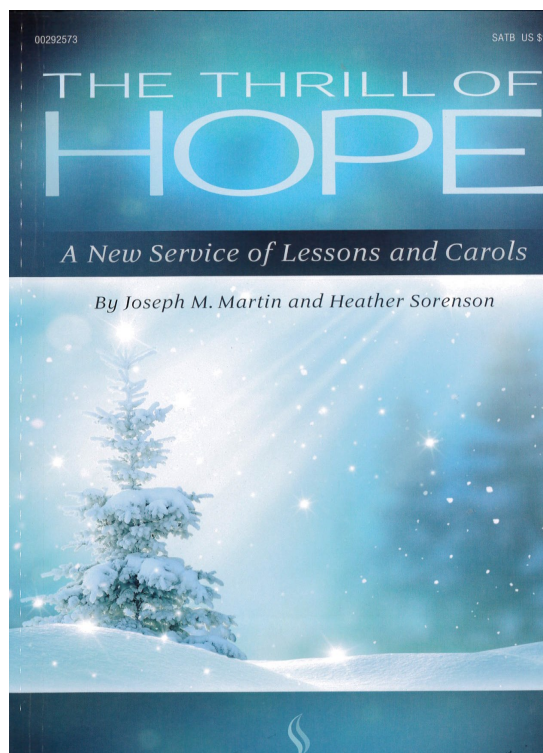


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The Lighted Spire

December, 2019

NEWS & CALENDAR



During the worship service on
Sunday, December 22
the choir will present

The Thrill of Hope

For God's people, the promise of a Messiah brought hope, hope of a Savior who would redeem and restore. This promise was a thread that ran through every generation, giving them hope that their darkness would turn to light.

We invite everyone to join us at
10:00pm on Christmas Eve
as we celebrate the coming
of a baby who would change the world



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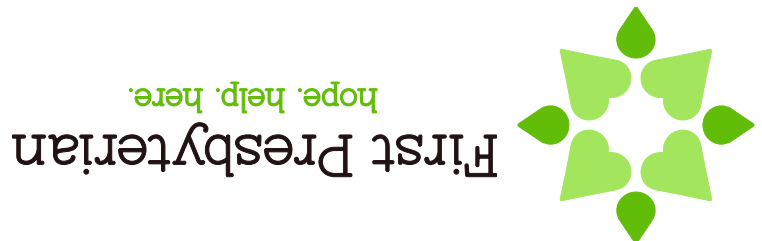
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Prayer Requests

Robin Abney	Jamie & Janet Orem
Betty Alexander	Sharon Orem
Shelby Bowers	Marilyn Phares
Ray & Charline Brown	Bill & Joyce Runshe
Clay Browning	Dan Runshe
Vickie Butler	Patty Shuler
Charles Craft	Rollin Simpson
Sandy Fisher	Bill & Jonita Smith
Scott Gabbard	Deloris Sorrell
Bonnie Harris	Eric Sorrell
Linda Howell	Brooke & Holden Stephens
Ashley Johnson	Marilyn VanCleve
Debby McLeod	Mary Ann Wasson
Bette Moore	Harold & Wilma Weaver
Mark Morningstar	Bud Wertz
Becky Murnan	Dawn Whitfield
Shirley Oeffinger	

Church family and friends

Matthew & Michael Berndt, Steven Binder, Elizabeth Bir, Mary Brown, Wyatt Cameron, The Catt family, Betty Craft, Michael Craft, Bill Collins, Cory, Dakota, Teri, Amber, Britney & Justin Douglass, Esther Gahimer, Julie Harris, Deloris Hassebroek, Vicki Hassebroek, Ashley Hedges, Janna Craft Hedges, Hunter, Cammi Hooker, David Hunton, Jaxon, Mary Beth, Jeremy Klakamp, Betty Nichols, Brad Nigh, Chelsea Overhage, Patricia Overmyer, Jim Overmyer, Lynn Pitts, Jon Ross, Natalie Sargent, John Scudder, Chera Shaub, Peggy Trittipio, Mary Ann Wethington, Alice Wheeler, Cheryl White, Susan Woolledge

Those in military service

Blake McIntire	Alex Dillon
Deryk Smith	Brett Walburn

Contact The Session

Spiritual Growth

Christian Education/Worship

Chris Cox	Sarah Smith
Sara Roberts	

Nurture & Evangelism

Fellowship/Congregational Care/Evangelism

Dave Fisher	Phil Howell
Patti Stone	

Stewardship

Stewardship/Property/Personnel

Jeff Clark	Scott Gabbard
Rollin Simpson	

Youth Elder

Abby Gabbard

Clerk of Session

Sandy Fisher

Session Notice

The Session will meet on
Monday, December 16 at
7:00pm in the church parlor.



