

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

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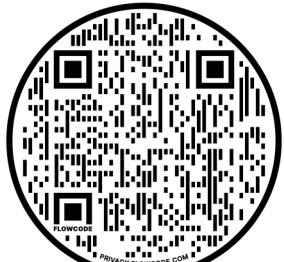
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Welcome Guests! Please scan the QR code or fill out our Connection Card—**Red Folder**. Let us know how we can help.



SCAN ME



Today!- No Children's Church

Tonight!- Singing at Niestrath's Home, 3:30 pm

- Meet at Oak Ridge, Then to their home
- **All Ages Welcome!!**

Tomorrow! -Walking Group, 8:30 am

-Women's Prayer Group, 10:00 am

Dec 24— No Services

Dec 31— Game Night, Fellowship Hall after services

- Finger foods & snacks - **All Ages Welcome!!**

Jan 5— Ministry Meeting, 7:00 pm, Ladies Classroom

-Focus on Worship

(all events happening at the building unless otherwise noted.)



Tonight— Singing w/ Niestrath's

-3:30 pm at Oak Ridge

Dec 31— Game night, after services

Contact **Jon**—270-635-1029 or
Jared—270-841-8542 for more info.



Dec 26— Margo Ashby

Dec 27— Kaylie Seesengood

Dec 27— Byron & Brenda

Pruitt

Church of Christ

Dec 21, 2025



God With Us

(Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25)

Ahaz, the king, was worried. Israel (Ephraim) and Syria were in league against Judah and Jerusalem. God told Isaiah, the prophet, and his son Shear-Jashub to go and tell Ahaz that the attack would not succeed. He even told Ahaz to ask for a sign that God would deliver them. That sounds like good news, right?

Ahaz, however, had other ideas. He pulled a trick that so many still attempt today. He hid behind false piety to keep his options open. God, however, decides to send a sign anyway. It is the sign of another child (Isaiah's second child?) that will be named Immanuel (God with us). This is a remarkable move on God's part. Despite the fear and lack of faith of the king, God is demonstrating, yet again, that he is good for his promise that the house of David will not cease. And it happened. By the time the child was old enough to eat curds and honey, the threat had abated and there was, at least for a time, peace.

It is this text that Matthew quotes from when he describes the birth of Jesus in Matthew 1:18-25. Jesus' birth is a sign from God that the throne of David will once again be occupied. We will learn in the gospel story that it will not look like anyone was expecting – and it still doesn't. We see, however, that unlike the story in Isaiah, the parties that were involved believed and reacted in faith rather than fear. Joseph, Mary, Elizabeth, Zechariah (with a little help), the visitors from the east, Simeon, and Anna all met the event of Jesus' birth with faith.

What, then, does it mean to say "Immanuel" (God with us), or "Jesus" (God saves)? Most of the time I tend to think personally rather than communally. I may think about my own challenges and struggles, my own frailties and failings, or my own relationships or vocation. What, I believe, is meant in both Isaiah and Matthew is that God is with his people. If we add what the apostle Paul did with that message, we can say that God is with his people to "bring about obedience of faith among all the gentiles."

God is with us so that we can show him that he is with "all of us." God saves us from our enemies – sin, death, isolation, anxiety, lack of self-control. We may still struggle with these as we live our lives, but we are already rescued. I sometimes think we are like the person in the shallow end of the pool flailing about in fear when all that needs to be done is to stand up. That's what God does through Christ and that is what we can do for each other. Then we can learn how to swim.

God has restored us! He will restore us again when we need it! The king of heaven and earth is on the throne! Thanks be to God for his inexpressible love toward us. Thanks be to God for rescuing and restoring us. These words can seem far away, but they are not. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

Welcome



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Luke 1: 68-75

Joy To The World

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Prayer— Steve Stoltz

Magnificat

I Love to Tell the Story

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Terry Hampton

Serving: LS: Jon Stubblefield,

Larry Stone Micah Bridgman

Daniel Davis Ishmael Almon

Jesus Let Us Come To Know You

Contribution

No Children's Church

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Scripture: Matthew 1: 18-25 Johnny A

Prayer— Jared Jones

Lesson— Sean Niestrath

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Benediction: Numbers 6: 24-26

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Monitor: Pete Shoulders

Children's Church: None

Sound Booth: Bryson Shoulders

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Prayers: Keith Tapp/Brock Shoulders

Scripture: Johnny Allen

Monitor: Kellie Duggin

Children's Church: Webb/Em/Bert

Sound booth: David Stubblefield

Presiding LS: Jon Stubblefield

Serving LS: Terry Hampton, Larry Stone,

Micah Bridgman, Daniel Davis, Ishmael Almon

Alternates for December:

Larry Stone Roger Matheny

Communion Prep:

For the Record

Last Sunday:

Bible Class— 90

Worship— 122

Contribution— \$4,420.10

Wednesday— 55



Announcements:

Overcoming Anxiety Class:

Starts Jan 4th, 9:30 am

Room 103: *Elizabeth Webb*

Books: *Anxious for Nothing*
& *You'll Get Through This*

**36 Christmas Baskets
Completed & Delivered!!**



Gaye Matheny, recovering at home from eye surgery

Deborah Ashby, recovering at home from knee replacement

Michael Oglesby, (Jane's cousin) recovering at home from surgery

Cody Givens, recovering from mining accident at Deaconess Midtown

PRAYER
list

Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

Diana Adams, Dexter & Kathy Black, Suzette Mooney, Sherry Rushing, Jim Miller, Sister Josephine, Judy Horn, Barbara Lynch, Lisa & Emmy Dunlap, Wyatt Brown, Christy Estrada, Jon Phillips, Dennis Warszona, Jama Doc, Alberta Rust, Rebecca Niestrath, Karen Wilkerson, Benson Holmes, Lauren Turley, Alexis Coats, Linda Smith

Sunday 6pm, Making Our Plans, James 5: 1-6, Roger