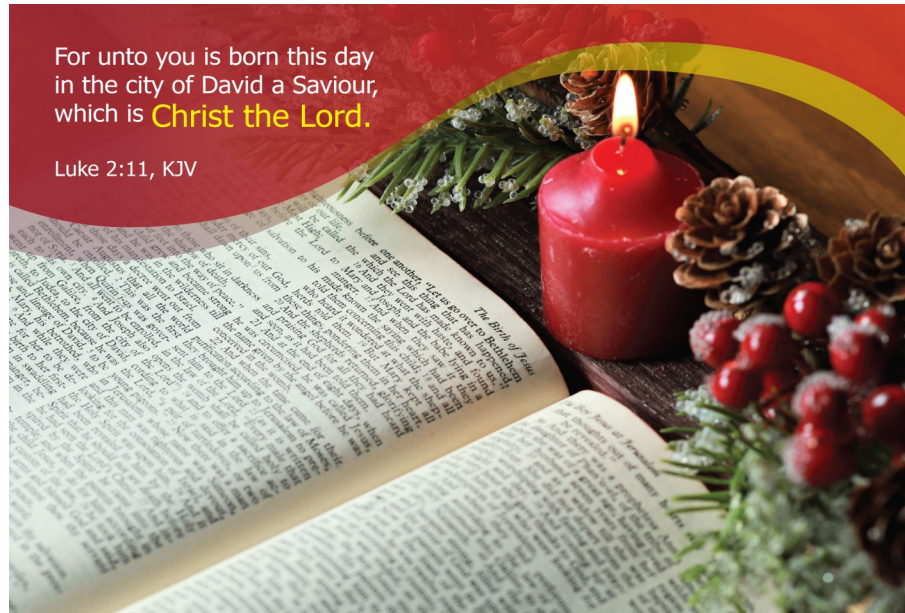




# FIRST Church Of Christ

January 2024 NEWSLETTER



For unto you is born this day  
in the city of David a Saviour,  
which is **Christ the Lord.**

Luke 2:11, KJV

These are some words most of us don't mind hearing: "I've got good news..." Our minds run wild; who could it be, what could it be? Then they say this good news is for you. Good news, for me! Well, that's the best kind of good news. Born to you, this day, in the city of David is a savior Christ, the Lord.

I did a search for the most popular gifts for Christmas 2023. At the top of the list was a juicer and a product that heats water really fast. A magnetic wrist band was the one I liked best. It might help keep me organized when I am working on things around the house. A savior was not on the list of most popular gifts. There are a lot of lists out there of what's popular this Christmas season, but you won't find a savior on any of those lists.

Why doesn't anybody want a savior? I think the world has done a good job of persuading us that our biggest problem is something that we don't have. God's word

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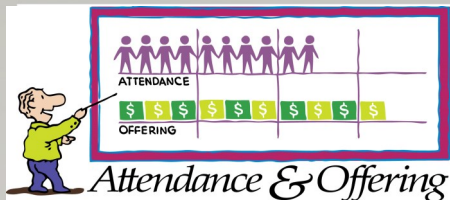
Monday—Thursday  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM

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## Attendance & Offering

### December 3

Attendance 43/85

Offering \$4,328.72

### December 10

Attendance 49/97

Offering \$7,929.06

### December 17

Attendance 39/95

Offering \$5,615.84

### December 24

Attendance 146

Offering \$6,261.79

### December 31

Attendance

Offering

### Needed for Budget:

\$5,020.19



## January Servers

### Deaconesses:

MaKenzie Manges & Sherry Trubey

### Elder Schedule:

7—Larry Snavely

14—Dave Beerbower

21—Doug Haase

28—Mark Rhodes

### Nursery:

7—1st—; SS—Julia Haase; 2nd—Julia Haase

14—1st—; SS—; 2nd—

21—1st—; SS—; 2nd—

28—1st—; SS—; 2nd—



## For the New Year

**H**old Fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)

**A**ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)

**P**ray earnestly every day (1Thessalonians 5:17-18)

**P**ray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)

**Y**ield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

**N**eglect not your talents and opportunities (Gal. 6:10)

**E**xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)

**W**ork diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

**Y**ield your members to righteousness (Rom. 6:11, 16)

**E**xercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)

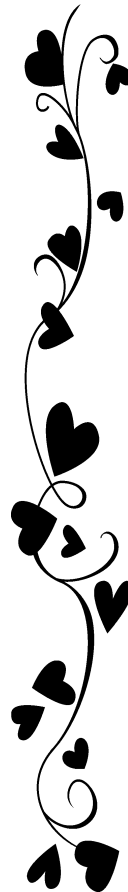
**A**im at sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)

