



DECEMBER
2018

Important Dates:

- Dec 1 Decorate church
- Dec 2 Advent Hanging of the Greens Christmas Dinner
- Dec 9 Christmas Concert
- Dec 13 Caroling
- Dec 20 Christmas Party
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Communion
- Dec 25 CHRISTMAS

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From the Pastor

IMMANUEL. God with us. This is one of the many Biblical names describing the character or presence of JESUS in our midst. One source stated there are at least 200 names referencing Jesus. Some of those include Comforter, Cornerstone, Counsellor, Creator, Deliverer, Firstborn, Great I AM, Great Shepherd, Head of the Church, Prince of Peace, Prophet of Nazareth, Rabbi, Redeemer, Son of Abraham, Son of David, Son of Man, Son of Mary, Son of the Everlasting God, Savior, and many others. Just to hear them read aloud or sung as a part of our music, inspires us to praise Him whether in a worship service or privately. Each Sunday we will enjoy the hymns of Christmas as well as special music provided by different individuals in December.

I hope you will join us for this Advent's special services and fellowships.

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS WILL BE ON DECEMBER 2 (10:30).

AN **ELVIS CHRISTMAS CONCERT** WILL BE ON DECEMBER 9 with Elvis Tribute artist Todd Bodenheimer (10:30). Come and enjoy some dessert goodies afterwards.

Our annual **CHRISTMAS EVE COME AND GO COMMUNION** will be from 4 PM until 6 PM on the 24th. This is offered to all our family and friends.

The sanctuary is again beautifully decorated and can only be fully appreciated when the sun goes down. Take a few extra minutes on the 24th and celebrate the real reason for Christmas – the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Let us sing His praises and enjoy His presence this CHRISTMAS!!

“And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; ... while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.”

- Luke 2:4-7



Merry Christmas

Bro. Rodney



SESSION NOTES

REGULARLY STATED SESSION MEETING – November 14, 2018

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on November 4, 2018 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at Noon.

Elders present: Rodger Davis, Ralph Hawkins, Laura Kaelin, Delbert Kyle, Steve Skipper, Steve Young, and Theresa Vaughn. Darlene Johnson asked to be excused as she is out of town. Session excused Darlene by a voice vote. Theresa opened the meeting with prayer.

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The minutes of the Stated Meeting of October 14, 2018 meeting were read by Session Clerk Laura Kaelin. Motion was made and approved to accept the minutes as read.

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COMMUNICATIONS

CORRESPONDANCE:

Reviewed the calendar concerning future church rentals. We have rented the fellowship hall to two different families in November.

Brother Rodney requested his remaining 2018 vacation time and the Session approved the

following days: weekdays of November 21-21; 23-24; Sunday November 25; December 26-29.

Steve Skipper volunteered to fill the pulpit on Sunday, November 25.

(LifeChurch will be having their Christmas dinner at the church on Friday, December 7.)

Bella Vista Neighborhood Association's next meeting will be on Saturday, November 10 from 5 PM until 7 PM.

COMMITTEES

Building & Grounds Committee

Rodger & Delbert brought to our attention some items that need our attention:

The Louisville Lawn Enforcement company will be trimming our trees next week.

Commonwealth Roof will come and inspect the sanctuary roof for possible leaks.

We will look into someone to clear our driveway and parking lot of snow for the winter months.

Committee on Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship

The Committee has planned our annual Veteran's Day program to

honor our living veterans for Sunday, November 11th during the morning worship service. Following the service, will be a chili cook-off with chili, soups, hot dogs, and desserts.

Samaritan Purse's Shoebox gifts will be dedicated on November 11th.

The "Loaves and Fishes" will be dedicated on November 18th.

Orders for poinsettias is being taken by Mary Ann Robinson through November 25th. The Poinsettias are \$9.95. A person can donate in 'Memory of' or 'In Honor Of' someone and those names will be listed in all our Advent bulletins.

We will prepare fruit plates for shut-ins on Sunday, November 18th. They will be distributed by their Elders.

We plan to decorate the sanctuary on Saturday, December 1st and many volunteers are needed.

The Hanging of the Greens service and Communion will be held on Sunday morning, December 2nd followed by a church wide Christmas dinner catered by Mark's Feed Store. The cost is \$11 per person.

Rodney will have a Come-and-Go Communion on Christmas Eve from 4-6 p.m.

We want to encourage everyone to donate food to Shively Area Ministries. The food barrel is located near the front door.

