

The Messenger

Tis The Season

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all people; for today in the city of David there has been born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord”

Luke 2:10-11

One upon a time long ago it was decided by human beings that December 25th of each year should be celebrated as the birthday of Jesus. Some believe so firmly in this day and season that it is nothing short of blasphemy to raise a question as to engaging in this day as a religious observance. I find myself wondering, if Christmas is to be observed in a religious vein and celebrated as the birth of Christ, why is it not proclaimed in God’s word? Why are the men who wrote under God’s inspiration totally silent about this observance (2 Pet. 2:3; Jude 3; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)? Considering the way Christmas is observed in a religious vein with no biblical authority to do so coupled with the deceptive activities based on falsehoods that are promoted and engaged in as part of this season should raise a red flag urging us to be very careful as to how we observe this time of the year. Please understand, I do not seek to tell you what to do or believe about celebrating Christmas. Everyone must decide for themselves what to do and what not to do.

With some expectations this is truly one of the happiest times of the year, filled with excitement. It is a time when love, kindness and generosity fills the hearts of men and women everywhere. But I do want to remind one and all that true and lasting happiness comes only through being recipients of the many blessings, both physical and spiritual, that are bestowed upon us every day of the year by a loving and faithful God (James 1:16-17, Prov. 8:32, Prov. 28:20, Eph. 1:3, 2 Pet. 1:2-4). Our hearts should be overflowing with happiness and excitement every day of this earthly journey because as a child of God we have the blessing of a hope that goes beyond this earthly life with all of its celebrations (Col. 1:12-14, John 14:1-3, 2 Cor. 5:1-10).

We often hear the expression, “Jesus is the reason for the season.” The problem here is that multitudes of people seem to forget that Jesus is the reason for every season of the year, not just this magical time of year only. Can you imagine what would happen if the same measure of love, kindness, forgiveness, generosity and thoughts of God and His Son remained constant in the hearts of men and women throughout every season of the year?

Of a truth, the birth of Jesus was and is a most significant event in history of man. But I can only wonder how many of the multitudes of people celebrating His birth today know and have accepted the full meaning of His life, death, burial and resurrection from the dead. Never forget that if He had not died on that cross and then come forth from that tomb, His birth would be no cause for celebration at any time of the year. What joy should reign in our hearts. We should be filled with excitement and happiness. The news is good, we have a Savior who is Christ the Lord (John 3:16, Rom. 5:8-11, Acts 4:12, 1 Pet. 1:3-9). If we really want to honor Him, let’s do it 365 days a year by showing our love for Him through an exacting obedience to Him every one of those 365 days.

Charles Hicks

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.
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Elders

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Associate Minister

Daniel McMillin	662.882.8756
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We stand ready to assist you with any need you may have.

You may call the church office at 270.777.1828.

We would be honored to help if we can. May God bless you with a wonderful week.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
Mark 10:45

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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

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December Bible Classes

	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
Nursery	Skylar Martin	
Preschool 2-5 Year Olds	Summer Basham	Tina Hall
1 st & 2 nd Grade	Carla Silvano	Lillian Warren
3 rd & 4 th Grade	Paula Anderson	
5 th - 8 th Grade	Matt Williams	Young Mens' Class Heading to the Office / Young Ladies' Class Gifts
9 th - 12 th Grade	Brian Martin	
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

- December 30th** We will visit the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY. See Daniel McMillin for more Details
- January 7th** Praying & Singing at 5:00 PM *Fellowship Meal to Follow*
- January 9th** Tuesday Bible Class at 10:30 am *Bring your Bible and a Dish!*
- January 11th** Mens Bible Study at Tom Hall's Home at 7:00 PM
- February 9-11th** Journey Spring Retreat for Young Adults (More Details on Back Page)
Lads to Leaders – Registration Forms for Adults and Students need to be turned in by December 24th. See Adam for a form and details. No Bible Bowl Practice December 24th & 31st



Pulpit Preview

Sunday
11:10AM

Do You Know My Jesus?
Pt. 4

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	• Arlo Miller
<i>Remembering Our Homebound Wilma Blankenship</i>	

God's Plan of Salvation

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

Bible Trivia Challenge

This Week's Question

Who said, "I was no prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet"?
Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

December 17th Who said, "Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice"?

(Answer: Pharoah; Exodus 5:2)

Fred Heath, Bobby and Darlene Pruet, Lenora Isenberg, Logan Barrett, Jessie Wilson, Shorty & Thelma Wurst and others who did not want to be listed, answered correctly!

Sunday Morning Lord's Supper	December 24	December 31
Security 1	Matthue Harmon	Brian Raymer
Security 2	Michael Runner	Grant Cole
Security 3	Gordon Harlow	Perry Cole
Security 4	Jeff Morrison	Gary Basham
Audio Video Controls	Chris Robison	Andy Wagoner
Song Leader	Adam Warren	Mason Miller
Communion Comments/Prayer	Daniel McMillin	Chris Young
Lord's Table Center Left	Richard Eubanks	Jeff Morrison
Lord's Table Center Right	Lyle Johnson	Blake Fritsch
Lord's Table Assist Left 2	Fred Heath	Stephen Clingenpeel
Lord's Table Assist Right 2	Mark Young	Nathan Warren
Lord's Table Assist Left 3	David Warren	Landon Miller
Lord's Table Assist Right 3	Cody Basham	Chris Young
Communion Dismissal Prayer	Perry Cole	Mark Young
Worship Service		
Announcements	Denver Young	Richard Eubanks
Song Leader	Mason Miller	Brian Martin
Worship Service Prayer	Doug Depp	Fred Heath
Scripture Reading	Zach Martin	Reagan Young
Closing Prayer	Willard Raymer	Zach Martin
Communion Afternoon	Matt Williams	Victor Davis
Wednesday Night Bible Study	December 27	January 3
Security 1	Perry Cole	Fred Heath
Security 2	Willard Raymer	Dillon Rager
Security 3	Matt Williams	Mark Young
Song Leader	Hunter Barrett	Matt Williams
Opening Prayer	Brian Martin	Richard Eubanks
Closing Prayer	Matthue Harmon	Gary Basham
Monthly Assignments	December	January
Lock Building	L.W. Jackson	Brian Martin
Baptismal Laundry	Mary Hazel Watt	Judy Young
Assist with Men's Baptisms	L.W. Jackson	Jeff Morrison
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Jenilyn Hall	Lenora Isenberg
Prepare Communion	L.W & Victoria Jackson	Brian & Tracy Martin
Bread Distribution	Bake	Give Out
December 24	Loretta Simpson	Lenora & Kids
December 31	Noemi Davis	Tammy Miller & Noemi Davis
** If unable to serve, contact Michael Runner at 270.535.5906 **		

For The Record Week of December 17, 2023	
Lord's Supper Service	169
Bible Study	164
Worship Service	169
Wed. Bible Study	98
Contribution	\$6,436

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- 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!

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