

# The Messenger

*Congratulations!*



**Hannah Williams**

Congratulations to Hannah Williams graduating from WKU with an Bachelors Degree in Agribusiness.



**Darlene Pruett**

Congratulations to Darlene Pruett graduating from SKYCTC with an Associates Degree in Applied Science Medical Information Technology.

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IDENTITY  
 IMMANUEL  
 MESSIAH LORD  
 JESUS DEBATE  
 PROPHET JUDGE  
 GOD REMIND  
 HUMAN WALKS  
 CONCEPTION  
 EARTH PROMISES

Singing & Praying  
 Night  
 January 7<sup>th</sup>  
 5:00 pm  
 Fellowship Meal to Follow

*Journey*  
 The Next Stop



**Being an Influencer**  
 February 9 - 11, 2024

**Spring Retreat For Young Adults**  
 18- 20 something  
 Guest Speaker: **Airam Kemp**  
 \$50 includes Meals, T-shirt, Lessons & Activities

Big Reedy Christian Camp, Roundhill, KY  
 Scan to register   
 Scan to follow us on Instagram 

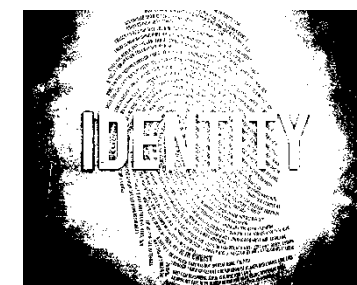
Schedule of Services	
Sunday	
Lord's Supper Service	9:30 a.m.
Bible Study	10:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:10 a.m.
Wednesday	
Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Elders	
Richard Eubanks	270.792.3050
Brian Martin	270.576.2936
Chris Young	270.202.2252
Denver Young	270.799.8559
Matt Williams	270.779.7733
Deacons	
Perry Cole	270.202.6214
L.W. Jackson	270.996.1451
Michael Runner	270.535.5906
Adam Warren	270.980.2548
Mark Young	270.791.0140
Evangelist	
W. Tom Hall	O: 270.777.1828
	M. 270.792.2132
Associate Minister	
Daniel McMillin	662.882.8756

## THE IDENTITY OF IMMANUEL: WHO IS THE MESSIAH?

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel” (Is. 7:14). The prophet Isaiah sees a glimpse of the Messiah in view of the virgin birth. Later, the evangelist Matthew views this text as a prophecy that is fulfilled by Jesus of Nazareth, who was born of a virgin. Most interpreters would appeal to Matthew and assume that the debate is over concerning the identity of Immanuel since the New Testament affirms that this is Jesus Christ. In contrast, others have suggested that Immanuel’s identity appears to be unclear and cannot be identified as Jesus. They accuse Matthew, along with the other Gospel writers, of misusing or misinterpreting the Old Testament. We may ask, can we know the identity of Immanuel? Is Jesus Immanuel?

In Isaiah, Immanuel is viewed as a “sign” of divine judgment over Ahaz as well as a deliverance of Israel. At this point, the sign will reveal how God will be with His people. Of course, this was not fulfilled during the time of Isaiah. Thus, it speaks to a future figure who will be a sign and will proudly wear the name Immanuel. “Ultimately,” as Daniel Treier notes, “the sign anticipates the virginal conception of Jesus Christ.” Immanuel is viewed as a reminder of God’s presence—“God with us” (Is. 7:14; 8:8; 10)—and the fulfillment of God’s promises. This is, of course, quite evident as we look to the life of Jesus, who dwelt among us.

As we look at the New Testament, we notice that Matthew suggests that the birth of Jesus “took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet” (Matt. 1:22). He then quotes Isaiah 7:14 in verse 23 to identify Jesus as the “child” who is born through “a virgin.” Matthew sees the birth of Jesus as the ultimate fulfillment of the virgin birth prophesied in Isaiah 7:14. According to Matthew, Jesus



is the Messiah who fulfills the promise of a Davidic King in Isaiah as he lists the genealogy of Jesus. Isaiah foreshadows Immanuel, while Matthew identifies Jesus as Immanuel. It is by the incarnation, when Jesus assumes our human nature, that we see Jesus rightly wearing the name “Immanuel” as He literally walks the earth as “God among us.”


