

December, 2018

One of my favorite songs is sung by Louis Armstrong "What a Wonderful World." His rendition has just the right inflection on each word. This is a wonderful world, made by God with absolutely no mistakes made. God knew at this moment in time that James Memorial would be without a pastor. He knew we would have a good leadership team and He wanted to change our church focus not on ourselves but totally on Him. That is what we as the leadership team have purposed to do. We want to totally look to Him, rely on His leading, and through His Word do what is best for our church family. He tells us to "be still and know that He is God." He wants us to be strong in our faith and encourage each other. He wants us to stand fast together in adversity and trust Him in all things. I especially appreciate what Pastor Brad Mullinax preached a few weeks ago in 1 Thessalonians "to pray continually, give thanks to God in all things, for this is the will of God." Philippians 4 tells us to rejoice in all things, pray about everything. Colossians 1 tells us to give thanks for everything. The Lord gave everything for us and loves us so much. We need to trust that He has the perfect plan for our church. We need to pray and encourage each other - God has this!!! Romans 15 says that our God is the source of hope and fills us with joy, peace and life. Our hope continues to grow by our total faith and trust in Him by the power of the Holy Spirit. JMBC family needs to be strong together, stand firm in our faith in Jesus, and trust Him to guide us forward in the right direction. Pray for the leadership team, in the choosing of an interim pastor and then a new pastor and make the best decisions for our church family. I am encouraged about this wonderful world, a beautiful Christmas season as we celebrate Jesus birth, and a hope filled special New Year.

Deborah Davis

March to the Manger

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Sunday, December 9



Lottie Moon Post Office

Get your Christmas Cards ready! The post office is open! Monetary donations will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and may be put in an envelope marked "Lottie Moon" and placed in the offering plate. The post office is located in the Welcome Center.



In Memoriam

A donation was made to the General Fund of JMBC in memory of Sandy McNair by the Polly Smith Sunday School Class.



"The Wonder of Christmas"

Sunday, December 16, 11:00 a.m.
Join the Adult Choir as we kick off the Christmas Season with a time of worship and praise.

No Brotherhood Breakfast during the month of December.

Church Leadership Team Nominations

We need recommendations for nomination to the 2019 Church Leadership Team no later than December 2.

A special called Business Meeting will be called on December 9 to vote for the 2019 Leadership Team.



Ladies' Small Group

We meet in the fellowship hall on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. Come Join Us.

As we enter the Christmas season, (Yes, unbelievably it is time. Thanksgiving has quickly come and gone.) it is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the American version of the holiday season. When we do stop to think about the true meaning of the season, we often think about the accounts of Matthew and Luke that comprise what we typically think of as the Christmas Story. If this is where we stop in thinking about the reason, we risk missing the fullness of the power and meaning of the gift of the newborn king, the king baby born to die. Isaiah 53:7b "like a lamb that is led to the slaughter," God incarnate, Emmanuel, God with us come to save us. The one who spoke the heavens into existence, the one who would bear the scars of our sins, the one death could not hold, the grave could not keep. The one who would rise in victory, breaking the chains of death and grave. The risen Christ victorious, this is the one whose birth we celebrate. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" Luke 2:14 Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee!!

Love in Christ, Matt

Ladies' Small Group Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 11 11:00 a.m.

Jacki Ashley's House

Sock Exchange - Fill a sock with goodies to exchange! Lunch Provided



Staff Christmas Love Offering

Prayerfully consider what you would like to give this year to the love offering to recognize our staff at Christmas. Please place your contribution in an envelope clearly marked "Staff Christmas Love Offering". Contributions will be received thru December 16.



Just A Note

When you study the biblical accounts of Christ's birth, you discover that music played an irresistible role in the gospel. In Luke's Gospel alone, there are at least four hymns of praise that are related to the birth of Christ. There were songs about His coming birth; there were songs on the day of His birth, and there were songs soon after His birth. One of the first hymns to be composed by a human heart, was perhaps, the earliest poem, and which has been set to music for generations, was a song that was composed 600 years before the birth of Christ. Isaiah 9:6 "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Isaiah composed a verse in his hymn to describe who the coming Redeemer was. Let us discover some of the depth of Isaiah's song; some of the richness of his lyrics. We find we have surrendered to One who is indeed: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace. This song never grows old!

In Christ, Myra Reagan

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Activities/Services	Wednesday Activities/Services
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Morning Service	6:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study, Youth Worship, Children in Action 7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice



Helping Others At Christmas

This Christmas, our church has adopted a family from the Etowah Baptist Mission Center. Sunday School Classes have been asked to obtain specific items for the family. These items need to be at the church no later than December 9.

Backpack/Blessing Box/Food Pantry Ministries

Thank you for your continued support of these ministries through our church this year.

Deacons - Security/Greeters

- Dec. 2 Robin Roberts - 256-393-9415, Paul Allen - 256-458-3683
- Dec. 9 Bob Lowery - 256-390-1208, Steve Snyder - 256-546-7557
- Dec. 16 Robin Roberts - 256-393-9415, Pat Sherrill - 256-543-7742
- Dec. 23 Steve Snyder - 256-546-7557, Paul Allen - 256-458-3683
- Dec. 30 - Pat Sherrill - 256-543-7742, Bob Lowery - 256-390-1208

Sunday Counting

Karen Johnson, Paul Allen

Ushers

- Dec. 2 - Alexander Allen, Gene Johnson
Robin Roberts, Rickey Frasier
- Dec. 9 - Bryant Allen, Pat Sherrill,
Bob Lowery, Robby Robertson
- Dec. 16 - Alexander Allen, Gene Johnson
Robin Roberts, Rickey Fraiser
- Dec. 23 - Bryant Allen, Pat Sherrill,
Bob Lowery, Robby Robertson
- Dec. 30 - Alexander Allen, Gene Johnson
Robin Roberts, Rickey Frasier

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In God We Trust
Psalms 56:4

VITAL STATISTICS

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Sunday School Attendance 58
Worship Attendance 76

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Sunday School Attendance 52
Worship Attendance 64

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Sunday School Attendance 51
Worship Attendance 75

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Sunday School Attendance 48
Worship Attendance 62

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Sunday School Attendance 48
Worship Attendance 56

JMBC Staff

- Matt (Julie) Johnson..... Minister of Youth
- Myra Reagan Choir/Music Director
- Marjorie Hall Organist
- Marie Barnes Guest Pianist
- Rachel Chaney Secretary
- Murray McBurnett..... Custodian

Financial Statements If you would like a copy of the monthly financial statement, you may come by the office to pick one up or have one mailed to you. For security reasons, we no longer post the financial information in the Messenger or Sunday Bulletin.

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The Messenger

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“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

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