The year 2019 marks the
300th anniversary of the
writing of
Joy to the World.

Pastor Mark will preach
a sermon series
December 1 and 8 to celebrate this
beloved Christmas hymn.



CCC 55+

Fourth Tuesday of each month

Everyone 55 and over is invited to the CCC's annual Christmas Dinner at the church. The date has been set for Tuesday, December 10 at 11:30am in fellowship hall. 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, to offer help or for more information - 317-392-3038.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Fourth Monday of each month



This fun group knits and crochets prayer shawls, hats, scarves and mittens and blankets for people going through transitions in their lives. Guests are always welcome and they are willing to teach you how!

In December the Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet at Betty's but will meet for a Christmas lunch. Date, time and place are still to be determined.

The group will resume meeting at Betty's on January 27 at 1:00pm

If you have any questions, please contact Betty at 317-398-6940.



The D Deacons thank all of you who donated school supplies thus far. We are still collecting so that we have

enough supplies to give a box to each of the schools in Shelby County in February. If you can aid in our drive to assist our children and teachers, your help is very much appreciated.



Wednesdays at 7:00pm
Sundays at 9:30am

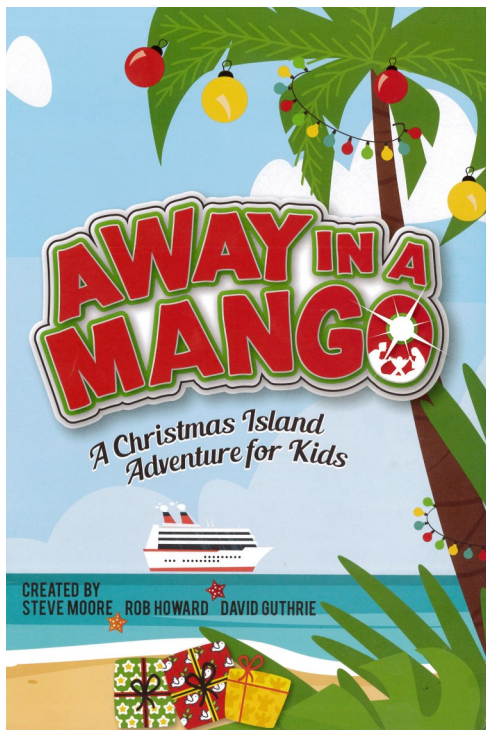
If you have been thinking about joining the choir, now is the time.

No try-outs! Rehearsals are held at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings in the choir room. They also warm up on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. If you have a love for music, come and see what choir is all about.



Our current session of the Opportunity Zone is in full swing.

This six-week session will wrap up with a free Celebration Dinner on Friday, December 6 from 6:00-7:30. This is a way for participants to bring friends and family and show off what they accomplished. It is also an opportunity for the members of the congregation to see what the Opportunity Zone has to offer and maybe see how you can help. The dinner is also a chance for participants to sign up for the next six-week session.



Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 15 during worship

Join us during the worship service on Sunday, December 15 as the children present another version of the Christmas story for us to consider.

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

**There will be no Youth Activities on
December 18, December 25 or January 1!**

Please contact Pastor Mark if you would like to volunteer.



Sunday School

Sunday School

Age 3-5th grade Our Sunday School classes are in full swing. Chris Cox and Jon Orem are our Sunday School teachers assisted by Sara Roberts.

Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers.

Grades 6-12

Sarah Smith is the teacher for the Middle and High School students. They meet in the Wall Room upstairs.



New members always welcome!

