

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

James 2: ¹⁴ What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? ¹⁵ Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, ¹⁶ and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? ¹⁷ So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

On Thanksgiving Day we had an opportunity to serve between 500-600 meals. To all who prayed, gave and served, thank you. Continue to pray that God will use this ministry to turn hearts to Him. Thank you for putting your faith on display.

Luke 2:1 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ² (This was the first census

taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. ⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁵ He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave

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birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him

Christmas—Poet Eldred Herbert

What does Christmas mean to me?
It's gold and glitter on a tree,
It's folks, all, working with a will,
The larder, where the goodies spill;
Turkey roasting in the pan;
It's "peace on earth, goodwill to man";
It's loved ones coming through the door,
Exchanging gifts, and so

much more.
It's following, still, that Christmas star,
And knowing the where e'er you are,
The "manger scene" is just as dear
Today, as it was, that first year.
That Christ was born on Christmas day,
A Babe to lead us all the way;
Today He is that

Christmas Star,
Our Guiding Light, that shines afar.
The angels heralded in His birth,
And mortal man knew not His worth;
They let Him in a manger lay,
And sheltered those with earthly pay;
But wisemen and the shepherds came,
To pay great homage

to His name;
He gave His life that we might live,
So, let us, too, our homage give.
That is what Christmas means to me,
It's gold and glitter on the tree,
It's Christ suspended on the cross,
To save us from celestial loss.
Let's make a resolution

Serving in December

Greeters:

- 2—Toby & Jane Runyan (A)
- 9—Scott & Pam Hartman (A)
- 16—Don & Dee Suffel (A)
- 23—Ron & Ellen Walker (A)
- 30—Charlene Dean (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 2—Brock Rohrer
- 9—Adam Perry
- 16—Dean & Sue Smethurst

- 23—Bob & Mary Lloyd
- 30—Larry Snavely

Prayer Warriors:

- Deb Rhodes & Diane Altman

*She wrapped him
in cloths and placed
him in a manger...*

LUKE 2:7, NIV



Birthdays & Anniversaries

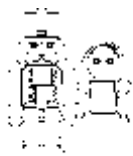


- 2 Cindy Horton
- 3 Shellee Brown
- 6 Dick Newcomb
- 7 Nikki Hull
- 8 Krystal Thornton

DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Mason Thornton, Ellen Walker
- 10 Madison Hetrick
- 12 Derek Murphy, Katrina Tonneas
- 15 Henry Kidd, Samantha Ryan
- 17 Caity Karnes
- 18 Vickie Grimm, Anna Trubey
- 19 Norma Stambaugh
- 21 Teresa Brown, Annie Engel,

- Amber Rogers
- 24 Todd Gambler
- 30 Cylas Day, Patrick Rendleman
- 31 Mary Lloyd, Tracy Rendleman



DECEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Jerry & Wanda Hug (43)
- 9 Casey & Kayla Sanders (1)
- 13 Gerry & Gail Wiyrick (32); Terry & Cheryl Karnes (28)

- 23 Dave & Melissa Beerbower (35)
- 24 Dean & Esther Krill (71)

*Comfort
&
JOY*

Sunday, December 2 is the last day to buy tickets for the Ladies & Girls

Christmas Celebration. Tickets are available after each worship service. Cost for the meal is \$12 age 11-adult; \$7 ages 3-10; under 3 are free. Centerpieces are available for \$30 to help defray program costs.

Family News

Congratulations!

The church family rejoices with these families:

- ♥ Brigitte Kuszmaul & Shawn Miller on the safe arrival of their daughter, Audrey Lou. Audrey was born Thursday, November 8, 2018. She joins big brothers, Kayson & Kol-

den. Maternal grandparents are Dick & Theresa Kuszmaul. Great-grandparents are Henry & Regina Kidd.

- ♥ Corey & Courtney Herenden on the birth of their daughter Liesel Jorja. She was born Wednesday, November 14, weighing 6# 15.6 oz. and 19". Maternal grandparents are Todd & Cindy

Karnes.

SYMPATHY:

The church family extends her sympathy to Dan & Deb Nixon on the death of Dan's brother.

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Snavelly Life Group	3	4 10:00 Craft Group	5 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies	6 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	7	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast
9 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School/Jim Newman 10:15 Worship 5:30 Ladies & Girls Christmas	10	11	12 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies	13 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	14	15
16 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Snavelly Life Group All Church Caroling	17	18 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Pizza Hut, Bryan	19	20 9:15 Ladies' Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	21 	22
23 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	24 7:00 Christmas Eve Service	25 	26	27	28	29
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Make Disciples

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Office Hours: Monday-
Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM

Facts & Figures

November 4	
Attendance SS	40
Offering	\$6,253.00
Worship	60/114
November 11	
Attendance SS	33
Offering	\$5,603.00
Worship	56/108
November 18	
Attendance SS	39
Offering	\$9,029.00
Worship	44/112
November 25	
Attendance SS	25
Offering	\$3,781.00
Worship	51/N/C
Needed for Budget	\$5,828.86

Love All

Our Service Personnel: Lindsey Kaiser, Josh Severs (Germany), Josh Tonneas (TX)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Paul Bowman, Sherry Buchsteiner, Jennie Case, Chuck, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H., Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Tim Mavis, Aaron Nartker, Connie Pence, Jane Perry, Mary Pinckley, Elaine Purdue, Kathy Rittenhouse, Bob & Sue Secoy, Elizabeth Shetler, Terry Shinaberry, Lyle Snavelly, Ron Stark, Dinah Stiltner, Amy Tobin, Jaime Trevino, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Al

West, Gloria Wright. Other Concerns: Jennifer Mavis, Brianna Pitts-Hill, Trevor Bailey, Dale & Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Arlene Boyer, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul Newcomb, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Cunningham Family, Keller Gardner, Gene Nash, Ginny Suffel, Marilyn Lundy, Kim Beek, Mary Jane Sweebe, Norma Stambaugh, Merit Hahn, Shirley Bard, Alec Blinzler, Lydia Sprow, Christopher Porter, Joshua Taylor, Cherie Whitman, Keely Strouse, Kayla Sanders, Nixon Family, Dottie Yahraus; *Shut Ins:* Home: Linda Lewis, Lena Luke;

The Commons of Providence Road: Barbara Hake.





in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

As we continue in the holiday season, we turn our hearts toward Christmas. Would we begin to pray for those who need Jesus that we will encounter? That we could share with them the real joy of Christmas. The greatest gift we will ever give anyone is hope of the manger and the promise of the empty tomb. Let's allow Christmas to live in us.

Destined to win,
Larry Snavely

For unto
us a child
is Born

Isaiah 9:6

dear,
To be a witness while we are here;
Let's put the Christ in Christmas now,
And in His presence humbly bow.

Continually Overcoming,
Merry Christmas
Tim Calvin

For unto us a child is born, unto us
a son is given
AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDERS
—and his name shall be called—
WONDERFUL
COUNSELOR, THE MIGHTY GOD
THE EVERLASTING FATHER
the prince of
PEACE

Isaiah 9:6