Approved serving the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month in 2019. Theresa and Darlene have volunteered to help Ralph and Carol in the preparation for communion.

Finance Committee

A set of financial statements for October along with current banking statements were shared by Ralph Hawkins, reviewed, and approved by vote.

Christian Education Committee

Our next Wednesday night youth worship service is set for December 5 at 7 PM. The Haunted House event was well attended again this year. Steven and Jenna are working with the midweek youth group on some skits for the new year for our worship services.

Our midweek "Happy Birthday Jesus" party is set for December 13 with Caroling on December 20. Todd Bodenheimer will be doing a Christmas Concert in the sanctuary on December 9 from 10:30 AM through noon with refreshments to follow in the fellowship hall.

OTHER BUSINESS

LifeChurch has purchased property in Southwest Louisville for the purpose of building their own sanctuary. They have a building located on the property where they plan to hold their Thursday night ministry activities and will no longer need the use of our church except on Sunday afternoons. They would like to keep one room upstairs and one room downstairs in the educational wing for their use. They are asking for a reduction in rent starting January 1, 2019. The Session approved a new lease for the new year.

Reviewed our Elder Shepherding Ministry with pastor Harris encouraging each Shepherd to

contact their individual sheep on a monthly basis. The next Stated Meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2019 after church. Motion made and approved to adjourn. Steven skipper had the closing prayer.

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SPECIAL THANKS to the families who: prepared the 23 SHOEBOXES for Samaritan's Purse and supported our LOAVES & FISHES ministry.



God bless you for your kindness and generosity in helping those less fortunate.

ELVIS CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SUNDAY DECEMBER 9 AT 10:30
TODD BODENHEIMER - TRIBUTE ARTIST

December Birthdays and Ushers ...



- Dec 1 Chris Peniston
- Dec 10 Elizabeth Heiskell
- Dec 11 Caleb Harris
- Dec 11 Brenda Hatcher
- Dec 11 Garvin Scott
- Dec 15 Jenna Skipper
- Dec 19 Tony Heiskell
- Dec 25 Johnny Baker
- Dec 26 Maydie Allen
- Dec 26 Rodney Harris
- Dec 27 Caleb O'Meara

SPECIAL THANKS to those who helped decorate the church for Advent this year: Rodger Davis, Carol Hawkins, Mary Ann Robinson, Bro. Rodney, Susie Dittmeier, Steven Skipper, and Darlene Johnson. The Sanctuary looks beautiful! **Praise be to God!!**



December 2
Cheryl Fugate & Brian Mobley

December 9
Ralph & Carol Hawkins

December 16
Johnny & Becki Baker

December 23
Darlene Johnson & Theresa Vaughn

December 30
Susie Dittmeier & Liz Middleton

CHURCH SESSION

Rodger Davis, Ralph Hawkins, Laura Kaelin, Delbert Kyle, Darlene Johnson, Steve Skipper, Theresa Vaughn, and Steve Young



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Connie Petty
4936 Swaps Lane
Louisville, KY. 40216

Marcella Line
Morningside Senior Center
421 W Poplar St
Elizabethtown, KY. 42701

Ann Rose
4420 Yolanda Drive
Louisville, KY. 40216



Maggie McGrath
Landmark Rehab Center
1155 Eastern Parkway; Room # 616
Louisville, KY. 40217

Garvin & Ethel Scott
C/O Brian Scott; 801 Downsby Lane;
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Our Prayer Concerns

CHURCH FAMILY

Marjorie Vititoe; Ralph Hawkins (Rotator Cuff Surgery Recovery); Mary Ann Robinson (crushed vertebrae; Colon Surgery Recovery); Carri Roth (Ileostomy surgery – Recovery; Ann Rose; Wanda Young (Leg Pain); Janet Turner; Mary Alice Gregory (Health Issues); Steve Young (Knee & Back pain); Doris Shipp; Leonard Shipp (Neuropathy); Randi Murray (Loss of eyesight; Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension & Retinitis Pigmentosa).

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Wayne Young (Steve’s brother); Janet Gibson (Rodney’s sister - Fall & Knee Fracture); Brian & Debbie Mobley Family; Ernie Matthews (Knee Injury); Joann Sallee (Liz Middleton’s Aunt); Allen Vititoe (Melanoma Cancer treatment); Shane Roof (Friend of Christian O’Meara); Janice Sanders (Cheryl Fugate’s relative); Resa Garcia (Brian Mobley’s Mother); Cheryl Fugate’s grandmother Mossie (Dementia); Sue Head (Janet Turner’s cousin & Maggie McGrath’s niece).

