

Dear Church Family,

It seems like Christmas always sneaks up on us, but it is on the same date every year. We have even seen changes around us in preparation: the decorations have been out in the stores for more than a month now, the carols have begun playing on the radio, and we have even had snow twice now. Yes, at just the right time perfection has arrived, it is time to prepare!

I always look forward to this season of the year, but I also wonder on what to share with you all as well. We have a lot of opportunities to "worship the newborn king," and I ponder how to share that beautiful story each year in a new and fresh way.

During this Advent and Christmas season, I will be sharing Gospel passages that focus on the names of our Lord and Savior (Jesus has quite a few indeed!). As we ask, "What Shall We Call Him?" we will look at one of His distinct titles or names each Sunday through Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Here is the basic outline for each Lord's Day:

First Sunday of Advent, 27 November	Matthew 1:16	Christ/Messiah
Second Sunday of Advent, 04 December	Matthew 2:23	Nazarene
Third Sunday of Advent, 11 December	Matthew 1:23	Immanuel
Fourth Sunday of Advent, 18 December	Matthew 1:21	Jesus
Christmas Day, 25 December	John 1:34	Son of God
Epiphany Sunday, 01 January	Matthew 2:2	King

I encourage you to spend time with these passages and meditate on what each name and title reveals about the nature of our Lord and Savior. Make room in your heart for His glory and splendor.

With Christmas Day on a set date, rather than a set day of the week, we find this year that it will be on a Sunday. I cannot think of a better place to be on the 25th of December than with God's people and we will continue to meet on the Lord's Day (it is His day, after all). We will continue to have a Christmas Eve service at 11 p.m. the night before, and we will not gather until 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day (no Sunday school on 25 December). I encourage you to come out and put Jesus Christ at the center of your Christmas celebrations (we don't normally receive an offering at the Christmas Eve service but will this time for those who might be traveling on the twenty-fifth).

I encourage you to experience this time of celebration with family, friends, and co-workers, it is enjoyable indeed! But without question, do not forget the "reason for the season," that is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let's make Jesus in all His names and glory, the One who has redeemed us, the center of our worship and celebration!

With God's Love for You All.

Pastor Tim.



1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

As I write this, we are just barely halfway through November, so there is little I can report on, except our Veteran's Breakfast. We had 20 Veterans/spouses come and take part in our free breakfast buffet. The teens really enjoyed serving them and are looking forward to continuing this ministry.

During the month of December, we will have all of our regular Wednesday evening Bible studies with the exception of the 21st where we will have a combined party with Kingdom Kids. We be Bell Ringing at Walmart on the 3rd and the 17th from 10am-12pm. On the 11th following Worship, we will be doing some Christmas caroling. Then on the 31st we will have our annual New Year's lock-in.

I have almost finalized our 2023 calendar, it's almost here! On January 1st, following Worship, we will have an informational meeting for our teens and parents for our 2024 mission trip. It will be here sooner than we realize! We are planning a lot for 2023, but one thing the youth wanted to make a priority for 2023 is outreach and ministry. They want to be in our community, giving back. As we are rounding out 2022, how have you given back to God what He has given you? Let's finish strong and start 2023 with hearts of gratitude and giving back.

Blessings, Pastor Tyler and Leah

FUTURE EVENTS

1/01	4:12 Youth leading Morning
	Worship

1/04 Family Meal, 5:30 PM

1/04 Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM

1/07 FLC in use, Samantha Kelley, 1-5 PM

1/08 Deacon's Mtg, 12 PM; CCA Exec. Bd. Mtg, 2 PM; Bd of Christian Min, 3:30 PM

1/11 Family Meal, 5:30 PM

1/11 Business Mtg, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM

1/12 CCBA Pastors mtg. @ Willie D's, 11 a.m.

