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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### **DECEMBER**

Ann Garner - 2nd
Rick Renfro - 2nd
Javier Frederick- 4th
James Horn - 6th
Mike Williams - 7th
Jeanette Lowrie - 12th
Lyla Lowrie - 20th
Iris Singleton - 20th
Raquel Kriner - 22nd

LC Courtney - 24th Cathy Courtney - 27th

#### JANUARY

Kevin Kirkpatrick - 1st Joe Thornton - 2nd Vera Lou Weygandt - 2nd Roy Karnes - 3rd Tamara Parker - 5th Lorena Orellana - 8th BJ Wilmarth - 9th Bill Simmons - 16th Lamita Johnson - 17th Dale Kelley - 17th Eugene Matlock - 17th Stephen Foster - 21st Kelsey Kersh - 25th Suyapa Orellana - 26th Sam Brubaker - 27th

Lynn Swidersky - 30th

The Youth and Children's
Ministries continue to meet
three times a week!
We would love for your student
to join us on Wednesday for
dinner at 5:00 PM followed by
Bible study and open gym time.

#### **PRAYER ROOM ASSIGNMENTS**

#### 10:45 AM

12/7 - Caren Rawlings 12/14 - Kathy Cox 12/21 - Karen Jones 12/28 - Nancy Swidersky 1/4 - Patti/Jerry Batis 1/11 - Cathy Courtney 1/18 - Tillie Poe 1/25 - Brenda Simmons

#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

Sunday School For All Ages / 9:15 -10:30 AM Blended Worship / 10:45 AM and Livestreaming on Facebook Youth & Children's Activities 6:00 - 7:00 PM

#### WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Youth & Children Meal & Activities / 5-7:00 PM Adult Fellowship Meal / 5:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting / 6:00 PM

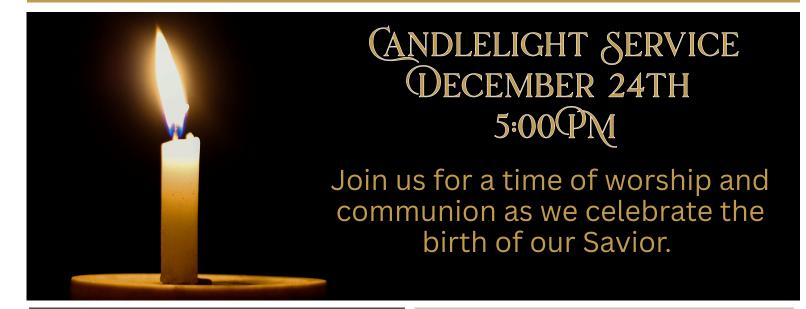
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. / 8AM - 4PM

## DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026 THE CONNECTION



## BEHOLD EMMANUEL

A Christmas Musical Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM



YOUTH & CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sunday, December 7th / FLC / 5-7PM

**GROCERY MINISTRY Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM**(Contact Bro. Sam for more details.)

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**December 5th** Adult 1 Christmas Party Journey To Bethlehem **December 6th** Men's Ministry Breakfast Youth/Child. Christmas Party **December 7th** 150th Anniv. Planning Mtg. December 12th The Promise of Christmas

December 14th Christmas Music Program

December 15th Christmas Basket Preparation

December 16th Christmas Basket Preparation

**December 17th Christmas Basket Distribution** Churchwide Caroling

December 19th

Crosstalk Christmas Party **December 21st** 

> Deacon's Meeting December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Svc

December 25th Christmas Day

December 28th Monthly Church Tour

December 31st

Midweek Services Canceled New Year's Eve

January 1st

New Year's Day

January 3rd

Men's Ministry Breakfast

January 11th

New Member Class SS Dir./Teacher Training

**January 17th** Adult 1 Soup Fellowship

January 18th Deacon's Meeting

January 19th

**Grocery Ministry** 

January 21st

Youth Dinner & Dessert Auction

January 25th

150<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration and Luncheon **Evening Services Canceled** 

January 28th Quarterly Business Meeting



together at 5:00 PM to go out spreading Christmas cheer in the community. After we are finished caroling we will meet back at the FLC for hot chocolate and cookies!

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Church Offices will be closed Wednesday, December 24th through Thursday, January 1st.

We will not be having midweek services or activities the night of Wednesday, December 31st.

#### CHRISTMAS BASKET DISTRIBUTION

We will need lots of hands on deck on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 15th-17th as we pack and then distribute the Christmas Baskets to members in our community. If you would be interested in helping on any of these days, pléase contact Teresa Searcy at 936-661-2583.

#### YEAR TO DATE **INCOME AND EXPENSES - CHURCH** YTD Tithes/Offerings: \$402,428.25 YTD Total Expenses: \$423,966.71

(Figures as of November 19, 2025.) Matthew 6:33

Rick Renfro. Dwight Brown

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Adult 1, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the Family Life Center. Bring a white elephant gift.

#### AND

Crosstalk class, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Falkenstein's home. Bring a white elephant gift and a side dish.

Recently I have been studying the Apostles. Before the last one died their efforts had brought 500,000 men, women, & amp; children into the ranks of the church. We like the outcome of their discipleship, but we don't want to hear about the cost of discipleship. So—for the record—here is the cost.

History tells us: (1) John died of extreme old age exiled to the island of Patmos. (2) Judas Iscariot, after betraying his Lord, hanged himself. (3) Peter was crucified; head downward, during the persecution of Nero. (4) Andrew died on a cross at Patrae, a Grecian Colony. (5) James, the younger, son of Alphaeus, was thrown from a pinnacle of the Temple, and then beaten to death with a club. (6) Bartholomew was flayed alive in Albanapolis, Armenia. (7) James, the elder son of Zebedee, was beheaded at Jerusalem. (8) Thomas, the doubter, was run through the body with a lance at Coromandel, in the East Indies. (9) Philip was hanged against a pillar at Heropolis. (10) Thaddeus was shot to death with arrows. (11) Simon died on a cross in Persia (what we now call Iran). And (12) Matthew was first stoned & Deheaded.

What sacrifices! Why? Why did they choose to die this way? Why put up with the constant humiliation, hunger, & persecution in town after town?

It is because as the Paul stated, "We have been taken captive by Jesus Christ."

My question is, "Have you too been taken captive by the Lord Jesus Christ?" As we celebrate the birth of Jesus & amp; move into 2026, may we never forget the words of Missionary Jim Elliott: "No man is a fool who gives up what he cannot keep in order to gain that which he cannot lose."

**Awaiting The Shout** Dr. Bill Jones

## DWMBC 150th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, January 25th

On Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating 150 years as a church body! We hope you will make plans to join us on this special day as we celebrate and reflect on the goodness of God and look forward to all that He has in store for our church in the coming years! We will not be having evening services that day.

(There will be a planning meeting after church on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the FLC for anyone that would like to attend.)

## Journey To Bethlehem

at the Walker County Fairgrounds on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Bro. Sam.

#### Student Dinner & Dessert Auction Fundraiser

Make plans to join us on Wednesday, January 21 $^{
m st}$  at 5:00 PM for a special dinner and dessert auction as we help the students raise money for summer camps! If you have a fabulous dessert you would like to provide for the auction, please contact Bro. Sam. You may make a donation for the dinner at the door or help out by bidding on one of the yummy desserts!