

The Christian Caller
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 Sunday school: 9:00 AM.
 Worship 10:30 AM.
 God's Praise Warriors Thursday 4:00-5:30 PM.
 Office hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 – 2:30 PM.
 Secretary: Cheryl Rice

Our Mission Statement

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

December 20 Caller



Prayer Concerns

In the hospital:

Local Concerns: Marilyn Compton, Marvin Gregory, Mardina Gregory, Wayne Sircoulomb

Continuing Concerns: Howard Svaty, Julie Lawson & family, Bob Compton, Alvin Robinson, Evelyn De Cou, Lois McBride, Bob & Jane Ellen Hutton, Diane Carver, Barbara Neill, Linda Shue, Doris Regan, Evelyn Tarter, Lois Ramsey, Charlie North, George Chapman, Rose Cummings, Helen Smith, Louise Morrison, Jo Shue, Margaret Shinkle,

Our extended family: New Life CO-OP, Charles Kennedy, John Relph, Raymond Reutlinger, Barbara Baddy, Betty Bell, Laura Banning, Melody Billings, JR Schwarz, Emily Hudson, Justin Voorhies, Tye Libberman, Rita Renfro, Brenda Lockhart and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad. All the hurricane and wild fire 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.

Serving in the Military with ties to this congregation are: Griffin Voorhies- Marines

Attendance & Financial Report

Sunday	Worship	General Offering
Dec. 10	79	\$ 1559.00
Dec. 17	75	\$ 1439.00



Happy Birthday!

Dec. 22 – Barb Vaughn
 Dec. 25 – Jesus Christ Our Savior
 Dec. 26 – Doris Claiborne*
 Dec. 27 – Brendon Langley
 Dec. 28 – Melissa Millar
 Dec. 31 – Marvin Gregory*
 Jan. 01 – Marilyn Pryor*
 Joey Cline*
 Jan. 02 – Shirley Freeman*



Happy Anniversary!

Dec. 24 – Marvin and Mardina Gregory
 (54 Years)

 Dec. 28 – Charlie and Liz North
 (37 years)

If your name is missing from the anniversary/ birthday list, or is incorrect, please call the office, 378-4118. We want to include you.



Thank you to those who have recently given cash donations to the Prayer Shawl ministry. This is very much appreciated.

Mardina Gregory, Chairwoman &
Lucine Reed, Co-chair



Called to Serve Dec –Jan.

Sunday, December 24

Table Elders: Mike Jeffers & Darin Vaughn

Home Communion: Mary Compton

Deacons: Mary Shue & Susan Voorhies

Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey & Mary Shue

Greeter: Phyllis Leckey

Usher: Claudia Marr AV. Ron Smith

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Mike Jeffers

Sunday, January 07

Table Elders: Carl Thornton & David Rogers

Home Communion: Mike Jeffers

Deacons: Don Vaughn & Rex Thomas

Deaconesses: Liz north & Reannan Hickey

Greeter: Tina Thomas

Usher: Rex Thomas AV. Cary Hutton

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Mary Compton

Sunday, January 14

Table Elders: Nancy Rogers & Todd Harrelson

Home Communion: Bob (Mary) Compton

Deacons: Ron Smith & Neal Bernauer

Deaconesses: Liz north & Reannan Hickey

Greeter: Phyllis Leckey

Usher: Doris Claiborne AV. Nancy Burns

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Anita Smith



Bulletin Covers

Thirteen bulletins covers still need a sponsor.

Call (378-4118) or come by the office to sponsor. The covers that remain are \$12 each.

Please Note

Since Christmas Eve falls on Sunday we will not have a candle light service at 7:00 P. M. It will be incorporated into the regular 10:30 service.

THANK YOU



Thank you to the congregation for your generosity of food and money for food baskets. We were still able to deliver fifty three food baskets, the same amount as last year, in spite of the fact we had less funds to work with. Each basket contained the basics for five complete meals. The recipients were very appreciative and these baskets made their Holidays brighter.

Thank you to everyone who helped pack and deliver the baskets. We couldn't have done it without you.

Charlotte Suaty & Nancy Burns,
Coordinators

THANK YOU



Thank you to all those who contributed money for Poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas.