MILITARY

Kyle Johnson; Kyle Lindsey; Matthew A. White; Marty Baldwin; **TERRORISM.**

SHUT-INS

Ann Rose; Maggie McGrath; Marcella Line; Connie Petty; Garvin & Ethel Scott.

Shively Area Ministries

SAM continues to need food to distribute to families in need. Please place nonperishable food in the food barrel in the foyer.

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Christmas Eve come N go candlelight Communion 4 - 6 pm					1 10:00 AM Decorate for Advent
2 10:30 HANGING OF THE GREENS COMMUNION Christmas Dinner - Marks Feed Store (Caterer)	3 7:30 Dartball at Ormsby Heights B	4	5	6 5:00 PM Young Adults 6:00 PM Children, Youth, & Adults	7	8
9 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Todd Bodenheimer Christmas Concert Noon: Refreshments	10 7:30 Dartball at Kenwood Heights Baptist	11	12	13 6:00 "HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS" CHRISTMAS PARTY	14	15
16 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	17 7:30 HOME Dartball vs. Nazarene	18	19	20 6:00 CHRISTMAS CAROLING	21 Last Day of school	22
23 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	24 4 - 6 PM Christmas Eve Come N Go Communion	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."	27	28	29
30 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	" ... Magi from the east ... when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And they came into the house and saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshiped Him; and opening their treasures they presented unto Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Matthew 2:10-12					

SOME HUMOR TO ENJOY

Q. Why do Dasher and Dancer love coffee?

A. Because they're Santa's star bucks!

What About Ho-Ho-Home Insurance?

Q: What do you call Kris Kringle when he goes on his wife's health insurance?

A: A dependent Claus.

Techie Christmas

Q. What do you get if you cross a Christmas tree with an iPad?

A. A pineapple!

New Year's Resolutions

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

Alternate History

My mother cast one of her students as the innkeeper for the Christmas pageant. All the third grader had to do was tell Joseph, "There is no room at the inn." But during the performance—after Joseph begged for a room for his pregnant wife—the boy didn't have the heart to turn him down. "Well," he said, "if it's so urgent, come on in."

What 'Master Key' Means in the Military

During orientation at Fort Sill, in Oklahoma, our first sergeant stated that if anyone lost his locker key to see him, as he kept a master key in his office. Sure enough, a few weeks later, I lost my key. I walked into the orderly's room and asked Sarge if I could borrow his master key.

"Why, certainly, young man," he said, as he reached under his desk and handed me a large pair of bolt cutters.

Nana Has a lot of Bibles

My nephew asked, "Why does Nana have so many Bibles?" I said, "She's studying for finals."

Fax To The Future

One of my insurance customers faxed over the police report from an auto accident. Several weeks later, she called asking for information from that report.

“Didn’t you keep the original copy?” I asked.

“No,” she said. “I faxed it to you.”

And The Lord Separated His Paper From His Plastics...

My sister-in-law was teaching Sunday school class. The topic for the day: Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Christ. “What did Jesus do on this day?” she asked. There was no response, so she gave her students a hint: “It starts with the letter R.”

One boy blurted, “Recycle!”

High Definition

My New Years resolution is 1080p

Confessions of a Store Santa

While I was working as a store Santa, a boy asked me for an electric train set. “If you get your train,” I told him, “your dad is going to want to play with it too. Is that all right?”

The boy became very quiet. So, moving the conversation along, I asked, “What else would you like Santa to bring you?” He promptly replied, “Another train.”

Closer Than Ever

One Saturday night my boss and her family came to our house to play cards. As they were driving away at the end of the evening, I discovered that she had left her purse in a corner next to the dining-room hutch. I was about to call her house, intending to leave a message on the answering machine, when my son reminded me that they had a cell phone.

As I dialed the number, I marveled at the technology that would alert them before they had driven all the way home. A few seconds later the purse began to ring.

Great, Grandma

While phoning a friend, my grandmother dialed the wrong number. She apologized and tried again, but she got the same number. Once more she hung up and redialed—same result. Now Grandma was frustrated. “Look,” she told the person on the other end, “I’m going to call my friend again. This time, don’t answer her phone!”

One Argument for Bachelorhood

When my lifelong-bachelor uncle turned 78, he traveled across the country to visit a dozen or so old girlfriends.

“How’d it go?” I asked when he returned.

“Thank God I never married any of them,” he said. “They’re all widows.”