

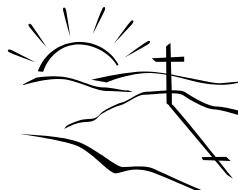
SUNDAY AM	December 21 , 2025	December 28, 2025
ANNOUNCE	Mark Vaughan	Mark Vaughan
SONGLEADER	Tyler Vaughan	Larry Shears
READING	Jarrett Flinn	Ed O'Dell
PRAYER	Ed O'Dell	Roy Clark
COMMUNION	Mike Carpenter	Roy Clark
ASSIST COMMUNION	Josiah Clark	Josiah Clark
ASSIST COMMUNION	John Stephens	John Stephens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

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## 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!**

**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

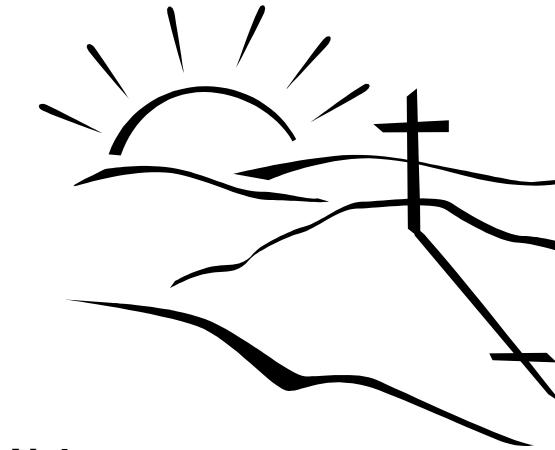
**Sunday December 7, 2025**

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 on 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)<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**For His Glory—Elvis Galbreath**

**THE  
SUNRISE  
MESSENGER**



Submit  
YOUR  
prayer request.

JAMES 5:16

- † 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.



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**

### Birthdays

**Kyle Philipp 12/15**

### Anniversaries

**None**



***The Ladies will be having a Basket Baby Shower***

***For Josie Phillips***

***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 wor-  
ship today!. We can certainly  
use your help putting them  
together and delivering  
them. Thank you for bring-  
ing 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***



# **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:**