



# CHAPEL CHIMES



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## Seeing the Invisible -

It was something they had never seen before. They believed in their existence for they had heard stories about them all their lives. Not to believe in their existence was, well, to deny their faith in God. Now before them was the invisible, made visible.

"Do you see what I see?" Asked one shepherd to the other, as an angel of the Lord appeared before them; announcing the birth of their Savior.



"Do you see what I see?" Asked one wise man to the other, as he pointed to the star that would guide them to its Creator.

"Do you see what I see?" Could be the question the Apostle Paul asks of us. Paul saw the Invisible, 'Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.' Colossians 1:15 NLT

The Apostle John put it this way, 'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.' John 1:14 NIV

'The Word became flesh. . .' I like what Max Lucado said in his book, *God Came Near*, "You see, in becoming man, God made it possible for man to see God." Jesus is the physical expression of God the Father's love for us.

In Luke chapter two, we learn that the shepherds heard the good news, and what happened? They went looking for the Savior and found Him in a manger. Then "they returned glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."

This Christmas season in all of its hustle and bustle, keep your eyes open for the Invisible, for someone may ask you, 'Do you see what I see?' Seeing the Invisible, -Pat



## News and Announcements

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| 12-1 First Sunday of Advent-Hope / Communion Sunday.          | 12-12 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30.     |
| 12-3 Grief Support Group from 10am - 12 noon.                 | 12-15 Third Sunday of Advent - Joy               |
| 12-4 Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00.                     | 12-17 Grief Support Group from 10am - 12 noon.   |
| 12-5 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30.                   | 12-18 Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00.       |
| 12-8 Second Sunday of Advent - Peace                          | 12-19 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30      |
| 12-8 Combined Worship at 11:00, followed by Potluck Luncheon. | 12-22 Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love.            |
| 12-8 SPRC Meeting at 2:00.                                    | 12-24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 5:30. |
| 12-10 Grief Support Group from 10am - 12 noon.                | 12-25 Merry Christmas! & Happy Birthday Jesus!   |
| 12-11 Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00.                    | 12-31 Have a safe & fun New Year's Eve!          |

### The Advent Season-

We celebrate the Christmas season in the church with our Advent Season. The four Sundays prior to Christmas we light a candle representing the four gifts given to us in Gods giving of His Son, Jesus Christ. Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Then on Christmas Eve we light the Christ Candle, celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



### Grief Support Group -

Theresa Kilgro of Southern Care New Beacon leads a Grief Support Group at Randall's Chapel UMC on Tuesday's from 10 am until 12 noon. If you have had the passing of a love one and would like to find support and encouragement, this group may be for you. If you're interested contact Theresa, or just show up.





# December 2019

**Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat**

1 1st Sunday of Advent - Hope  
Holy Communion

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3 Grief Support 10 -12 pm

4 Bible Study at 6:00 pm

5 Bible Study 10:30 am

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8 2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace  
Combined Worship 11 am  
potluck lunch  
SPRC Meeting 2 pm

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10 Grief Support 10 -12 pm

11 Bible Study at 6:00 pm

12 Bible Study 10:30 am

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3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy

Grief Support 10 -12 pm

Bible Study at 6:00 pm

Bible Study 10:30 am

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24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:30

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26 No Bible Study

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**DECEMBER GREETERS**

- Dec. 1 - Corky Gardner
- Dec. 8 - Jeremy Hughes
- Dec. 15 - Kyle Wendlick
- Dec. 22 - Eddie Allen
- Dec. 29 - James Green



G R E E T E R S

**NURSERY WORKERS**

- Dec. 1 - Madison Wendlick
- Dec. 8 - Sonya Shook
- Dec. 15 - Cindy Green
- Dec. 22 - Madison Wendlick
- Dec. 29 - Sonya Shook



Nursery

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship -  
Combined Worship  
& Potluck Luncheon**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship will come early this month, for we know you will pretty busy during the Christmas & New



Year's Day holidays. So we have moved it to **Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**. We will have Sunday School classes at 10:00 am and then combining our two worship services and have our worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am. Following our 11:00 am worship we will be having a Potluck Luncheon over in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us in worship, fellowship and lunch. Bring something to share with everyone as we enjoy our time together

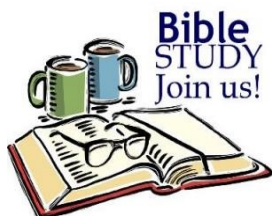
**SPRC Meeting -**

We will be meeting Sunday,  
Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.



**Bible Studies**

We will continue our study on the book of Acts through December.



**Bible  
STUDY**  
Join us!

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 John Gerlach
- 2 Jean Hardman
- 5 Buddy Bacon  
Eleanor Allen
- 6 Ginia Riggs
- 7 Jurdy Michaels
- 10 Michael Livesay
- 12 Harry Clemons  
Gene Kirby  
Chrissie Street
- 13 Chole Wendlick  
Ginny Lovingood
- 15 Eddy Richey  
Ginger Brewer
- 19 Sheila Morris  
Selene Richey
- 22 James Kuykendall
- 24 Dorothy Kylo
- 25 Pat Bacon
- 28 Wynola Kirkland



**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5 Tom and Ginger Brewer
- 14 Richard & Brenda Olander
- 18 Justin & Kelly Ellis



*She will bear a son, and  
you shall call his name*

**Jesus**  
*for he will  
save his people  
from their sins.*

*Matthew 1:21*



## White Christmas Offering

Over the past years we have taken up "White Christmas Offerings" for the United Methodist Church's Children's Home. This offering would be directed to the Girl's Home here in Scottsboro. Unfortunately the Girl's Home here in Scottsboro is no longer functioning. We still want to support this United Methodist ministry here in Alabama, however, we would like to help a local ministry and so here is what we are going to do.

Our White Christmas Offering will be divided in half. Half of what is collected will go to the United Methodist Children's Home here in Alabama. The other half we are giving to the Life Resource Services of Jackson Co.'s Night Program. Their Night Program has now undertaken what we knew as Room in the Inn. What was Room in the Inn still functions but is now supervised by Life Resource Services of Jackson Co. To help support this local ministry, please consider giving to our White Christmas Offering this year. We will be collecting these love offerings on Sundays, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your gift.



Thank You! -

Thanks to all of you who, prayed, gave and served as part of our Thanksgiving Day Meal. Bless you! Many were blessed by our heavenly Father through you. Jesus saw what you gave to bless others and it has also been done unto Him. Thanks for your generosity.

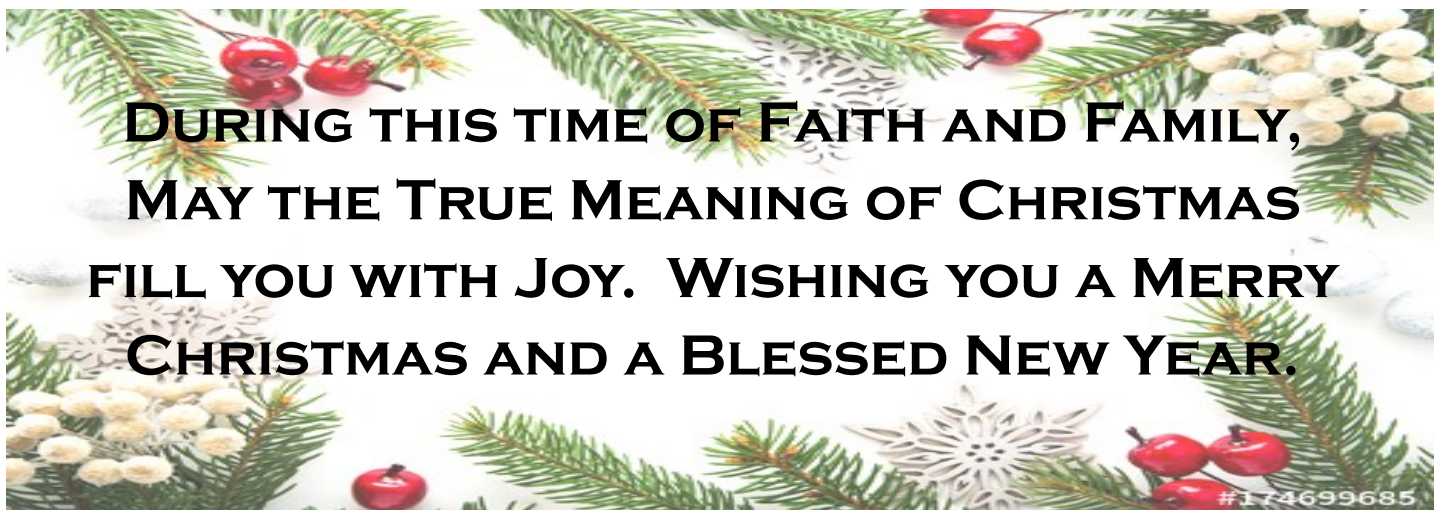
## Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Come join us Christmas Eve at 5:30 in the Sanctuary. We will have our Advent Devotional, sing some Christmas hymns, hear a short message, take Communion and then we will sing by candlelight, Silent Night, Holy Night. I hope you can make it to this special time of worship with us.



