

SUNDAY AM	December 21 , 2025	December 28, 2025
ANNOUNCE	Mark Vaughan	Mark Vaughan
SONGLEADER	Tyler Vaughan	Larry Shears
READING	Jarritt Flinn	Ed O'Dell
PRAYER	Ed O'Dell	Roy Clark
COMMUNION	Mike Carpenter	Roy Clark
ASSIST COMMUNION	Josiah Clark	Josiah Clark
ASSIST COMMUNION	John Stephens	John Stephens
USHER	John Carter	Roy Clark
SUNDAY PM		
SONGLEADER	Mike Carpenter	Mark Vaughan
READING	Tyler Vaughan	Adam Carpenter
PRAYER	Mark Vaughan	Josiah Clark
COMMUNION	Tyler Vaughan	Ed O'Dell
Wednesday	December 23, 2025	December 31, 2025
Invitation	Ed O'Dell	Roy Clark
Song Leader	Mike Carpenter	Tyler Vaughan

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How to be Saved

Hear: Romans 10:14
Believe: Hebrews 11:6
Repent: Acts 17:30
Confess Jesus as Savior: Acts 8:36-37
Be Baptized: Acts 2:38

Sunday December 7, 2025

Bible Study 29
Morning Worship 38
Evening Worship 20
Offering \$1606.00
Wednesday 17 23
Attendance Goal 60
2025 Baptisms 0
2025 Restorations 1

Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30AM
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00PM
Wednesday Bible Class 7:00PM

Please join us for Sunday
Morning Bible Study 9:30am

Exploring the Heart of
Prophecy:

Voices of Jeremiah:
Anchored in Hope



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Welcome to Our Worship —We are delighted you're here!
Sunday Morning Message: Why did Jesus Come to Earth?
Sunday Evening Message: Speaker Roy Clark

Merry Christmas

What a wonderful time of year! Many homes are decorated with beautiful lights. People are in a giving spirit and making plans for giving good gifts to family and friends. It is Christmas time and even Christmas week. Christmas is many people's favorite holiday. It seems to be the favorite holiday of children all over the world. It is a wonderful time of year!

There are always some questions for Christians. Is Jesus the reason for the season? What should we think of Santa? As Christians how should we celebrate this holiday? For answers to anything that especially has to do with religion, it is important to go to the Word of God.

The Bible speaks of the birth of Jesus as an amazing historical event. The gospels give us details of the birth of Jesus and how Mary came to be with child. It shows how an angel and the Holy Spirit were involved. The gospel tells us His name and lets us know that he will save people from their sins. We see Jesus born in a very poor barn because there was no place for them in the inn. We are told that King Herod secretly called the Magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. We see King Herod slaughtering babies to try to kill baby Jesus.

After all this, we are never told to celebrate the birth of Jesus! We never see an example of anyone in Bible times celebrating the birth of Jesus. It certainly is not a command. Historians give us several dates that they believe Jesus was born and most of them seem to be in the spring. The Bible does tell us to focus of the death of Jesus. When we look at His life the most important thing is not His birth, but his death to pay the price for our sins. That is the greatest gift of all time for Jesus to pay for our sins.

From a worldly perspective how should we approach Christmas? It is fine to have an imagination. It is fine to imagine someone brings gifts to children and sometimes adults. It is fine to think that he is in a red suit with a white beard and a sleigh with reindeer. The wonderfulness that comes from this is that people are nice to each other and family members. It is a time for family to get together and share their love. It is a time to make memories that last for many years. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! John 13:34-35 (ESV)³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

For His Glory—Elvis Galbreath

EVENTS | A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, December 21: Assembly and Delivery of Fruit Baskets after morning worship—members are encouraged to help
Tuesday, December 23: Weekly Bible Study moved to Tuesday 7pm
Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 25: Merry Christmas!
Wednesday, December 31: New Years Eve—Bible Study at 7:00pm
Thursday, January 1: Have a Happy New Year!

PRAY

one for another

JAMES 5:16

Submit your prayer request.

- † Ruth’s daughter Nancy’s cancer is growing again. She will be doing 3 different chemotherapy treatments at the same time.
- † Vida Cowgill’s right eye now has wet AMD. She received a shot in her eye on Thursday and will have at least 5 more shots. Praying that her vision will return.
- † Karen Metz has not been feeling well and is undergoing some testing.
- † Anne’s friend, Gretchen may NOT have MS after all but will do the complete MS protocol tests.
- † Chris Wigal’s tumor in her head is growing again.
- † Doug Stephens will see his family doctor on Monday to be referred to a cancer doctor at CAMC in Charleston.
- † Delbert White is home and recovering well. He still gets dizzy, but he is learning how to manage it. He has no pain but is low in energy. He is grateful for the cards and prayers.
- † Ruth Lemon is still recovering from a broken ankle. She will need to wear her boot for a few more weeks.
- † Tammy Phillips continues to recover from her surgery.
- † Tammy’s nephew, Clinton, needs prayers with his kidneys failing. He has been in and out of the hospital.
- † Please remember Abby Bell as her husband is in the military and doing a lot of traveling.
- † Anne’s Auntie Alba is having issues with her heart.
- † Anne’s cousin Margaret is now on hospice.
- † Elvis is having a colonoscopy on Monday.
- † Anne’s cousin Susan is having testing.

Birthdays
Kyle Philipps 12/15
Anniversaries
None



The Ladies will be having a Basket Baby Shower
For Josie Phillps
She will be having a boy.
Please bring gifts to church building
by January 4th
She is registered at Amazon



We will be putting together Christmas Fruit & Cookie Baskets after morning worship today!. We can certainly use your help putting them together and delivering them. Thank you for bringing cookies and snacks in to help!

We have an Opportunity to help the local homeless population

The things will be needed by January 14th! Thank You!

- Clean Socks & Underwear
- Weather appropriate Outerwear
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Famine Hygiene Products
- Hand Sanitizer
- Cap-stick
- Sleeping Bags
- Gloves & Hats
- Water Bottles
- Footwear
- Deodorant
- Soaps
- First-Aid Supplies
- Backpacks
- Blankets

There is a full list on the bulletin board in the back



Please save the date and make plans to be with us for our Spring Gospel Meeting with
David Lipe!
Sunday, April 12th
thru
Wednesday April 15th

Theme: Anywhere with Jesus

Why did Jesus Come To Earth?

The word “_____” is used in the Bible only one time: _____, meaning in the Greek “a_____.”
John 1:29
I. Why? Because of Divine _____ for us!
Hebrews 2:9
John 3:16
Matthew 16:18
Luke 19:10
First Corinthians 1:18
Hebrews 7:25
_____ wanted to take man’s place as an _____ for sin. _____ wanted to do for man what man could not _____ do for _____.
John 14:1-2
Second Corinthains 5:14
First John 2:2
II. Why? We _____ a Savior!
First John 3:4
Genesis 3:4-5
Isaiah 59:1-2
Romans 5:12
Before sin came, _____ man could have possibly desired was _____ by God for his well-being and _____. He had _____, food, companionship, and _____ with God. his only _____ was to dress and keep the _____.
First John 2:15-17
Matthew 4:1-11
Ezekiel 18:20
Ezekiel 28:15
First Corinthians 15:22

Evening Sermon Notes: