

# ◆ CHAPEL NEWS ◆

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## A GOD PLANNED DAY

This is a wonderful day. A day to reflect not only on our Savior's birth, but also on His wonderful surprises. For Jesus to leave the glories of heaven is remarkable, but for Him to come as mortal man is astounding. For Him to be born as a baby, completely dependent on two young inexperienced parents is startling, but to have his birth place be amid the animals is shocking. And for God to send notice to shepherds and neglect to tell the priests is unfathomable. The reality is that the Christmas story itself goes beyond belief, because everything we would have done, God did differently.

What would we have done for such a script? Well, first of all, would God have even come at all? Maybe not, but, if we were writing the script of His coming, how would we have written it? Think BIG! No, BIGGER than that! The reality is I am not even sure I would know where to start. But it would be bigger than any arrival of any earthly king or dignitary. I'm thinking flashes of lightning; peals of thunder; earth quaking and bone shaking; entire continents being rearranged. Multitudes of angels, in full glory, making appearances everywhere. Trumpets sounding, fireworks exploding, and parades with ticker tape in every city. Time would stand still as the world would gasp.

Replace the idea of a harmless baby with a mighty majestic warrior. No, not like Goliath; BIGGER! Bring in the

throne with eyes all around like Ezekiel saw. Have all of creation singing, rocks crying out, and trees lifted up their roots and walking as men to see Him. Don't just have one star shining brightly, but have all the glories of the heavens pass by to get a glance. Jupiter and Saturn covering the whole sky as they pass by to get a glance.

This is God! Let all the earth be struck with awe! Let the pageantry last for days... weeks... years! No gold, silver and frankincense, just people bowing their faces in awesome wonder.

Then ..., wait a minute..., that is not what God did. His ways are not my ways. His thoughts are not my thoughts. They are higher. His plans inconceivable. That is what makes Christmas such a wonderful day. But I wonder if God may have whispered, "Surprise!" the moment His Son was born, because the world wouldn't have expected it. In a manger, with shepherds and sheep, a young mother and a baby. May we find amazement in this simple Christmas day.

*Merry Christmas,*

Pastor Joey and Cyndi

## ENVELOPES

Your church envelopes are here and available to be picked up. This year you will find them with your name on your box. The envelopes are numbered and that number will correspond with your giving receipt. This will help immensely with our church accounting.

If you have envelopes remaining from this past year, we have a great use for them. Please turn them into the Sunday School office and we will re-purpose them. Don't throw them away. But don't continue using them until they are gone. This will confuse the accounting.

Thank you so much for your dedication to the Lord and our church. Without question He has been blessing us and our prayer is that we will continue to bless Him.

If you don't find your box of envelopes, there is a paper on the table at the front of the sanctuary and we will get your box prepared immediately.

## SILVER BELLS

Silver Bells will be going to Hudson Bay for dinner on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 5:30 PM. If you would like to go please contact Molly



## CHURCH PLATES/ COOKBOOKS

If anyone would like a plate with the picture of our Church on it before the addition of our new fellowship hall was added may pick one up in the old fellowship hall. There is no charge for the plate, but a love offering will be accepted. A cookbook may be purchased for \$10.00. These will make wonderful gifts for the upcoming holidays. See Wanda Jackson if you would like to purchase one for

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Baptist Chapel Church Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the Spring Semester at this time. New applicants need to fill out a form that can be picked up at the church office. Fall Semester Recipients need to turn in a copy of their grades. The copy of grades will serve as their application for the Spring Semester. All applications need to be turned in by next Sunday, January 1, 2017. Applications can be turned in to the church office or to a committee member.

## DECEMBER RECEIPTS

General Fund.....	\$25,459.78
Lottie Moon .....	5,705.00
Christmas Offering	
Christmas Card Delivery.....	451.75
Youth Ministry.....	2,300.00
Kitchen and Restroom.....	150.00
Supplies	
Christmas Candles .....	792.00
Staff Love Gifts.....	3,310.00
Salemburg Christian.....	200.00
Food Bank	
Cemetery Fund.....	50.00
Mission Literature .....	35.00
and Activities	
Scholarship Fund .....	50.00
Local Missions .....	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>\$38,703.53</b>