Room in the Inn-

We will be hosting our Room in the Inn guest Wednesday night, January 15. Please be praying for this opportunity for us and you to help volunteer hosting our guest. I'll be giving more information in the future. Just a brief clarification, Room in the Inn, in name has been changed to, Life Resource Services of Jackson Co.'s Night Program, since they have taken over the administrative duties. We'll refer to it as Room in the Inn for familiarity. Thanks for your prayers and support. -Pat



# THE FUNNY PAGE

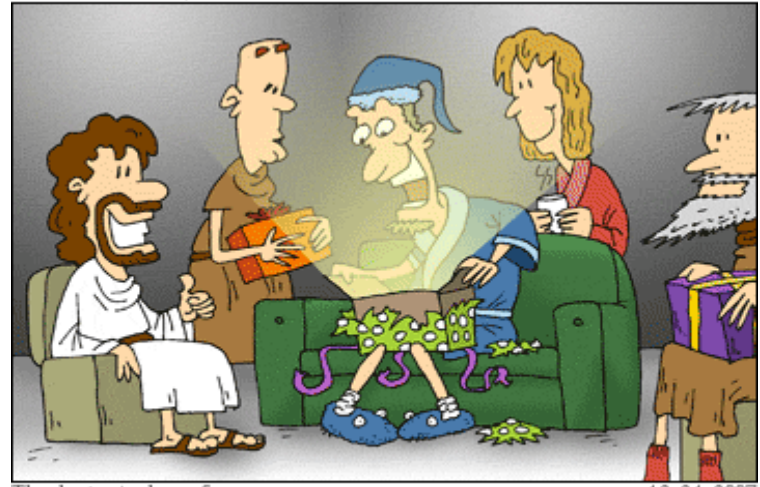


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“... When the shepherds came they had a place to park their sheep.”

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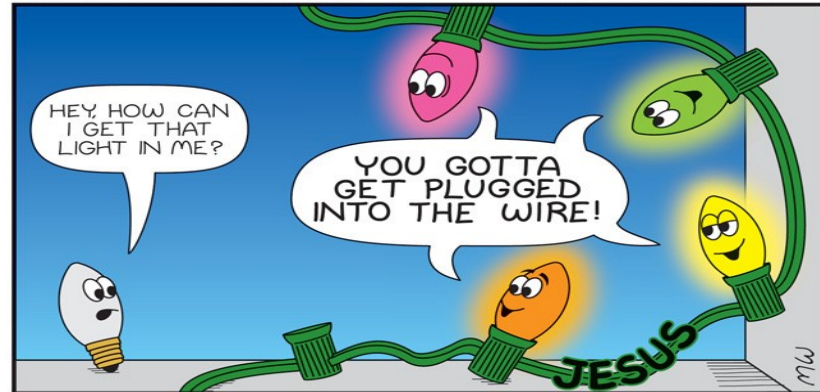


Thanks to Andrew S.  
12-21-2007

ETERNAL LIFE, MY FAVORITE ... THANKS JESUS!

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”  
— JOHN 8:12 NIV

## AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha

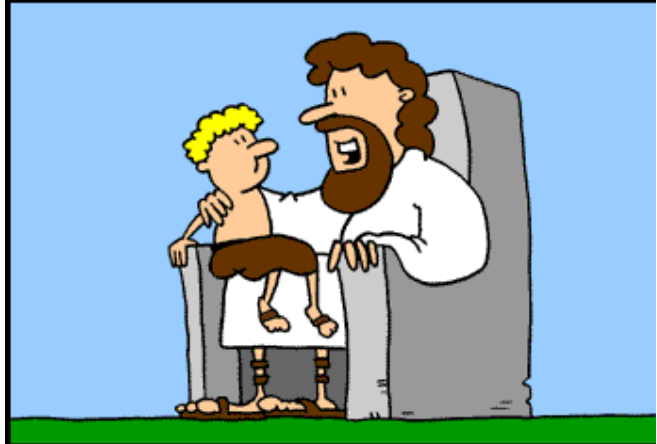


For I have come down from heaven, not to do my will, but the will of Him who sent me.  
John 6:38

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## CHRISTMAS MORNING

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Thanks to Christopher Huffman  
12-24-15  
HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED?



However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” — the things God has prepared for those who love him — these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.  
— 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-10 NIV



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### **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **SUNDAY**

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

*Classes for all ages - nursery provided*

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 6 PM

#### **WEDNESDAY**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6 PM

CHILDREN 6 PM

#### **THURSDAY**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM

FOR NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE ADDITIONS, DELETIONS,  
CORRECTIONS, CHANGES, SUGGESTIONS AND/OR  
COMMENTS.....

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