

The Christian Caller
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 Worship 10:30 AM.

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Our Mission Statement

To help one another grow in Christian faith through worship, witness, fellowship, and service to our community and the world.

December 18 Caller



Prayer Concerns

In the hospital:

Local Concerns: Maxine Wescott, Fred & Helen Eisele, Ron Black

Continuing Concerns: Nadine Timmons, Louise Kelsey, Clara & David McCluskey, Howard Svaty, Marvin & Mardina Gregory, Wayne Sircoulomb, Bob Compton, Evelyn DeCou, Diane Carver, Linda Shue, Evelyn Tarter, Lois Ramsey, Charlie North, George Chapman, Margaret Shinkle, Emagene Walton, Carol Turner

Our extended family: J. D. Cox, Jimmy Kieth, John Siewart, Steve Martin, Joleen Smith, Rita Renfro, Bill Ward, Debbie Sunthimer, Sharon Heien, Maxine Wilson, JR Schwarz, Justin Voorhies, and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad. All storm and wild fire victims as well as shooting victims.

Please call the church office (378-4118) with information or updates related to illnesses, hospitalizations, crisis, or immediate family deaths, so that care can be offered.

Financial Report

Sunday	
Dec. 08	\$2791.71
Dec. 15	\$1263,80

If any of you have changed your email address let me know . I can't send your Caller if your email address isn't current.



Happy Birthday!

Dec. 18 – Nadine Timmons*
 Dec. 22 – Barb Vaughn
 Dec. 25 – Jesus our Savior
 Dec. 26 – Doris Claiborne*
 Dec. 27 – Brendon Langley
 Dec. 28 – Melissa Millar
 Dec. 31 – Marvin Gregory
 Jan. 01 – Marilyn Pryor*
 Joey Cline*



Happy Anniversary!

Dec. 24 – Marvin & Mardina Gregory (57 Years)
 Dec. 28 – Charlie & Liz North (39 Years)



Thank you to everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, and memorials left in Jerry's name. Thank you to everyone who helped with the funeral dinner. All of your kindness was deeply appreciated. Last but not least thank you to Mike Jeffers for the beautiful service.

The Jerry W. Rice Family



Called to Serve – Dec. - Jan

Sunday, December 22

Table Elders: Carol Bernauer & Darin Vaughn

Home Communion: Mike Jeffers

Deacons: Mary Shue & Matthew Maloy

Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey & Mary Shue

Greeter: Marilyn Compton

Usher: Carol Bernauer AV. Nancy Burns

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Merlyn Ramsey

Sunday, December 29

Table Elders: Mike Jeffers & De Anna Vaughn
Vaughn

Home Communion: Todd Harrelson

Deacons: Pat & Jess Reed

Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey & Mary Shue

Greeter: Claudia Marr

Usher: Ron Black AV. Merelyn Ramsey

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Claudia Marr

Sunday, January 05

Table Elders: Carl Thornton & David Rogers

Home Communion: Mike Jeffers

Deacons: Sandy Besinger & Ron Black

Deaconesses: Liz North, Melissa Millar, Reannon Hickey

Greeter: Tina Thomas

Usher: Rex Thomas AV. Jess Reed

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Jess Reed



Decorating Our Sanctuary

In addition to the Pryor families' donation of poinsettias, Sandy

Cox and Susan Voorhies have donated one in memory of Dwayne and Irene Clary and Art and Mary Clary, Darlene Parker has donated one in honor of Christmas, one has been donated in memory of Helen Smith, May Smith and Mede Smith Sr. and Nadine Timmons donated one in memory of Mark, Tom and Tim Timmons. Thank you everyone for your generosity.



A Message from Pastor Shue

As advent season is coming to a close it is my hope that each of you have had a chance to spend some quality time in conversation with the Creator God. The time we spend in quiet conversation with God needs to be something we do all the time. We must purposefully have a plan to put aside the time to be in conversation with God on a permanent basis. What better time to start doing this then during the time we as a church set aside to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I hope each of you reading this will make a point of attending this year's Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. It is also my hope that you will either come and help serve the Christmas Dinner or come to share the food and fellowship time on Christmas Day. In either case all you have to do is let the office know so we can mark your name down.

Mary, Brendon, and I will be leaving on our vacation the 17th of January and returning on the 26th of January, 2020. The plan is to go to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. It has been 20 years since I have been there. It should be fun and interesting to see what has changed. Needless to say, Brendon is pretty excited about the trip, for that matter so am I.

February 19th thru February 26th, 2020. are the dates I will be gone to Santa Emilia, Nicaragua. It looks like we will be working on the water system for the village. We will be expanding it to include more people and also adding more storage capabilities. We are still raising money for this project so if you would like to give to it please let me know.

I hope each of you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor

Claude

***All Bulletin covers have been sponsored.
Thank you to everyone who sponsored
them.***



Exercise Class will not meet again
until January 6th



**Food
Collection**

Christmas Baskets

Christmas baskets will be distributed on December 21st. We have received 67 names. We may not have enough to do all 67 but we will stretch our resources as far as we can. Anyone who would like to assist in putting together and delivering baskets is welcome to come and have breakfast at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, the 21st.



**We are having Christmas Dinner on
December 25th at noon**

It will be dine-in, carry out, or delivery.
Please make your reservations no later than
December 23rd. Call the office to make
reservations: 378-4118



**Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m.
Everyone Welcome**



God's Son,



the Reason for the Season

On the very first Christmas, Jesus was a tiny baby wrapped in rags and lying in a cow stall. But from the beginning, He was Lord of life and King of all creation.

Jesus's birth is the reason to rejoice. But also His death, for when He arose again, He conquered sin and its grip on our lives. If we believe, we're free!

Jesus is in Heaven, seated at the right hand of God. He's with every believer on earth, too, through the miracle of the Holy Spirit. And He has promised to be with us always.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers and the beautiful prayer shawl.

Things are looking up for us in the new year.

Prayers sure do work.

Thanks again.

Jim & Janice Keith

For
Unto
us a
CHILD
is born
Unto us a Son
is given, and the
Government shall be
Upon His shoulders,
and His Name shall be called,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!
Isaiah 9:6

A Christmas Prayer

"O God, our help in ages past
Our Hope in years to be"-
Look down upon this present
And see our need of Thee...
For in this age of unrest,
With danger all around,
We need Thy hand to lead us

To higher, safer ground...
We need Thy help and counsel
To make us more aware,
That our safety and security
Lie solely in Thy care...
And so we pray this Christmas
To feel Thy presence near
And for Thy all-wise guidance
Throughout the coming year...
First give us understanding
Enough to make us kind,
So we may judge all people
With our heart and not our mind,
Then give us strength and courage
To be honorable and true,
And place our trust implicitly
In "unseen things" and "You."
And help us when we falter
And help renew our faith each day.
And forgive our human errors
And hear us when we pray.
And keep us gently humble
In the greatness of Thy love
So some day we are fit to dwell
With Thee in peace above.

~Helen Steiner Rice

Merry Christmas and Happy 2020!



On Our Calendar

- Dec. 18 - 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 – Choir
- Dec. 21 – Men's fellowship breakfast and distribution of Christmas baskets.
- Dec. 23 – No Exercise Group
- Dec. 24– No Homeless Matters
No – Cadet Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. – Candle light service
- Dec. 25 - **Noon – Christmas Dinner**
- Dec. 31 - No Homeless Matters
No – Cadet Girl Scouts
- Jan. 01- No Prayer Group
No Exercise Group
No Choir
- New Caller January 2

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