ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On Christmas Day, the 25th, we will not have Sunday School or evening services.
- Bring your Christmas cards to church for delivery to those in our church family. Simply, prepare your Christmas cards writing clearly the first and last name of the person or the family to whom they should be delivered, and drop your cards in one of the two mailboxes located in the foyer and the entrance of the educational wing. If you have time, it will be a BIG help to put them in alphabetical order by last names. The church postal workers will sort the cards each Sunday and place them in the Mt. Pleasant Christmas Card Post Office which located in the sanctuary foyer. Please check the Post Office each week before leaving to pick up any Christmas Cards for you or your family. Cards will be accepted through Sunday, December 25th.
- Sign-up lists have been placed in the educational wing for volunteers to Secure the Building and Prepare Communion for 2023. If you've never done it, branch out and try it for a month so the same people don't have to do over & over. Thank you.
- We also need volunteers for Sunday School Teachers for a toddler class each Sunday. What a way to impact our future!

SERVING SCHEDULES

Sunday School & Worship Services- Nursery

12/25 **SS/Church:** Wendy Stancill / Abby Gaskins 01/01 **SS/Church:** Laura Beth Pinner/Ty Woolard

Communion Table Preparing Communion
Dec: Johnny Pinner & Bill Staton Dec: Becky Ormond

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Home Communion
As Requested
Unlock & Secure the Building
Dec: Jorge Bocanegra
Jan: Need Volunteer

Opening Prayer Request Communion Med 12/25 Robert Pinner 12/25 Jorge Bocanegra 12/25 John Ormond 1/01/23 Greg Spain 1/01/23 Tom LaBarbera 1/01/23 Johnny Pinner

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Organist: Mary Coburn

Sound System: Dewayne Woolard, Mark Scott, David Tucker, &

Ian Garris

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UPCOMING AT MPCC

SUNDAY

9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 4:00 PM Choir Practice 5:00 PM Children's Services 5:30 PM Evening Service

MONDAY

5:30 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Ladies Aid Meeting (2nd Monday of each month)

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Young Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Board Meeting (2nd Tuesday of each month)

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM Worship Leader Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study Bible Studies to continue 12/27 & 12/27

Choir Practice will resume at 4:00 pm on Sunday, January 8th

Annual Congregation Meeting coming up in January – 1/25/22– will need all committee reports by 1/14/22 – thank you

ORDER OF SERVICE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JESUS & MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

CALL TO WORSHIP "Come On Ring Those Bells" Choir/WL

WELCOME Robert Pinner

PRAISE & WORSHIP

"O Come All Ye Faithful" (v 1, 3 & 4) 130 "I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day" (v 1, 4 & 5) 123

Communion Meditation John Ormond

Communion Music "O How He Loves You & Me" Screen

Communion

(if you wish to partake of the Lord's Supper, please hold emblems & take in unison)

Please place your offering in plates as you exit after the service

Prayer Requests Jorge Bocanegra

Musical Offering

Morning Message Luke 2:11 John Ormond

"What Type Of Gift Do You Appreciate?"

Hymn of Decision

"Have You Any Room For Jesus" (v 1 & 2) 341

*Closing Prayer

*Closing Hymn "Emmanuel" Screen

Depart to Serve * Please Stand

SERMON

Sermon: What Type Of Gift Do You Appreciate?

Text: Luke 2:11

Thesis: Jesus Is The Right Gift.

- I. Some Gifts Are Obligatory.
- A. These are the gifts we're obligated to.
- B. Jesus is not such a gift.
- II. Some Gifts Lack Originality.
- A. These are very generic gifts.
- B. Jesus is a custom fit Savior.
- III. Some Gifts Are Just For You.
 - A. Notice the words of our passage.
 - B. No one can steal your gift.

Conclusion: Acts 20:35 quotes Jesus as saying that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." As a child that never impressed me or motivated me. In fact, I think I doubted those words. But today I know these words to be completely true, for this is what I see in the Lord's coming many years ago. Instead of Him asking us to come to us, that we might be saved, He chose to come to us, as our gift. He is the right gift for all of us. Let's celebrate that He came and we have received Him.

Sermon Notes +

Vate: Peaker: Nessage Title: Vassage:	Notes:	
Main Points: 1. 2. 3. 4.		
Verses Used:		

PRAYER CONCERNS 12/25/22

- 1 Family of Wilburn Small
- 2 Terry Peaden diagnosed with leukemia
- 3 Seth Shoneman stage 4 colon cancer in Colorado for treatment
- 4 Charlotte Hale hip surgery 12/19
- 5 Jim Jerigan throat cancer awaiting surgery
- 6 Judy Johnson's cousin & granddaughter
- 7 Connie Herring COPD
- 8 Brooklyn Roberts back surgery 12/15
- 9 Judy Johnson to build strength after Covid
- 10 Shirley Harrell shingles
- 11 Mary Coburn recovering from hospital visit
- 12 Robin Wood cancer returned (in Texas)
- 13 Brice & Laura Jarman injuries from car accident
- 14 Linda Peel chemo after surgery / precautionary
- 15 Brooklyn Polloch wearing a nausea patch
- 16 Murdock Butler hip replacement
- 17 Roy Lee Elks improving
- 18 Ralph Yeager may have had a stroke or cancer has spread to brain hospice
- 19 Allison Bailey started chemo
- 20 Junior Chapman improving in PT
- 21 West Snyder heart valve problem
- 22 Riley Koontz 4th round of chemo brain surgery for tumor on 12/28 (2 year old)
- 23 Jeffery Elmore blockage in artery in neck
- 24 Joseph Inge fell & cracked vertebra
- 25 Tim Edwards in rehab @ McGregor Downs
- 26 Sahanna Chapman-lots of health issues/out of hospital
- 27 Teresa Butler surgery went well long recovery
- 28 Teisha Hill pacemaker trying to regulate
- 29 Carnie Hedgepeth home recuperating
- 30 Gene Garris cancer
- 31 Shannon Glisson cancer
- 32 Gwen Richardson surgery for brain tumor

PRAYER CONCERNS cont'd 12/25/22

- 33 Rachel Kessinger stage IV metastatic breast cancer spread to bones, lymph nodes & right lung
- 34 Kay Stallings bone cancer
- 35 Eli Cooke received good news from recent cardiogram
- 36 Myrtle Teel mobility issues
- 37 Dean Everett cancer
- 38 Peggy Hoyst Parkinsons
- 39 Mike Hoyst still in hospital very rough time
- 40 Ellis Powell in hospital not doing well
- 41 Anne Carraway lung cancer; low blood pressure; thyroid issues
- 42 Doris Kastanek breast cancer
- 43 Tony Redemdi pancreatic cancer surgery
- 44 Lisa Manning bone cancer

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LOVE & SUPPORT		
Jayne Mayhew	Carrie Elmore	Myrna Rogerson
Guy Smith	Andy McKinney	Dawn Johnson
Connie Herring	Sarah Glasgow	Glynn Bright
Savanna Grace Bailey	Tina Nobles	Neal Carson
Unspoken Request	Jean Gurkin	Owen Robinson
Caleb Kittrell	Mildred Jenkins	

On-Going Prayers For

Our Church Leaders Our Church Family Our Youth Ministry
Our Music Ministry Our Country Our Military Forces

If there are any updates for the existing prayer concerns, please let us know so we can make sure we have the most accurate updates on each person listed.

You can email or text Debra Staton (<u>statondp@embarqmail.com</u> or <u>252-717-3297</u>) with any updates or additions to our prayer concerns.

Thank you