Daniel McMillin

December Bible Classes		
	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
Nursery	Skylar Martin	
Preschool 2-5 Year Olds	Summer Basham	Tina Hall
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Carla Harmon	Lillian Warren
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Paula Anderson	
5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Matt Williams	Young Mans' Class Class Heading to the Office
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Brian Martin	Young Ladies' Class Gifts
Twenty Somethings	Daniel McMillin <i>Hermeneutics: Reading the Word of God in the Presence of God</i>	
Alternate Adults	Adam Warren <i>Philippians</i>	W. Tom Hall <i>Encouragement</i>
Auditorium Adults	W. Tom Hall <i>History of the Bible</i>	Daniel McMillin <i>The Authority of Scripture</i>



# Announcements

<b>December 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Bible Bowl Following Services <i>Bring Food for Your Family</i>
<b>December 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Gingerbread Party at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall <i>See Tina or Tammy for more Details</i>
<b>December 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Mens Bible Study at Landon Miller's Home at 7:00 PM
<b>December 30<sup>th</sup></b>	We will visit the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY. <i>See Daniel McMillin for more Details</i>
<b>January 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Praying & Singing at 5:00 PM <i>Fellowship Meal to Follow</i>
<b>February 9-11th</b>	Journey Spring Retreat for Young Adults (More Details on Back Page) <i>Lads to Leaders – Registration Forms for Adults and Students need to be turned in by December 24<sup>th</sup>. See Adam for a form and details.</i>



**Pulpit Preview**  
**Sunday 11:10AM**  
Do You Know My Jesus?  
Pt. 3

## GINGERBREAD Party

Get into the holiday spirit with our Gingerbread House Decorating Party! This is open to everyone. You can make one by yourself or do one as a family. Bring a finger food to share with everyone.

**DECEMBER 17TH**  
**AT 3:00 PM**  
**IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Sign Up Sheet In Foyer. We need to know how many will attend.  
**SEE TINA OR TAMMY FOR ANY QUESTIONS**

## JOURNEY THROUGH the CREATION MUSEUM

We will visit the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY. For more information, please pick up a flyer in the foyer or see Daniel McMillin.

**DECEMBER 30TH**

Sunday Morning Lord's Supper	December 17	December 24
Security 1	Joshua Barrett	Matthue Harmon
Security 2	L.W. Jackson	Michael Runner
Security 3	Travis Young	Gordon Harlow
Security 4	Tommy Flora	Jeff Morrison
Audio Video Controls	Reagan Young	Chris Robison
Song Leader	Zach Martin	Adam Warren
Communion Comments/Prayer	Chris Robison	Daniel McMillin
Lord's Table Center Left	Chris Young	Richard Eubanks
Lord's Table Center Right	Matt Williams	Lyle Johnson
Lord's Table Assist Left 2	Brian Martin	Fred Heath
Lord's Table Assist Right 2	Cody Basham	Mark Young
Lord's Table Assist Left 3	Willard Raymer	David Warren
Lord's Table Assist Right 3	Perry Cole	Cody Basham
Communion Dismissal Prayer	Jacob Williams	Perry Cole
Worship Service		
Announcements	Andy Wagoner	Denver Young
Song Leader	Adam Warren	Mason Miller
Worship Service Prayer	Paul Isenberg	Doug Depp
Scripture Reading	Elijah Davis	Zach Martin
Closing Prayer	Brian Martin	Willard Raymer
Communion Afternoon	Greg Isenberg	Matt Williams
Wednesday Night Bible Study		
December 20		
Security 1	L.W. Jackson	Perry Cole
Security 2	Eddie Windham	Willard Raymer
Security 3	Gary Basham	Matt Williams
Song Leader	Matt Williams	Hunter Barrett
Opening Prayer	Kane Barrett	Brian Martin
Closing Prayer	Hunter Barrett	Matthue Harmon
December 27		
Security 1	L.W. Jackson	Perry Cole
Security 2	Eddie Windham	Willard Raymer
Security 3	Gary Basham	Matt Williams
Song Leader	Matt Williams	Hunter Barrett
Opening Prayer	Kane Barrett	Brian Martin
Closing Prayer	Hunter Barrett	Matthue Harmon
Monthly Assignments December		
Lock Building	L.W. Jackson	-----
Baptismal Laundry	Mary Hazel Watt	-----
Assist with Men's Baptisms	L.W. Jackson	-----
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Jenilyn Hall	-----
Prepare Communion	L.W & Victoria Jackson	-----
Bread Distribution		
December 17		
December 17	Judy Young	Stefanie & Cooper Cyphers
December 24		
December 24	Tina Hall	Lenora & Kids
** If unable to serve, contact Michael Runner at 270.535.5906 **		

