

December
Dec 25 **No** Wednesday Night Services
Dec 29 5th Sunday Fellowship after services

BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

Church family, thank you for your continued support of our Blessing Box Ministry! Our storage shelves are running very low—especially in this colder weather we want to keep our box filled. Please help us refill our storage shelves as we continue to serve our community in Jesus’ name! Thanks in advance!

Priority Needs!!!

Non-Perishable Food Items:

Canned goods w/flip top lids/can openers
Boxed Meal/food that only needs water to cook it
Granola Bars/Fruit Cups or other on-the-go snack items that can be divided up easily
Wrapped Plasticware/Sandwich Baggies

Hygiene Items:

Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Shampoo/Conditioner
Body Wash/Body Lotion
Deodorant
Lip Balm/Facial Tissue

Seasonal Warm Items:

Gloves
Stocking Caps
Gloves
Scarves
Handwarmers

*You can also put together individual “kits” in quart or gallon sized baggies with “travel size” basic toiletries or snack bags that are ready for visitors to grab-and-go.

*Our storage shelves are housed in the nursery/study in the west hallway. If you ever see the box empty when you come to church, you’re welcome to stop in and grab a few items to restock it!

Thankyou!

CHILDREN’S CORNER

Our Theme for Children’s & Teens Bible Classes for December is “God Delivers His People.” Here is a peek at this month’s lessons, the Big Picture Question and Bible Verse.

Dec 22—God Provided for His People (Exodus 15-17)

Dec 29—Moses Led the Israelites (Exodus 17-18)

Big Picture Question:

Q: Why does sin separate us from God?

A: Because God is holy, sin has broken our relationship with God. *“The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.” —Psalm 34:17*

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE

December

Dec 22—**Need Volunteer!** Dec 29—Darlene Cooney

January

Jan 05—**Need Volunteer!** Jan 12—Linda Wartick

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

Christmas Reading

If it’s not already a part of your Christmas tradition, here’s something I recommend everyone read, either individually, or even better, with others, on Christmas day:

John 1:1-14

Luke 1:26-80, 2:1-40

Matthew 1:18-25 & 2:1-23

*****Bonus*****

Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7, 11:1-5

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Micah 5:2

Genesis 12:3

Galatians 4:4-5

And if you want to do, as the saying goes, “Keep Christ in Christmas,” don’t do this by merely using your words – if you truly would keep Christ in Christmas, do it by imitating Him in your deeds for others.

Much love!

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THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Many view “The Twelve Days of Christmas” simply as a light nonsensical romantic carol we hear often during the Christmas season.

This song that originated in the 1500s during religious wars, however, is considered deeply spiritual, containing many symbols of Christianity. Each gift in the carol is a veiled reference to a Christian article of faith. Since Christianity was forbidden in some areas, some historians view the carol as a hidden way to teach children the Catechism

Various customs have evolved around these days depending upon one’s religion and its traditions. Eventually, pagan celebrations merged with religious observances to make Christmas the most joyous day of the year.

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Prayer List: Jim DeJarnett, Wynetta Weston, Joshua Lewis, Larry Helton, Mary Ellen Garver, Marilyn Bartlow, Patsy Pierce, Gary Bodine, Bob & Beth Brownlee, Richard Wartick, Kylie Lock

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The actual Twelve Days of Christmas, a liturgical church tradition, usually begins December 25 and continues to the night before Epiphany, January 6, the designated day to take down and put away holiday decorations.

Many Americans do not observe the Twelve Days, focusing instead on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year’s festivities.

“The Twelve Days of Christmas” is a repetitive cumulative song listing twelve gifts for the singer. *My true love* represents Christ, and *me* anyone of the Christian faith.

The actual gifts in the carol and the religious gifts they are thought to symbolize are as follows:

1. A Partridge in a Pear Tree—Christ
2. Two Turtle Doves—The Old and The New Testaments;
3. Three French Hens—Faith, Hope and Love
4. Four Calling Birds—The Four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)
5. Five Golden Rings—The Pentateuch or the First Five Books of the Old Testament
6. Six Geese a-Laying—The Number of days it took God to create the world;
7. Seven Swans a-Swimming—The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit;
8. Eight Maids a-Milking—The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10)
9. Nine Ladies Dancing—The nine fruits of the Holy Spirit;
10. Ten Lords a-Leaping—The Ten Commandments;
11. Eleven Pipers Piping—The eleven faithful Apostles; and
12. Twelve Drummers Drumming—The twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles’ Creed.

The actual dates, customs, and traditions of the Twelve Days of Christmas vary widely among world religions and cultures. However all have common threads—celebration of Christ’s birth; giving of gifts; special decorations and festivities throughout the season; and, good will toward others. We hope your “Twelve Days of Christmas” will continue throughout the 365 days of a New Year filled with love, peace, and joy. —Selected

If you are visiting today, welcome! We are glad that you have joined us in worshiping our God. Please feel at home with our family, and let us know how we can serve you!

Fix Your Eyes on Jesus. Part 3: Rescue
Selected Scriptures

Be _____ for _____

How to Be _____

- Understand My _____

- Understand His _____

- Understand Your _____

Notes:

THOSE WHO SERVE

<u>SUNDAY, 10:30 AM</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Dec 29</u>	<u>Jan 05</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
<u>Opening Prayer</u>	L. Lewis	B. Turney	M. Neal	E. Newberry
<u>Song Leader</u>	T. Norris	T. Norris	A. Shields	A. Shields
 <u>Communion Talk</u>				
<u>& Prayer</u>	W. LeFlore	K. Dodds	J. DeJarnett	N. Bradbury
 <u>Contribution Prayer.</u>	A. Shields	A. Shields	L. Turney	L. Turney
<u>Collection & Count</u>	C. Francisco	C. Francisco	W. Pierce	W. Pierce
 <u>Ushers</u>				
	J. Rayl	J. Rayl	J. Muhl	J. Muhl
	J. DeJarnett	J. DeJarnett	A. Hines	A. Hines
 <u>Closing Prayer</u>	T. Norris	T. Norris	R. Harris	R. Harris
 <u>Deacon in Charge</u>	L. Lewis	L. Lewis	D. Pierce	D. Pierce

ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY—December 15

Bible Class.....56
A.M. Worship.....95
Contribution.....\$2,423

WEDNESDAY—December 18

Auditorium—23 Teens— 6
Bible Hour—15 **Total—44**

ELDERS

Rex Harris
Tom Norris

DEACONS

Nathan Bradbury Kevin Dodds
Aaron Hines Leroy Lewis
David Pierce Wade Pierce
Alan Shields

MINISTER

Wes LeFlore

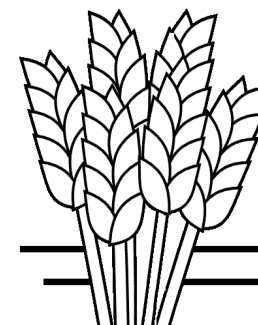
SCHEDULE OF SERVICE

Sunday

Bible Classes.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.
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*“Reaching Inward, Outward
Upward, Downward”*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 22, 2024

Call to Worship

Song #1012 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Song #997 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Prayer

Song #337 “Hallelujah! What a Savior”

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Song #1001 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Lesson

Song #942 “Tell Me the Old, Old Story”

Prayer

*Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children’s Church
to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the study
for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.*