**R**edeem the time (Ephesians 5:15-16)



30 Darrell Kinnan, Marcus Manges

- 1 Kayson Buchanan
- 2 Sarah Snavelly
- 3 Linda Lewis
- 5 Diane Altman, Mark Brandt
- 6 Joanne Allison
- 9 Ashley Knepper, Rich Trubey
- 10 Ellie Roose
- 16 Taylor Dominique
- 17 Mike Robson
- 19 Jolie Arend
- 21 Shane Ramey, Gary Roughton,  
Kelly Von Deylen
- 22 Pam Hartman
- 24 Ronnie Pinckley
- 28 August Beerbower



25 Dick & Sharon Blinzler (49)

**Congratulations!**

The church family rejoices in the safe arrival of Wyatt Nicholas McCarthy who was born 12/26 to Nick & Jenelle. He weighed in at 4# 15 oz. and is 18". He joins big sister Maclyn. Grandparents are Tim & Karen McCarthy. Great-grandma is Janet McCarthy.

## Love All

**Our Service Personnel:** Austin Brandeberry (HI), Josh Severs (AL), Braxton Singer (NC), Jordan Thornburg (GA), Katie Sparks (PA), Wesley Tressler (CO). **Cancer:** Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Jennie Case, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H., Jim Henson, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Mark & Carrie, Chloe Merrilet, Rexann McCrary, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Anna Pitman, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Denise Smith, Annette Snavelly, Amy Tobin, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Raegan Wonderly. **Other Concerns:** Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, Arlene Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Gene Nash, Kim Beek, Joshua Taylor, , children's ministry, Danny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marsha Fisher; Marty, John Fry, Jackson Wolph, Shawn Roose, Fran Mavis, Nathan Ray, Nehemiah Haase, Raymond Folk, Randy Fisher, Annie Engel, Jason Gregg, Nikki Hull, Ryan Yahraus, Khloe Hartman, Joanne Allison, Martha Hardy, Tommy Morr, Sandy Partee, Dave Stutzman, Bill Brewer, John Leppelmeier, Ellen Walker, Shane Cochrane, Shannon Merriman, Grace Slagle, Stephanie Beerbower; **Shut Ins:** **Bryan Healthcare:** Esther Rosendaul; **Fairlawn Haven:** John Altman; **Fountain Park:** Esther Krill; **Hillside:** Annie Engel, Charlene Gambler; **Home:** Ron & Linda Lewis, Leona Puff, Edith Wagner



## Upcoming EVENTS

**Unity Sunday**  
12/31/2023

**Senior Seekers Re-  
sume**  
1/8/2024

**20° (Men's Leader-  
ship Training)**  
1/8/2024

**Wednesday Activi-  
ties Resume**  
1/10/2024

**Board Meeting**  
1/14/2024

**Annual Church  
Meeting**  
1/28/2024



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**Level 1: All services will  
proceed as scheduled.**

**Level 2 at 6 AM Sunday:**

**All services will be cancelled.**

**Level 3: All services will be cancelled.**

**Wednesday Nights: If school is closed, we are closed or  
as we deem necessary.**

**Please check the church website or WBCL for weather  
updates.**

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### **SENIORS MINISTRY**

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 1/23 at 11:45  
AM at Pizza Hut in Bryan. Please meet there.

teaches us that our biggest problem is not something that  
we don't have, but something that we did. We all have  
sinned.



God, knowing our real biggest problem, did the most  
loving thing He could do. He sent us a Savior... Because of  
that amazing gift, we are no longer defined by our sin. We  
are defined by the amazing gift God gave us at Christmas.

***2 Corinthians 5: <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new  
creation has come: The old has gone, the new is  
here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself  
through Christ ...***

Merry Christmas!

Destined to Win, Larry

# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship	8 9:30 Senior Seekers  6:30 20°	9	10 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 MOPS 6:15 Club 226 6:15 Adult Bible Study	11	12	13
14 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship 11:45 Board Meeting	15 9:30 Senior Seekers	16	17 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Ladies Bible Study 6:15 Club 226 6:15 Adult Bible Study	18	19	20
21 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship	22 9:30 Senior Seekers	23 11:45 Lunch Bunch	24 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 MOPS 6:15 Club 226 6:15 Adult Bible Study	25	26	27
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