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The Lighted Spire

December, 2017

Opportunities to Celebrate

Synergy

Synergy, the show choir from Shelbyville High School, will once again share their music with us on Sunday, December 3, during worship. A free will offering will be collected for Synergy on that day.

Children's Christmas Program

On Sunday, December 10, during worship the children will present their Christmas Program. This is always a wonderful service when our younger ones tell the story of Christmas from their point of view.

Choir Cantata

Go Sing It on the Mountain

Saturday, December 16 at 4:00pm in our worship center

Sunday, December 17 during worship

Join us for either or both and be inspired by hearing the Christmas story through song.

Christmas Eve

Regular worship service at 10:00am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service 10:00pm

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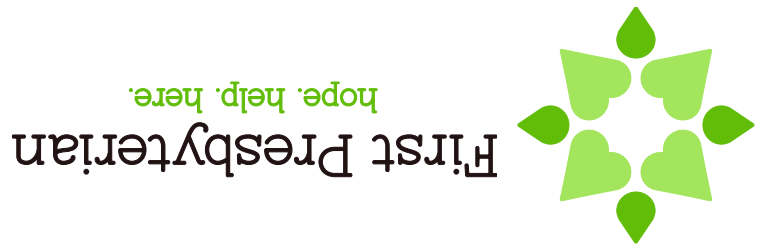
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Prayer Requests

Betty Alexander	Lois Mitchell
Bob Ardery	Mark Morningstar
Shelby Bowers	Becky Murnan
Ray & Charline Brown	Shirley Oeffinger
Clay Browning	Jamie Orem
Ann Bruner	Sharon Orem
Vickie Butler	Tyler & Josh Orem
Naomi Catt	Marilyn Phares
Randi Catt	Bill & Joyce Runshe
Charles Craft	Bill & Jonita Smith
Bill English	Deloris Sorrell
Gordon Hamlin	Eric Sorrell
Bonnie Harris	Gene & Marilyn VanCleve
George & Marian	Mary Ann Wasson
Hobbs	Bud Wertz
Linda Howell	Dawn Whitfield
Ashley Johnson	Miriam Willey
Debby McLeod	Keith & Vickie Williams

Church family and friends

Vicki Alexander, Paul Binder Sr., Steven Binder, Elizabeth Bir, Mary Brown, Wyatt Cameron, Alva Catt Jr., Amanda Catt, Betty Craft, Michael Craft, Bill Collins, Cory, Dakota, Teri, Amber, Britney & Justin Douglass, Esther Gahimer, Julie Harris, Deloris Hassebrook, Vicki Hassebrook, Ashley Hedges, Janna Craft Hedges, Hunter, David Hunton, Jaxon, Daniell Johnson, Jeremy Klakamp, Tammy, Betty Nichols, Brad Nigh, Chelsea Overhage, Patricia Overmyer, Jim Overmyer, Lyn & Mary Kay Pitts, Marsha Pyle, Janet Roberts, Jon Ross, Natalie Sargent, John Scudder, Chera Shaub, Peggy Trittipio, Alice Wheeler, Cheryl White, Sally Willis, Susan Woledge

Those in military service

Blake McIntire Alex Dillon
Deryk Smith Brett Walburn



Warm Fuzzy Tree A Tradition of Giving

The Warm Fuzzy ornaments are now on a wreath in the hallway behind the worship center.

An ongoing Christmas project of the D Deacons, the ornaments list the age, size, and an article of clothing or a toy for a child in the community. Take an ornament or ornaments, purchase what is listed on the ornament, wrap the gift, place the ornament on the outside of the package and return the gift under the tree in the worship center. All gifts should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 17. The gifts will be distributed in time for Christmas.

If you are unable to shop but would like to help, checks can be given to the D Deacons to offset the cost of other items needed for the children or to buy presents. These can be mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

Please be sure that you purchase and wrap only what is listed on the ornament you take from the tree. Wrapping only what is on the ornament ensures that each child in the family will receive the same number of gifts.

