



# Voice

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**December 24, 2017**

**Today:**

*"A Heart Too Small"*

**Tonight:**

**No PM Worship Service**

**Wednesday:**

**Singing Night**

**NEXT Sunday Night:**

*New Year's Eve Devo &  
Party beginning at 7pm  
in the Fellowship Hall*

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

### *Order of Worship*

*Call To Worship*

*Luke 2:1-7*

*Prayer - Marty Livingston*

*Song Leader: Shaun Stancil*

*Song #999: The First Noel (1,2,4)*

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

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

*Communion & Offering*

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

*Song #1028: O Holy Night!*

*Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour*

*Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley*

*Matthew 1:20b-23*

*Message: John Ross*

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

*Announcements*

*Song #1005: Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

*Prayer - Calvin Phillips*

*"Glory To God In The Highest, And On Earth Peace,  
Good Will Toward Men."*

## Tis the Season



America is fully engaged in the Christmas Season. Stores have had their "Big Sales", trees are up everywhere adorned with everything from lovely to gaudy ornaments. Some of us are even reflecting on the original Christmas Story.

So how will you and your family choose to focus this season?

For some, 'tis the season of *controversy*. Every year we hear about the "secularization of Christmas." Nativity scenes are banned from public property in some places and featured in others. Some stores are having "holiday" sales while others are having "Christmas" sales. Passions erupt. Left versus right. Sacred versus secular. Tradition verses political correctness.

For others, 'tis the season of *spending*. Some companies do the majority of their annual business during this one season. Many people sweat the issue of buying for this person but not for that one. Some even purchase "emergency gifts" in order to have a quick-response package for the person who unexpectedly puts something in his or her hands - in order not to offend.

For still others, 'tis the season of *religion*. People who otherwise never darken the door of a church building will attend a Christmas service. Most will prefer more music than preaching, entertaining over instruction, inspiring over reflective. By being in church, they will have paid their dues for the season. Perhaps for the year.

But what if the point of Christmas is not to "fight back against the secular folk"? People who don't believe in Jesus see us Christians as too quick to want to fight with them anyway. Sure, it's as silly to have Christmas with the Christ-references removed as to celebrate Lincoln's birthday without talking about our country's sixteenth president. And what if we buy gifts - but not with money we don't have? Adjusting spending to budget? Mostly, however, maybe we could do something for our church or favorite charity. It's a good thing to let someone on really hard times know that someone cares.

And the religious parts - music, film, readings, sermons, and the like - can be part of the ongoing rhythm of life. It doesn't have to be seasonal. Don't shut it down on December 26. Let it be natural and easy. It will both connect you with those who share your faith and testify gently to those who don't.

'Tis the season, all right. Let's try to use it in positive, appropriate ways.

## Upcoming Events



**December 24:** No PM Worship Service

**December 27:** Singing Night

**December 31:** NYE Devotional Service and Party beginning at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring finger foods, desserts, and drinks. Also bring board games and card games. We will pray in the new year at midnight.

**January 14:** Lads to Leaders convention forms due. See Teresa Tims, Michele Williams or Susan Briley with questions.

**January 15:** Diaper & Wipes basket for **Alison (Phillips) Culp**. *We will be collecting diapers and wipes from now until January 15th.*

**January 28:** Baby Shower for **Tesa Johnston**— It's a GIRL!

## Welcoming Baby Samantha

We will be putting together a baby basket for **Alison & Robby Culp**. Please begin bringing in diapers (assorted sizes) and baby wipes from now until January 15th. If you have questions, please see Sharon or Andi.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/24—Donnie Woods, M/M Fred Denney

12/26—Tyler Painter, Brooke Champion

12/27—Gloria Thomas

12/29—Bryana Yarbrough, Krystal Hall

12/30—Spence Beasley

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

## This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

- Applesauce

- Pudding Cups



## Remember in Prayer. . .



### Our Sick. . .

**Bill Brewer** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and will be undergoing surgery in January. (165 Oak Pointe Drive, Cropwell 35054)

### Friends & Family. . .

**Paul Johnson** (father of **Beth Watts**) suffered a heart attack last week and had stents placed for two blockages. (626 Jackson Trail, Attalla 35954)

**Judy Turner** (mother of **Lorene Turner**) has been in the hospital but is now home. She will be returning for further testing. (554 Lowrimore Road, Alexandria 36250)

**Wesley Lyons** (3 year old son of Oxford Police officer, **Gerry Lyons**) was diagnosed with B-ALL Leukemia. Treatment began this past week and first round will last 29 days. (5444 Alexandria Wellington Road, Wellington 36279)

**Pamela Brice** (daughter of **Jerry Lee**) is experiencing some trauma at this time.

### Sympathy. . .

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **James Horn** (uncle of **Kay Baker**). He was a member of the Lineville church of Christ. Please keep this family in your prayers during this difficult time. (PO Box 116, Lineville 36266)

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Frances Pinkston** (mother of **Ricky Pinkston**) who passed away this past Wednesday. Please remember Rick and family in prayer during this time. (4023 Nubbin Creek Road, Lineville 36266)

We also express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Josh Rogers** (son of **Alisha Rogers** who is a co-worker of **Brian Forbus**). Please remember this family during the difficult days ahead.

## Those Privileged to Serve:

December 2017

### Song Leaders:

24th – Shaun Stancil 29th – Rusty Stephens

#### AM: Opening Prayer

24th: Marty Livingston

31st: Frank Tant

#### Closing Prayer

Calvin Phillips

Jeff Tims

#### PM: Opening Prayer

24th: NO PM SERVICE

31st: James Farmer

#### Closing Prayer

Patrick Houston

### Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

#### Presiding:

24th: Bill Brewer 31st: Frank Thomas

Assisting: Alan Robison, Jamie Burgess, Wayne Carden, Jim Denney, Calvin Phillips, Ted Haynes, David Pugh

#### Ushers:

Harold Bean, Harold Colley, Keith Yarbrough, Jeff Tims, Frank Tant, Geoff Williams

#### Little Lambs:

24th: Shannon Smith & Linda Carter

31st: Lindsey Webb & Shelby Stratton

#### Greeters:

West Entrance: Robin Houston & Glenda Reaves

East Entrance: Donna & Phil Waits

Main Foyer: Linda Galbreath, Elton Carter, Debbie Stewart, Maggie Freeman

#### Security Duty:

24th: Avery Pressley & Marcus Denney

31st: Landon Watts & Kevin Briley

Prepare Communion: Glenda Reaves, Lorene Turner

Secure Building: John Ross

Youth Activity Host:

Contact Elder: Elton Carter

If you are unable to serve please contact

Brian Forbus @ 256-831-2471.

## Lads to Leaders News

*If you are planning on attending the Lads to Leaders convention and have NOT turned in your forms, please do so by **January 14th**. If you need more information, please see Susan, Michele, or Teresa.*

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Kevin Briley  
Elton Carter  
Fred Denney  
Brian Forbus  
James Lindsey

### Deacons:

James Galbreath  
(Food Ministry, Backpack Program, Grounds)  
Eddie Jennings  
(Homebuilders, Young Adult Activities, Baptistery)  
Marty Livingston  
(Youth, Office Administration, Widows Needs)  
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### Preaching Minister:

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### Children's Ministry

#### Activities Coordinator:

Eric Ishee

#### Youth & Family Minister:

Jacob Leonard

### Service Times:

#### Sunday

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
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#### Wednesday

Morning Study: 10:00am-11:00am  
Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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## We Care and We Pray. . .

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