1/14 4:12 Youth volunteering at Cradle, 10-2

1/15 4:12 Youth Snow Tubing at Paoli Peaks, 12-7 PM

1/18 Family Meal, 5:30 PM

1/18 Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM

1/21 Shared Blessings, 10 a.m.-2 PM

1/24 February Newsletter Articles due

1/25 Family Meal, 5:30 PM

1/25 Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM

1/31 Red Cross Blood Drive in FLC, 1-6 PM

CAROLS & CHOIRS

This year it will be held back at the Scottsburg First Baptist Church. It will begin at 6:00 PM. Several churches have already agreed to perform this year as will our church. Edna Martin Christian Center will also have a group perform.

The Coffee Creek Association supports Edna Martin through this event each year with frozen turkeys, food for the holiday dinner and unwrapped toys and gifts. We ask that each church bring these items this night.

Also, First Baptist has asked that each church help with the fellowship time after the service by bringing cookies, candies, etc. to share with all who stay.

LUNCH WITH SANTA

On December 11 following the Morning Worship, Santa will be in the Family Life Center to greet everyone. You may have your picture taken with him and let him know what you would like for Christmas.

CoMBaT is sponsoring this with soup but is asking the ladies to bring sandwiches or desserts for the lunch to be served.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The Deacon's have decided again this year to have our Christmas Eve Service at 11:00 PM that evening. A lot of people do attend this service and it has always been one of our most meaningful services. Several of us look forward o this service every year...Jeff Riley?

Merry Christmas to all!

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STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

	SS	MW	WMO	<u>OFFERING</u>
Oct. 30	29	83	\$ 216	\$ 2,800.00
Nov. 6	35	65	\$ 150	\$ 1,550.00
Nov. 13	39	107	\$350	\$ 4,250.00
Nov. 20	37	84		\$ 2,850.00
4 Wk. Total Received				\$ 11,450.00
4 Wk. Total Needed			\$ 15,784.00	
5 Wk. Rec. Last Month				\$ 14,450.00

2022-2023 YTD needed: \$47,352 2022-2023 received: \$36,950

(September 1, 2022-November 20, 2022)

Total given for World Mission Offering: \$1,300

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ATTENDANCE

OCT./NOV.	26	02	09	16
Meal	23	38	35	15
Adult Bible Study	13	16	13	5
4:12 Youth	10	12	10	15
Kingdom Kids	13	20	22	12
Totals	36	48	45	32
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first Sunday in February. Then the association men's group gather it up from all the churches and deliver it to the center. Money is also collected and they stop at Aldi's and spend it all there to fill up their trucks, etc. This year the 4:12 Youth would like to challenge the Adults in our church to see who can bring in the most items. You can start gathering your goods now and bring it to the church beginning on the first of January and all month long. Avgs: Meal-28 ABS-12 Youth-12 KKids-17 T-41

As we enter the last month of the year, I can't help but be excited because this is the month that we celebrate our dear Savior's birth. The Christmas season is one of my favorite seasons, and I love to sing and hear the old Christmas hymns all throughout the season. One hymn that I have had on my mind lately is "I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day". As Christmas carols go this is not one that makes the line up for choirs and Christmas caroling, however I think it is very descriptive of our lives as we are coming to Christ. The song started out as a poem written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow during the American Civil War. The world was in an uproar and he had personally lost a son. As he was out one day he heard the old familiar Christmas Bells ringing from the town church. Upon hearing these bells he wondered, why even play them with the darkness and uncertainty that was plaguing his day and time, and it caused him to have feelings of resentment and bitterness toward God and his fellow man. However as the days rolled on, and the bells kept ringing, God started working on his heart. My personal favorite verse is the third verse where the author wrote, "Then peeled the bells more loud and Deep, God is not dead nor doth he sleep, the wrong shall fail, the right prevail of peace on earth goodwill toward men ". So if you are struggling with the way things are going, just slow down, stop, and listen until like the poet you are able to find joy, hope, peace, and a knowing that God is not dead or sleeping but has everything under control, and let it turn your bitterness, negativity, and resentment into joy, peace, and happiness. So as we enter this Christmas season, what are the bells saying to you?