## YOUTH NEWS

**Sunday, January 8, 15, 22 & 29**

6:00 PM — Youth Meeting

**Wednesday, January 18**

6:30 PM — Youth Food Bank

**Saturday, January 21**

8:00 AM

Food Bank Distribution Day

**Wednesday, January 11 & 25**

7:00 PM — Youth

# WMU NEWS

## MEETING DATES

**Monday, January 2**  
7:00 PM - WMU

**Wednesday, January 4**  
7:00 PM - Mission Friends,  
Acteens, GA's and RA's

**Wednesday, January 18**  
6:30 PM - Youth, Acteens and  
Older RA's to Food Bank

**Wednesday, January 25**  
7:00 PM - BYW

## NURSERY WORKERS

**January 1**  
Sue Matthews & Gloria Jordan

**January 8**  
Marshall & Stephanie Naylor

**January 15**  
Johnnie & Jill Holland

**January 22**  
Allison & Kenady Hargrove

**January 29**  
Shannon Jackson &  
Carrie Jean Autry

**February 5**  
Craig & Caren Holland

# FLOWERS



**January 1, 8, 22, 29, February 5**  
Available at this time

**January 15**  
Carol Darby

The dates for the next 6 weeks shown above are available if you would like to sign up for one of those Sundays. The sign-up sheet is located on the Information Board outside the sanctuary.

## DECEMBER



## AVERAGES

Preschool	03
Children	33
Youth	22
Adults	<u>88</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>Last Month</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>December 2015</b>	<b>152</b>

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

**Group 5 - January 1**  
Terry Williams  
Heather Williams  
Sydney Williams  
Lee Masters  
Jessica Masters

**Group 6 - January 8**  
Anthony Williams  
Melody Williams  
Abbey Barefoot  
Lisa Knowles  
Brittney Knowles

**Group 1 - January 15**  
Aaron Jackson  
Shannon Jackson  
Jennifer Naylor  
Logan Baggett  
Lane Baggett

**Group 2 - January 22**  
Troy Register  
Tonya Register  
Craig Holland  
Caren Holland  
Brooke Dienhart

**Group 3 - January 29**  
Marshall Naylor  
Stephanie Naylor  
Johnnie Holland  
Jill Holland  
Cary Booyer

**Group 4 - February 5**  
Simone Myers  
Brandi Edge  
Megan Daniels-West  
Tye Mullins  
Brett Stone



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## *January Birthdays*

- 1 Benjamin Edwards  
Braylon Knowles  
Janice Strickland
- 4 Liam Costain  
Wyatt Costain
- 5 Noah Edwards
- 6 Dale Fann
- 7 Lynn Dienhart
- 8 Landon Byrd
- 9 Melissa Stone
- 10 Sherry Hall  
Christy Holland  
Joan Peacock  
Jimmy Tew

- 11 Russell Knowles  
Daniel Stone
- 12 Terry Daniels  
Vadie McLamb  
Simone Myers
- 13 Caren Holland
- 14 Eric Jackson
- 15 Carlie Spencer
- 16 Alison Beltz  
Ava Bunn
- 17 Angela Williams
- 18 Janice Peterson
- 19 Laura Honeycutt  
Ben Tew
- 20 Gail Holland

- 22 Hannah Tew
- 25 Susan Matthews  
James Tew, Sr.
- 26 Jill Holland
- 27 Hope Nance
- 28 Bonnie Autry  
Richard Johnson III  
Mary Page  
Monica Spencer  
Scott Wrench
- 29 Donna Wrench
- 30 Vanessa Tew  
Sabrina Williams
- 31 Shelby Johnson  
Wilton Page



## *February Birthdays*

- 1 Tye Mullins
- 2 Kevin Jackson
- 3 Deborah Diane Butler  
Aaron Jackson
- 4 Traci Hendrix  
Aubrey Williams
- 5 Erica Holloman  
Lisa Knowles
- 6 Connor Jackson  
Grant Naylor  
Danielle Tew  
Anthony Williams  
Heather E. Wrench
- 7 Elizabeth Williams
- 9 Nathan Carroll  
Jerry Tyndall

**IF YOU SEE A NAME MISSING FROM OUR BIRTHDAY LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**

### *Our Services*

- Sunday
- 9:15 AM - Prayer
- 9:45 AM - Sunday School
- 11:00 AM - Worship
- 6:00 PM - Bible Study

### *Our Staff*

- Joey Cantrell - Pastor
- Craig Page - Minister of Music
- Erika Wrench - Minister to Youth
- Deborah Diane Butler - Treasurer
- Angela Tyndall - Secretary
- Donald Daniels - Custodian

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