### For The Record Week of December 10, 2023

Lord's Supper Service	170
Bible Study	174
Worship Service	185
Wed. Bible Study	95
Contribution	\$10,927

### MT. PLEASANT CHURCH OF CHRIST GIVING



### SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

With Phil Sanders

Watch Search on the following stations

- WBKO DT 33 - Sun 6:30 am
- WNKY TV 40.1 - Sun 7:00 am
- Spectrum Cable Channel 184 Mon 9:30 am/Thurs 6:30 pm

*Welcome*

If you are visiting with us, please take a moment and fill out a visitors' card and place it in the collection plate located in the foyer. We are delighted that you're here to share in our worship service and hope that you will please visit us again real soon!

### Prayer Requests

• Heather Young (Daughter In-Law of Ralph and Marsha Young)	• Faye McKinley
• Danny Miller	• Gerry Utley
• Aubrey Avery – 9 Years old with Brain Tumor	• Don Anderson
• Brenda Phelps	• Mike Collier (Donna Parker's Brother)
• J.L. Young – Massey Springs – Memory Care 2945 Small House Rd. Bowling Green, KY 42104 Phone 270.904.1999	• Wilma Blankenship
• Janice Cole	• Lisa Clothier
• Jimmy Hughes	• Lachlan Kreis – Brain Tumor
• Geri Basham	• Jimmy Wilmoth
• Ayla Duggan	• Lunell Upton
• Bobby Pruet	• Jenny McDonald
• Everette Goodall	• Elizabeth Duckett
<i>Remembering Our Homebound Wilma Blankenship</i>	

### God's Plan of Salvation

God's Part	Man's Part
Great love of God for man <b>John 3:16</b>	Hear the Gospel <b>Romans 10:17, John 8:32</b>
Gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior <b>Luke 19:10</b>	Believe the Gospel <b>Hebrews 11:6, John 20:31</b>
Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide <b>John 16:13</b>	Repent of past sins <b>Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30</b>
The Gospel as "the power" unto salvation <b>Romans 1:16</b>	Confess faith in Jesus Christ <b>Rom. 10:10, Matthew 10:32</b>
Provided atonement by the blood of Christ <b>Romans 5:9</b>	Be Baptized <b>Galatians 3:27, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38</b>
	Be faithful unto death <b>Revelations 2:10</b>

### Bible Trivia Challenge

**This Week's Question**  
Who said, "Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice?"  
Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> Who said, "I have escaped by the skin of my teeth."?  
(Answer: Job; Job 19:20)

Fred Heath, Tammy Puckett-Goss, Bobby and Darlene Pruet, Lenora Isenberg, Logan Barrett, Jessie Wilson, Judy McBride, Nathan Warren, Avery Justis, Shorty & Thelma Wurst and others who did not want to be listed, answered correctly!

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