Nadine Timmons: In memory of Mark, Tom, & Tim Timmons

Marilyn & Clifford Pryor: In memory of Kara & Max Pryor, Agnes & Cec Pryor, and Edgar & Eula Knowels

Mary & Bob Compton: In memory of Web & Florence Troutman, and Clarence & Dorothy Compton

Phyllis Leckey: In memory of Bob Leckey

Also thank you to Larry & Darlene Parker who sent a Poinsettia in memory of Francis & Lorene and Elka & Virginia Parker

THANK YOU

Thank you to Delores Kempinger, and the Thrift Shop Advisory Board (Sharon Blaker, Marilyn Compton, Phyllis Leckey, & Sandy Cox) for another great Appreciation Party. Also thank you to Doris Claiborne, Rita Githens, Mary Compton and the others for the entertainment.



A Message from Pastor Shue

I hope each of you are ready for the day in which we celebrate Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's birthday. It is also my hope that each of you have taken the time to be spiritually ready for this very special event. Those of us who claim to be Christians must show it all of the time not just around Christmas season. In the secular world Christmas is all about the giving and getting of gifts, and anything else that is sparkly and bright. I understand all of us do some of that as well. I believe it is okay as long as we proclaim the real reason for Christmas to the world. Never be embarrassed that you are a follower of Jesus Christ. We must show and tell the world about his love for them and the willing sacrifice he made for all of us upon the cross.

This time of year I always read and reread the Gospel of Luke Chapter 2: 1, 2-7, 10-14. This gives me a better understanding of this very busy time of year. Chapter 2 tells of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "In those days a decree went out from the Emperor Cesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went there to be registered with Mary, his betrothed and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. But the angel said to them, "do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find the child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

I hope you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Claude



Community Christmas Dinner

Preparations are underway today for dinner and it smells wonderful. I am told that eight large turkeys are being cooked.

Thursday is the last day to make a reservation for Christmas dinner. I hope you made yours.



December 10th the Praise warriors presented The Christmas Star dinner theater. The meal was delicious and well attended.



FYI

Mike Jeffers presented the budget which is a little less than last year and also the slate of officers for next year at the board meeting December 13th. Both were approved by the board and will be presented for a brief congregational meeting after church on December 31st.

In other business, our fluorescent lights are aging and the ballasts are beginning to burn out. It has come to our attention that we can replace the insides of our current fixtures with LED conversion kits cheaper than we can replace ballasts. Another consideration was that fluorescent lights may go the way of incandescent lights and be phased out. One light was converted for us to consider and the light is very bright. The board voted to approve ten light fixtures be converted. The majority of these will be in the hall ways and one in the Secretaries

office. This work will be done sometime after the New Year.

A Christmas Prayer for You

I said a Christmas prayer for you
Because the season is here
I didn't ask for riches
But for gifts so much more dear

I asked for joyful gatherings
With your family all around,
And for carols to inspire you
With their old familiar sound.

I asked for quiet moments
In your heart on Christmas morn,
For a special time to celebrate
The Savior who was born.

I asked for friends to send their best
That you might know they care;
I asked for peace, and love and hope,
I know God heard my prayer.

Merry Christmas!

Begin the Year with God

Let's talk about the New Year! There is no magic in the midnight. It would be nice if all heartaches and worries of the year faded with the strike of twelve, but it won't happen. The dawn of a new year will not make old problems disappear. Millions who try to drown their heartaches on New Year's Eve will awake with a headache on New Year's Day. Even the many good resolutions made by well-meaning people will do little to change lives. Old habits are strong and most people will soon be back in the old way of life.

Discouraging? Yes! It doesn't have to be this way. You can really have a New Year. You must start with the New Birth. Jesus said: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." This new birth is available to you as a gift from God. The clearest verse in the Bible is given to explain new birth. It is John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that

whoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The moment you come to the Lord Jesus Christ in faith you become a new person. The Bible describes it this way: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things become new" (II Corinthians 5:17)

New Year' Resolutions

A little less impatient with those we deem too slow;
A little less arrogance because of all we know;
A little more humility, seeing our worth is slight...
We are such trivial candles compared to the stars at night!
A little more forgiving and swifter to be kind;
A little more desirous the word of praise to find,
The word of praise to utter and make a heart rejoice;
A little bit more careful to speak with a gentle voice;
A little more true eagerness to understand each other;
A little more courage to help a ship-wrecked brother.
A little more real striving to each task that must be done;
These be our resolutions...and God help us everyone!



On Our Calendar

Dec. 20 - 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
Dec. 24 - 10:30 Combined worship & candle light service.
Dec. 25 - Noon Community Christmas Dinner
Dec. 26- No Homeless Matters
Dec. 27 -9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
Dec. 31 - 1:30 Morningstar worship
Jan. 01 - **Happy New Year!**
Jan. 02 - 2:00 -4:00 Homeless Matters
Jan. 03 - 9:00 Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
New Caller

*Articles for the Caller may be edited due to length, content, or for clarification.

