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December 25, 2016

Today:

"Don't Have A Blue Christmas"

Tonight:

No PM Service

Wednesday:

Singing Night

Birthday / Anniversary Celebration

Contact Elder for December –
Elton Carter 256-493-6120

Order of Worship

Call To Worship

Song #: Create In Me

Prayer - Rusty Stephens

Song Leader: Shaun Stancil

*Song #1001: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
(1,2,3)*

Song #996: O Little Town Of Bethlehem (1,2,4)

*Song #382: Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?
(1,2,3)*

Communion & Offering

Song #997: O Come, All Ye Faithful (1,2,3)

Song #1028: O Holy Night! (1,3)

Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

*Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley
Luke 2:25-35*

Message: John Ross

Song #924: Just As I Am (1,2,4)

Announcements

Song #1005: Beautiful Star of Bethlehem (1)

Prayer - Marcus Denney

*Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come, And The Glory
Of The Lord Rises Upon You.*

Do You See Him?



It's Christmas night and the house is quiet. Even the crackle is gone from the fireplace. The last of the carolers appeared on the ten o'clock news; the last of the apple pie has been devoured; and the last of the Christmas albums have been stored away after reminding us of chestnuts, white Christmases, and a red-nosed reindeer.

It's Christmas night and I can't help but realize how the world was different this week. It was temporarily transformed.

The magic of Christmas was seen in humanity ever so briefly, reminding us of what is worth having and what we were intended to be. We stepped away from busy-ness and looked outward toward the star of Bethlehem.

It's the season to be jolly because, more than at any other time, we think of Him. More than in any other season, His name is on our lips.

And the result?

For a few precious hours, He is beheld. Christ the Lord. Those who pass the year without seeing Him, suddenly see Him. People accustomed to using His name in vain, paused to use it in praise. Eyes, now free of the blinders of self, marvel at His majesty.

All of a sudden He's everywhere. He's in the grin of the policeman as he drives a van full of presents to the orphanage. He's in the emotion of the father who is too thankful to finish the dinner table prayer. He's in the tears of the mother as she welcomes home her son from overseas. He's in the heart of the man who spent Christmas morning on skid row giving away cold baloney sandwiches and warm wishes. And He's in the solemn silence of the crowd of shopping mall shoppers as the elementary school chorus sings "Away in a Manger."

Emmanuel. He is with us. God came near.

It's Christmas night ... but in a few hours the cleanup will begin. Lights will come down; trees will be thrown out; Size 36 will be exchanged for size 40; and eggnog will be on sale for half price.

Soon life will be normal again. December's generosity will become January's payments and the magic will begin to fade.

But for the moment, the magic is still in the air. Maybe that's why I'm still awake. I want to savor the spirit just a bit more. I want to pray that those who beheld Him today will look for Him next August. And I can't help but linger on one fanciful thought: *If He can do so much with such timid prayers lamely offered in December, how much more could He do if we thought of Him every day?*

Upcoming Events



December 28: Singing Night & Birthday / Anniversary Celebration.

January 17: GEMS Meeting—10am

January 25: Singing Night

January 29: 5th Sunday Contribution to the Building Maintenance Fund

January 29: Men's General Business Meeting—8:30am

January 29: Elders / Deacons Meeting—6pm

January 29: Youth led PM worship service

February 5: Super Bowl Party

This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Oatmeal Variety Packs

-Cereal



ATTENTION MEN!

Sue Ryker needs some men from the congregation to stay with her husband, Bill, so she can take a few hours off one day a week and run errands. If you are able to help with this, please let Andi know. If you could help once per month it would be helpful.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/26—Tyler Painter, Brooke Champion

12/27—Gloria Thomas

12/28—M/M Travis Strickland

12/29—Bryana Yarbrough, Krystal Hall

12/30—Spence Beasley

12/31—Pattie Bean, M/M Kevin Cobb, M/M Ron Chambless

Remember in Prayer. .



Our Sick. . .

Tommy Tinney has received discouraging news concerning his health. Please no phone calls or visits at this time. Cards and prayers would be greatly appreciated. (PO Box 81, Munford 36268)

Friends & Family. . .

Jane Burns (sister of **Rusty Stephens**) is recovering from gall bladder surgery. (PO Box 406, Munford 36268)

Doug James (father of **Bryana Yarbrough**) is dealing with some health issues right now. (82 Mitchell Circle, Lincoln 35096)

Mattie Rutledge (infant cousin of **Tiffany Strickland**) has been dealing with seizures and was transported to UAB hospital last week. She has shown signs of improvement.

Michelle Eudes (mother of **Ben Eudes**) is in the hospital recovering from brain surgery due to a possible aneurysm.

Sympathy. . .

We extend our deepest sympathy to the following:

The family of **Hazel Moore** (sister of **Diane Mitchell**) who passed away last Friday. (Diane – 925 Cecile Drive, Oxford 36203)

The family of **Amy Garvin** (former co-worker of **Russell & Andi Johnston**) who passed away unexpectedly last week.

The family of **Robert Hosner** (son of **Jill & Todd Hosner** - friends of **Elton & Linda Carter**) who was killed in a car accident last Friday.

The family of **Jane Russell** (childhood friend of **Linda Carter**) who passed away last week from liver cancer.

Please remember all of these families in your prayers as they face the difficult days ahead.

Those Privileged to Serve:

December 2016

Song Leaders:

25th – Shaun Stancil

AM: Opening Prayer

25th: Rusty Stephens

Closing Prayer

Marcus Denney

PM: Opening Prayer

25th: NO PM SERVICE

Closing Prayer

Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: Jamie Burgess

Assisting: Marcus Denney, Matt Smith, Ben Lackey, Duane Stephens, Kenny Stratton, Eric Ishee, Wayne Carden, Mike Tims

Ushers:

Keith Yarbrough, Calvin Phillips, Eddie Jennings, Patrick Houston, Ted Haynes, Marty Livingston

Little Lambs:

25th: Shannon Smith & Piper Smith

Greeters:

West Entrance: Linda Galbreath & Debbie Stewart

East Entrance: Bob & Jan Templin

Main Foyer: Glenda Reaves, Carolyn Elston, Harold & Pattie Bean, Anna Livingston

Security Duty:

25th: Spencer Austin & Geoff Williams

Prepare Communion: Pam Stratton

Secure Building: Kenny Stratton

Youth Activity Host: Lackey family

Contact Elder: Elton Carter

If you are unable to serve please contact **Brian Forbus**
@ 256-831-2471.

Calendar & Address Updates



Everyone please take time to review the calendars on the tables in the foyer. Make any necessary additions / changes for the upcoming year. Also, please review your address and email address to make sure it is correct. Deadline for updates will be next Sunday.



We are still in need of members to sign up to Secure the Building, Prepare Communion and Host Youth Devotionals for 2017. If you can assist with any of these, please sign the sheets in the foyer.

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Elders:

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Kevin Briley
Elton Carter
Fred Denney
Brian Forbus
James Lindsey
Bob Templin

Deacons:

James Galbreath
(Food Ministry, Building)
Eddie Jennings
(Homebuilders, Young Adult Activities)
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(Youth, Office Administration, Widows Needs)
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