejoiced before you as they rejoice at harvest time and as they rejoice when dividing spoils. 4 For you have shattered their oppressive yoke and the rod on their shoulders, the staff of their oppressor, just as you did on the day of Midian. 5 For every trampling boot of battle and the bloodied garments of war will be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever. The zeal of the Lord of Armies will accomplish this.

.Sermon Notes

Darkness in the Bible is symbolic of death and Isaiah visualizes that the world is in darkness because it lacks <i>shalom</i> (or, wholeness, and flourishing) as evidenced by oppression and
The light is a gift of divine
2 Corinthians 4:6 (CSB) For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
When the light breaks in, the people because of:
Release from oppression (verse 4)
Matthew 11:28–30 (CSB) — 28 "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."
The ending of (verse 5)
Psalm 46:9–10 (CSB) — 9 He makes wars cease throughout the earth. He shatters bows and cuts spears to pieces; he sets wagons ablaze. 10 "Stop fighting, and know that I am God, exalted among the nations, exalted on the earth."
The of a just ruler (verses 6-7)
Wonderful Counselor: able to make wise The Mighty God: strength to accomplish his plans The Everlasting Father: a benevolent The Prince of Peace: brings flourishing to all