



# West Seventh Church of Christ

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**December 25, 2022**

**Welcome, Guests!** We are honored that you joined us and hope that you will be blessed by your time with us.

**Attended Nursery** is provided for children younger than two years of age. It is in the hallway as you exit the door to the left of the pulpit.

**Cry Room/Nursing Room** is available in the foyer. Please reserve this room for those with young children.

**Gluten Free Communion** is available in the foyer.

**Hearing Assistance** is available; see an usher for assistance.

**Information Center** has details about ministries, classes, and more. It is in the hallway as you exit the door to the left of the pulpit.

**Quiet Bags** for children are available at the rear of the Auditorium.

**Merry  
Christmas**

from the elders and staff

## Sunday Mornings

Worship 9:00  
Coffee Fellowship 10:00  
Bible Classes

## South Speaking

Every Morning Bible Classes 10:30  
Morning Worship 11:30

## Elders

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Sonny Lee	698-6533
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John M. Smith	388-5841
Jeff White	615-828-3509
Phillip Young, Sr.	615-418-9107

## Sunday Evenings

First Church of Christ @5  
Second Church of Christ @5  
Third Church of Christ @5  
Fourth Church of Christ @5  
Meets in Teen Center @5  
Believe Class meets in Chapel @4

## Staff

Barrett Bingham	Office - 388-6514
Barry England	Student
Randy Owens	Marriage/Family
Suzi Parrett	Preaching
Rachel Basham	Children
Laurel Burton	Ministry Assistant
David Ward	Ministry Assistant
	Facilities

## Wednesday Evenings

Bible Classes 6:30

**SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS**



## COMING UP Today

10:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Worship in Spanish

## Tonight

HOME DEVOTIONALS

## Monday & Tuesday

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

## Wednesday

BIBLE CLASSES - 6:30 p.m.

## Next Sunday

BELEIVE CLASS @5

### JANUARY EDITION OF THE MESSENGER

The Post Office asks us to delay bulk mailing during the holidays. Since the January edition will be late arriving, the first week of birthdays and anniversaries are listed below.

- 1 Gail Harris
- 2 Robert Basham  
Emily Selbe  
Derek Young
- 3 Xiamora Berland  
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Evans
- 4 Karen Corn
- 5 Jade Anderson
- 6 Calvin Jackson  
Judy Knight  
Charlie Murphy  
Phillip Young, Sr.
- 7 Eric Nash

### Church Record

Sunday a.m. Worship	436
9:00 service	411
Spanish speaking	13
The Bridge	12
Wednesday Contribution	105
	\$61,478

### THANK YOU

Thank you to my church family for the many prayers, visits and food since my back surgery. I am improving each day and was glad to be able to be back at worship last Sunday. May God bless you all. Sandy and I wish you all a Merry and safe Christmas.

Sonny Lee

### SYMPATHY

To long time visitor, Lacey Keeling, and family on the death of her grandmother, Sherry Ring. She passed away December 21. Visitation will be Monday, December 26, at Oakes & Nichols from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with the funeral following at 1:00.

## Holiday Schedule

Dec. 25 10:00 a.m. worship  
No classes or coffee fellowship  
P.M. Home Devotional

Dec. 26-27 Office closed

Dec. 28 Bible classes as usual

Jan. 1 Worship & Bible classes as usual  
No Small Group Bible Studies

Jan. 2 Office closed

## NEW LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Ladies' Bible Class will begin on Tuesday, January 10, from 11 a.m. until noon. We will meet weekly and follow local school schedules. Childcare will be provided. We will begin with taking a look at some of the Psalms. The book of Psalms helps us express ourselves to the Lord and is filled with words to pray and songs to sing. It reminds us we can express our grief to God and remember the God who is the beginning and end of all things, to rest in His sovereignty, and to have joy in all circumstances.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT CLASSES

6:30 p.m.

Dec: Trusting the Bible	Ken Bray	Auditorium
Jan: Where are the Dead		
Feb: The Christian's relationship with the Godhead		
1 Corinthians	Joel Oswalt	Chapel
Ladies: Chasing Vines - Finding your way to an immensley fruitful life	Lisa Bennett, Collette Estep, Penny Hubbell	T.V. Studio
Men: Challengers	Taft Ayers	Room 214
Precepts Study of Hebrews	Randy Owens	Fireside Room



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Jacob Love 931-797-1399

**Winter Retreat** is February 3-5. Details and sign up are on the website [w7sm.org/events](http://w7sm.org/events). Invite a friend! Contact Barrett with any questions.