Also, please be sure to tape the ornament taken from the tree to the outside of the package. Be sure that it will stay on while the package is moved around under the tree, but don't put it on too securely. Before the presents are taken to the families, the ornaments are removed and gift tags with the child's name on it are put on the gifts. However, we do need the ornaments on the packages so we can tell to which child it goes.

We appreciate your generosity in the past and thank you in advance for supporting the Warm Fuzzy Tree this year.

Small Groups

New members always welcome!

Statler Group meets in fellowship hall Wednesdays at 8:00am. Studying "Faithful, Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph," by Adam Hamilton through December 13. Books are in Jane's office and are \$12. Contact Carolyn Statler (317-395-4037).

Wednesday Women's Group On break until January. Contact Janet Orem (317-398-7984) or Marilyn Bushfield (317-392-3165).

Thursday Group meets at 1:00 in the church parlor on Thursdays. They also began the study about Joseph. They will meet every other week. Books are in Jane's office and are \$12. Contact Janet Orem (317-398-7984) or Sheila Palmer (317-392-3322).



D Deacons need your help!

Our collection of school supplies for the 2017-2018 school year is getting closer to the end. The collection will continue until the end of January. Please take strips of paper from pockets on the large "pencil" in the parlor hallway. Return the supply named to either the collection basket beside the "pencil" or to the collection basket in the basement. Please help us to help the teachers and students in our community!

CCC 55+

Everyone 55 and over is invited to the CCC's annual Christmas Dinner at the church. The date has been set for Wednesday, December 13 at 11:30am in fellowship hall. Ham and scalloped potatoes, drinks, and tableware will be provided. If you would like, you are welcome to bring something to enhance the meal but this is not necessary. Hilarity will follow the meal, so come prepared to laugh hysterically. This is the perfect opportunity to spend time with others from your generation, so plan to join us. Contact Judy Mitchell for a ride or for more information - 317-392-3038.



Screenings to be offered

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at First Presbyterian Church on 12/9/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

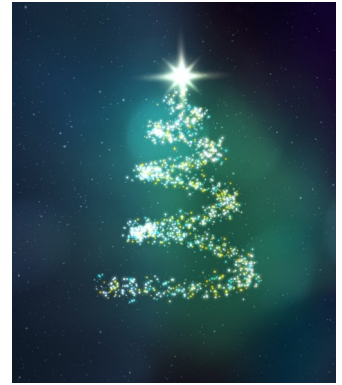
Session Notice

The Session will meet on Monday, December 18 at 7:00pm in the church parlor. Please let Pastor Mark, Sandy Fisher, or Jane know if you are unavailable to attend.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or text the word circle to 797979 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

Sisters of Strength December 3 at 6:30pm

Sisters of Strength offers a chance for women to spend time with other women. Their next gathering will be Sunday, December 3 at 6:30pm in fellowship hall. Sara Marshall will be our speaker for the evening and Nancy Wittekind will lead us in making a beautiful Christmas ornament. Bring a new friend to be entered to win a door prize, and bring a wrapped ornament for a Christmas gift exchange. Refreshments will be served. If you are planning to come and need child care, please call the church office and let us know so we can make arrangements.



If you have a love for music, we invite you to come join this fun group. Rehearsals are at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings in the choir room. On Sunday mornings they gather in the worship center at 9:30am to warm up. If you have questions, ask Cynthia or a member of the choir.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

will not meet in December

This small but mighty (and fun) group
knits and crochets:
Prayer Shawls
for those going through transitions
Hats, scarves and mittens for Head Start
Beanies for premature babies
Blankets for cancer patients



*Pictures are from Prayer Shawl
Dedication held in worship November 12*



Guests are always welcome to come and join this ministry. If you like to knit or crochet, come and check out this small, fun group. Even if you don't know how to knit or crochet, they will be glad to teach you and get you started.

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 22 at 1:00pm at the home of Betty Alexander, 1507 Counselor Row. Call Betty (317-398-6940) if you have any questions, if you would like to donate any of these items, or if you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl.