All groups are currently meeting on Wednesdays

Statler Group meets in fellowship hall at 8:00am. Breakfast is served. They will finish their study of "Light of the World" by Amy-Jill Levine on December 4 and will have their end-of-study breakfast on December 11. Contact-Carolyn Statler (317-395-4037) or Jane Runshe (317-398-8224).

Wednesday Women's Group meets at 9:30am in the church parlor. This group will take a break until after the holidays, then will resume their study of "The Armor of God." Contact-Marilyn Bushfield (317-392-3165) or Janet Orem (317-398-7984).

Afternoon Group meets at 1:00pm in the church parlor. They are studying "Simon Peter" by Adam Hamilton. They will not meet on November 27, but will continue meeting, finishing on December 18. Contact-Sheila Palmer (317-392-3322).

The Warm Fuzzy ornaments will be in the hallway behind the worship center on Sunday, November 24.

A yearly Christmas project of the D Deacons, the ornaments list the age, size, and an article of clothing 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 to the worship center. All gifts should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 15. 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 for ornaments not taken. 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, 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.



Christmas Poinsettias

As is our tradition, we will have memorial or honorary poinsettias as a part of our services for the advent season. You may purchase your flowers from the place of your choice and have them delivered or drop them off at the church any time after December 15. Before December 16, please call the church office or drop us a note listing the names the flowers are in memory of or in honor of and who gave the flowers. Please plan to take your poinsettia home with you after the Christmas Eve worship service.



Head Start Christmas

Volunteer to help make a special day for children

Head Start will have their annual Christmas Party at the church from 6:00-7:00pm on Thursday, December 19.

Volunteers are always welcome. Talk to Jane if you can read to the children, help serve snacks or volunteer in any way.

**The church office will be closed for the holidays on
December 24, 25, & 31 and January 1.**

Hours December 23, 26, & 30 and January 2 will vary.

**There will be no youth activities on December 18 & 25, and January 1
and no choir practice on December 25 or January 1.**









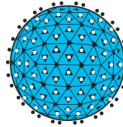
The Sunday School department is offering you a holiday themed way to help those who need extra help over the holidays and to support their drive to collect extra food and personal items for Human Services' food pantry.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Each day add an item to a box. On Christmas Eve bring your box to the church and place it in our display. If you want to bring in the items throughout the month as you collect, that is fine also. If you know you won't be with us on Christmas Eve, you may bring in your items at any time.

December 1	box of cereal
December 2	peanut butter
December 3	stuffing mix
December 4	boxed potatoes
December 5	macaroni and cheese
December 6	canned fruit
December 7	paper towels
December 8	canned tuna or chicken
December 9	quick breakfasts (pop tarts, etc)
December 10	jar of applesauce
December 11	canned sweet potatoes
December 12	individual pancake mixes
December 13	canned beans
December 14	box of crackers
December 15	package of rice
December 16	package of oatmeal
December 17	package of pasta
December 18	spaghetti sauce
December 19	chicken noodle soup
December 20	tomato soup
December 21	quick meal (Hamburger Helper, etc)
December 22	toilet paper
December 23	toothbrush/toothpaste
December 24	bar soap or body wash



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1 9:30 Choir Warm up 10:00 Worship & Sunday School 11:00 Gathering Time 	2 6:00 Girl Scout Troop 2465-fh	3 B-Adrienne Lingerfelt 7:00 BRCC 8:00 AA	4 8:00 Statler Group 1:00 Wednesday Grp 6:00 Youth Activities 7:00 Choir	5 B-Bob Thopy	6 6:00 OZ Celebration Dinner	7							
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15 B-Mike Bunton B-Josh Orem  Salvation Army	16 6:00 Girl Scout Troop 2465-fh 7:00 Session	17 B-Fawntay Johnson 7:00 BRCC 8:00 AA	18 A-Phil & Linda Howell 1:00 Wednesday Grp No Youth Activities 7:00 Choir	19 A-Jamie & Janet Orem 5:00 Head Start Christmas Party	20	21							
22  	23 6:00 Girl Scout Troop 2465-fh	24 8:00 AA 10:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service	25 	26	27	28 B-Ashelee Harris B-Kyle McLane							
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