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### QUIET BAGS AND UPDATED CRY/NURSING ROOM

Our quiet bags are back! They are available in the rear of the Auditorium. Take one to use during service and return after. They are full of stickers, books and other fun activities.

Our Cry Room/Nursing Room in the rear of the Auditorium has been given a face lift. More changes are coming in the next few months! If you have any ideas for additional changes, please let the office know.

### MITTEN TREE

Faith Farm will be collecting children's hats, gloves and mittens beginning in January for local children in need.



## Pray without ceasing

### Reported sick this week:

Donna Rickman will have eye surgery January 13.

Randy Davidson is recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.

### Recovering | extended illnesses | homebound:

Faye Bell	David & Nancy Heffington	Jim Sexton
Xiomara Berland	Mary Hunt	Carolyn Turnmyre
Diane Campbell	Janice Jernigan	Sue Warrington
Ramona Cherry	Sue Jones	Melinda Watts
Donald Dugger	Dolores Love	Molly Watts
Ruby Dunn	Margaret Parsons	Jean Worley
Mary Frances Hancock	Bettie Pogue	Juanita Westmoreland
Madolyn Harper	Sammy Salters	

### Family & Friends:

Marynelle Criswell's brother -	Nelson Alsup
Betina Green's mother -	Barbara Thomas
Ginger Jackson's sister -	Mary Alice George
C.T. Johnson's sister -	Lois Dugger
C.T. Johnson's sister -	Doris Fail
Shelby Johnson's mother -	Barbara Massey
Allison Kittrell's father -	Jim Pilkinton
Sonny & Sandy Lee's daughter-in-law	Tammy Lee
Tesha Marchal's mother -	Sandy Casey
Kathy Morrow's cousin -	Willene Barnett
Kent Pardon's sister -	Kim Helton
Lisa Pardon's aunt -	Judy Nicholson
Bettie Pogue's son-in-law -	Michael Semore
Lori Rubert's great aunt -	Mildred Philpot
Emily Selbe's grandfather -	Marvin Rickett
Andrea Steven's brother -	Derek Orban
Cindy Stoltz's father -	Don Cox
Suzanne Turner's niece -	Kristin Gwaltney
Jeff White's parents -	Paul & Carol White
Patrick Yerman's mother -	Mary Lou Yerman

### Preparing to Marry:

Deon Mostiller & Zakiyah Johnson  
Andrew Fulks & Kelsey Bucknam  
Cassidy Shrader & Hunter Hodge  
Laurel Phillips & Kalum Jones  
Davis Cofer & Catherine Cox  
Molly Murphy & Blane Harris  
Parker Trulove & Tori Beard

### Expectant Parents:

Christian & Leah Shrader	Billy & Alicia Murphy
Jacob & Maria Williams	Ben & Emily Selbe
Hunter & Shelby Johnson	Andrew & Stacey Meadows



TEXT: Luke 2

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Conclusion: When the good news becomes old news,  
the challenge is \_\_\_\_\_

## Order of Worship

Scripture Reading.....Knox Love  
Isaiah 7:14  
Song Leader .....John Law  
*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Prayer.....Chris Shrader  
Luke 1:26-46  
*Magnificat*  
Luke 2:1-7  
*Silent Night - 577*  
Galatians 4:1-7  
*O Listen to Our Wondrous Story - 482*  
Communion.....Barry England  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful - 464*  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - 202*  
Message.....Randy Owens  
*Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*  
Shepherd's Blessing.....John Corn

## Sunday Adult Classes

College/Young Pro	Prayer & God's Will
Room 306	
Young Marrieds	The Chosen
Room 212	
Young Families	Scriptures
Room 214	
Homeless	1 Corinthians
Adults	Luke/Acts
Chapel	
Adults	Foundations for Christians
Auditorium	
Adults	Psalms 23
Fireside Room	
Spanish Speaking Class	Room 307

## Wednesday Adult Classes

Ladies' Class	T.V. Studio
Mens' Class	Room 214
Trusting the Bible	Auditorium
1 Corinthians	Chapel
Precepts Study of Hebrews	Fireside Room



# FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Over the past year in Faith Farm, the children have been on a journey to Jesus through the Old Testament. We've learned so much about God's plan for us from the beginning. We've completed our journey through the Old, so now we begin the New Testament.