What's Happening

Watch the bulletin board in the hall at the back of the worship center for news and updates about our studies and our mission projects. Our Sunday School class just finished "Gardening With God." During December, they will study the story of Jesus' birth as well as work on their Christmas program. All children from age 3 to grade 5 are welcome to attend Sunday School.

Also, the bags decorated during Day of Caring have been delivered to the food pantry at Human Services. We are still waiting for a count, but once we get it, we will give you a final number. As usual, food and items for the pantry can be donated at any time during the year. Again, thanks for your generosity.

Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers.



Four12 - grades 6-12

Sunday mornings 10am to 12 noon

Start in worship, then head upstairs after Children's Moment

Every Sunday youth are welcome to come together to learn more about God, to worship Him and spend time with other teens. Four12 is our theme and directs our focus. There will be lots of snacks, so you can have breakfast on us. Sarah Smith and LaDonna Hamlin will be leading each Sunday morning.

Wednesday Youth Activities for grades 6-12

6:00 Doors open for free time.

7:00 Dinner for all

7:30 Separate Christ-centered programs for middle and high school ending at 9pm



As always, adult volunteers are a tremendous reason that our Youth Group is such a success. We're seeking volunteers to help in a variety of ways and for whatever time you have to give on Wednesday evenings.

Please contact Pastor Mark or LaDonna if you would like to volunteer.



Contact The Session

Spiritual Growth

Christian Education/Worship

Chris Cox

Sarah Smith

Nurture & Evangelism

Fellowship/Congregational Care/Evangelism

Dave Fisher

Dawn Whitfield

Harold Weaver

Stewardship

Stewardship/Property/Personnel

Jeff Clark

Scott Gabbard

Rollin Simpson

Youth Elder

Ethan Tillison

Clerk of Session

Sandy Fisher

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1>DECEMBER</h1>			<i>Deacons</i> Glen Hobbs Sharon Orem Patti Stone Debby McLeod <i>B-Birthdays</i> <i>A-Anniversaries</i>		1	2 2:00 Lingerfelt Party
3 <i>B-Adrienne Lingerfelt</i> No Choir Synergy during Worship 6:30 S.O.S.	4	5 <i>B-Bob Thopy</i> 7:00 Choir No BRCC 8:00 AA	6 8:00 Statler Group 6:00 Youth No Choir	7 7:00 BSA OA	8 <i>B-Debby McLeod</i> Shelby Senior Services Lunch in Fellowship Hall 6:00 Dinner	9
10 No Choir Christmas Program during Worship	11 1:00 Group in Parlor - Mitchell	12 7:00 BRCC Practice 8:00 AA	13 <i>B-Bob Ardery A-Adrienne & Derek Lingerfelt</i> 8:00 Statler Group 11:30 CCC Christmas Lunch 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir	14 1:00 Thursday Group 6:00 Head Start Christmas Party	15 <i>B-Marian Hobbs B-Josh Orem B-Mike Bunton</i>	16 Choir at 3:00 4:00pm Choir Cantata
17 9:00 Choir Choir Cantata during worship Gifts due back for Warm Fuzzy Tree	18 <i>A-Phil & Linda Howell</i> 7:00 Session	19 <i>A-Jamie & Janet Orem</i> 7:00 BRCC Practice 8:00 AA	20 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir	21 7:00 BSA OA	22	23 <i>B-Greg Schmucker B-LaDonna Hamlin</i>
24 10:00 Worship 10:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service <i>B-Tresa Eads B-Ron Wines</i> 31	25 Holiday 	26 Holiday 8:00 AA	27 No Youth No Choir	28 <i>B-Ashlee Harris B-Kyle McLane</i>	29	30

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am **Choir Warm up**
 10:00am - Worship Service
 & Sunday School
 11:00am - Gathering Time

WEDNESDAY YOUTH SCHEDULE

Youth Group - grades 6-12
 6:00 PM - Doors Open for Youth
 7:00 PM - Dinner
 7:30 PM - Youth Group
 9:00pm - Youth Group ends