I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow "I heard the bells on Christmas day their old familiar carols play and mild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth good will to men.

Then in despair I bowed my head there is no peace on earth I said for hate is strong and mocks the song of Peace on earth good will to men

Then peeled, the bells more loud and deep, God is not dead nor doth he sleep, the wrong shall fail the right prevail of peace on earth good will to

When ringing singing on its way the world revolved from night to day, a voice, a chime, a chant sublime of peace on earth goodwill to men. "

So as we enter this Christmas season and it seems there is no peace ON earth, remember you can have peace IN earth, that is, peace within our earthen bodies God created us Merry Christmas y'all. Perry Stainbrook with.

EDNA MARTIN CHRISTIAN CENTER

The Coffee Creek Baptist Association supports the Edna Martin Christian Center in Indianapolis every year in January. We collect canned goods and other nonperishables for them throughout the month and through the

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MONTHLY DONATIONS NEEDED FOR AT LEAST 150 SHOE BOXES

DECEMBER: SMALL TOYS JANUARY: COMBS & WASHCLOTHS

FEBRUARY: TOOTHBRUSHES MARCH: BAR SOAP

APRIL: ACTIVITY BOOKS MAY: SMALL TOYS & ACTIVITY BOOKS

JUNE: PENCILS & PENS

JULY: BIG PENCIL SHARPENERS/BIG ERASERS AUGUST: SMALL ERASERS/CRAYONS (24 COUNT)

SEPTEMBER: COLORED PENCILS/GLUE STICKS

OCTOBER: SCHOOL SUPPLIES (ANY OF THE ABOVE)

NOVEMBER: SMALL PAPER TABLETS

Items may be brought during the month listed or anytime you have something available. They can be put in the box under the communion table in the sanctuary or in the tub under the desk in the small fellowship hall.

Mark 10:14-15 Faith of a child

Mark 10:14-15

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

We can't say thank you enough for supporting our Kingdom Kids throughout the year. Because of you, we were able to fill, dedicate and deliver 151 Operation Christmas Child Boxes. Can you imagine what it would be like to get your very first bar of soap or even your very own toothbrush? Please remember to pray for our friends around the world as they begin their relationship with Jesus. Thank you again for being the Hands and Feet of Christ.

As a reminder, our "Happy Birthday Jesus party, with the Youth, will be on Wednesday., December 21st starting at 6:00 pm. Merry Christmas from Kingdom Kids, we love you!

Christmas Blessings and Happy New Year

Ms. Angie, Ms. Rita and Ms. Malina

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Joe & Sandy Lucas, 1990
- 1 Rev. Tim Mohon
- 2 Brenda Yount, Whitley Whitten, Abby Walsh
- 3 Melissa Hill
- 4 Macy Gibson
- 5 Donna Stewart, Ethan McNeely, Lillyan Blevins
- 8 Danny Snelling, Holly Armstrong
- 9 Beth Nowlin, Raegan Goode, Joyce
 - Ann Beckelheimer
- 12 Ash Armstrong
- 13 Pat Smith
- 14 Lily & Harper Petty, Jason Middleton
- 15 Alyssa Hublard
- 16 Erin Mattingly
- 17 Roger Lawson
- 18 Brad Koehler
- 19 David & Martha East, 1970
- 20 Janet Wells
- 21 Angie Riley, Chris Jeffries, Emma Johns, Aaron & Andrew Stainbrook
- 22 Doug Gross, Kim Lucas
- 24 Carol Gibson, Cindy Gibson
- 25 Iim & Hazel West, 1953
- 26 Lawrence & Linda Parks, 1965
- 26 Sharon Davis, Mark Braden
- 29 Thelma Noble, Joe Lucas
- 30 Carolyn Nowlin
- 31 Bob & Louann Calder, 1981
- 31 Jim Berna