- What do you think our lessons will be about now?

Yes, Jesus' birth and everything that happened after Jesus was born.

Read Luke 2:1-20

- Who were Jesus' parents?

God uses ordinary people. Mary and Joseph were like me and you. God loved them and asked them to do a very important job for Him. Because Jesus is God's son, He deserved to be born in the nicest palace surrounded by riches, comfort, and luxury. But that's not how the life of Jesus began at all.

- Do you think Mary and Joseph were rich?
- Where was Jesus born?
- Why do you think God allowed that?
- Who did the angels tell about Jesus' birth?

People didn't think the shepherds were very important. But God loved them and wanted them and everyone to know about His son, Jesus. The wise men also came to meet Jesus. They gave gifts to Jesus because they knew He was the best gift God ever gave us.

God loves us. Jesus came to Earth for us. No matter what any of us has done, God still loves us. We didn't earn this love; He gave it freely. Jesus came from Heaven to show us all how we can go to Heaven too.

Close in prayer thanking God for the greatest gift of all!



# ADULTS

Ever feel that you are familiar with the first verse of numerous Christmas carols but not the remaining verses? Yet, when we move past the first verse, we may find ourselves unpacking some meaningful truths of Scripture. "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is one of them.

According to C. Michael Hawn, the song was composed as early as the 12th century. John Mason Neale, the famous architect of the Oxford movement, discovered the Latin hymn in the appendix of an early 18th-century manuscript and included it in his influential collection, *Mediaeval Hymns and Sequences* (1851).

Plus, this song addresses the challenging nature of holidays, like Christmas. For some, Christmas can be difficult while others find increased joy. This is the 'O' of longing. As John Piper stated, "You can hear it in the 'O' that begins each verse: 'O come, Emmanuel.' 'O come, Rod of Jesse.' 'O come, Dayspring.' 'O come, Key of David.' 'O come, Desire of nations.'"

He goes on to explain, "As Emmanuel (Isaiah 8:8) - 'God with us' - He will pay the ransom that only a God-man can pay. As Rod of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1), springing from a dead stump, He will free his people, by death and resurrection, from Satan's tyranny, and make them free forever. As the Day-spring (Luke 1:78) — the dawn of God's kingdom - He will be the light of the world, and banish the hopelessness of darkness. As the Key of David (Isaiah 22:22), He rescues us from hell, locks the door behind us, unlocks the door of heaven, and brings us home. And as the Desire of nations (Haggai 2:7), He will draw the ransomed from every people and make them a kingdom of peace. This is who Jesus is. This is what He already achieved and will complete. And so with every verse, the refrain reaches down musically into our weak hearts and pulls us up, in faith, to see the certainty of the end."

Jesus came and lived among us, and was called Emmanuel. Yet, He is coming again and "O" how we long for that day! We are left confident, but still cry out, "O come, O come, Emmanuel!"

Close with a prayer praising God for sending His Son, and pray that more and more will come to accept His salvation before His return.

# FAMILIES WITH TEENS

**Read Luke 1:26-56 and Luke 2:1-21**

Can you imagine being a teenage Mary in these historical accounts? Let's start with an angel appearing to her!

What was she thinking? Feeling? What did she think the angel was going to say to her?

She was a young girl from a small town that did not amount to much – "can anything good come out of Nazareth" John 1:46.

Mary likely wondered if she would accomplish anything good or of consequence.

What were those months at Elizabeth's like for Mary? What was her pregnancy like? The trip to Bethlehem? She gave birth in a barn? In some religious circles like Roman Catholicism, Mary is elevated to a holy status. We know that this is not theologically correct. Mary was never meant to be divine. In Luke 1:27-28 Jesus makes this point pretty clear.

"As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" But he said, "**Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!**"

There is nothing special about Mary, except that a very special God chose to take a completely ordinary girl and use her for an extraordinary purpose. It can be difficult to put ourselves in Mary's situation or her life story. But her story is very similar to ours. Who are we that anything good or meaningful would come from us? But God being rich in mercy made us alive for his handiwork. God chooses you daily for his kingdom work.

Close in prayer asking God to give you the confidence to accomplish kingdom work in his name.