

CHAPEL CHIMES



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“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself....”

– Philippians 2:5-8a

In the classic hymn “Away In A Manger” the first line states: “Away in a manger, no crib for a bed....” Now stop and think about that statement for a moment. The Lord God of heaven sent His only Son for each and every one of us. Jesus could have easily stepped out of heaven and into the grandest palace of the time. He could have been born to the wealthiest of families, and had all the conveniences that money could have bought. For that matter, Jesus could have waited a couple thousand more years and come now, when He would have had all the best options and social aids to make sure His infant head never saw a dirty stable. Yet, in the manger “the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.”



During this time of Advent, we are hanging out with the imagery of The Manger, and what it represents. At the heart of this is the understanding that it represented humility above all. The great God of the universe chose to humble Himself. The mighty Creator chose to become one of us, even the lowest of us, so that we could know Him. John tells us that Christ walked among us, letting us see the very glory and grace of God [John 1:14]. When I look at that simple manger in the front of our Worship Center this month, I find my mind drawn to that reality. Jesus loved me and you enough that He was willing to endure anything, even a flea infested stable, and a prickly bed of hay...so we could know God.

This month we will be gathering with our families to enjoy food, presents, laughter, and whatever family traditions our families might have. But I encourage you, as you gather around the Christmas tree, stop for a moment, and consider that manger. More importantly, let that manger remind you of the One who didn't worry about comfort zones, but was more concerned with you and I experiencing the presence of God in our lives than He was the conditions of a cold stark stable and His bed of hay. And I am so glad and heartened that He lay His sweet head on that bed of hay in the rough-hewn manger.

On the Sunday before Christmas, December 19, we will be receiving our White Christmas offering for missions. This year, we will be collecting that offering in a different way. As God sent us the gift of Christ, laying in the manger, we will, at the conclusion of the service, bring our special offering to that same manger, our gift to God for the work of missions.

I pray that you have the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest New Year.

Bro. Joey



News and Announcements



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| 12-1 Youth Activities & Bible discussion at 6:00 pm | 12-15 Bible discussion at 6:00 pm |
| 12-5 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00 | 12-19 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00 |
| 12-5 Second Sunday of Advent PEACE | 12-19 Fourth Sunday of Advent LOVE |
| 12-6 No Methodist Men's Food and Fellowship | 12-21 First Day of Winter |
| 12-7 No United Methodist Women's Meeting | 12-22 No Youth Activities or Bible discussion |
| 12-8 Children and Youth meet at 5:45 to go caroling then back to church for hot chocolate | 12-24 Christmas Eve Worship/Communion in the Sanctuary at 5:30 pm |
| 12-8 Bible discussion at 6:00 pm | 12-25 Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday Jesus! |
| 12-10 Grief Share Meeting at 10:00 am | 12-26 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00 |
| 12-12 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00 | 12-29 No Youth Activities or Bible discussion |
| 12-12 Third Sunday of Advent JOY | 12-31 New Year's Eve |
| 12-15 Children and Youth Christmas Party at 6:00 | 1-1-2022 Have a Blessed Year! |



No United Methodist Men's Food & Fellowship This Month

The United Methodist Women will not meet in December. They will resume meetings, Tuesday, January 4th.



Bible Discussion - Come join us on Wednesday Nights at 6:00 p.m. as we get into the Bible and discuss the answers to our questions. It's laid back and you're welcome to join us.

Christmas Eve Worship/ Communion

On Christmas Eve we will be celebrating a time of worship as a family. We will meet at 5:30 PM in the old Sanctuary. During this special, yet brief service we will:

**Sing Christmas Carols*

**Have a reading of the Christmas Story with our children joining the Pastor at the front of the sanctuary.*

**Celebrate Holy Communion*



Even though this is a very busy time of the year, and family gatherings will abound. Make plans to be a part of this holy time. During this time, we teach our children what is the priority in our lives. Bring your family and friends to this worship experience and then go have your family gathering. Make this part of your family tradition and show your children what we value most, the Christ of Christmas.

White Christmas Offering



Randall's Chapel has a long history of supporting the work of the United Methodist Children's Homes, especially in the years we gave directly to the local Children's Home. This year we are going to return to that tradition. Our White Christmas Offering will be going to the Embrace Alabama Kids ministry, which is a key part of the



United Methodist Children's Home program. Please be in prayer about what God would have you give above and beyond your normal Tithes, as you invest in the lives of these children of Alabama.

BIRTHDAYS



- 1 John Gerlach
- 5 Buddy Bacon
Eleanor Allen
- 7 Jurdy Michaels
- 12 Harry Clemons
Gene Kirby
- 13 Chloe Wendlick
Ginny Lovingood
- 15 Ginger Brewer
- 19 Sheila Morris
- 24 Dorothy Kylo
- 25 Pat Bacon
- 28 Wynola Kirkland



ANNIVERSARIES

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



The Advent Season - We celebrate the Christmas season in the church with our Advent Season. Celebrating the coming of God's Son. The four Sundays prior to Christmas we light a candle representing the four gifts given to us in God's 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.



G R E E T E R S

December Greeters

- 12-5 Ralph Grider,
- 12-12 Shelia Morris,
- 12-19 Justin & Wyatt Ellis,
- 12-26 Tom Brewer

Children's Message -

December Leaders -

- 12-5 Kelly Ellis,
- 12-12 Shelia Morris,
- 12-19 Janet Matthews,
- 12-26 Lisa Lusk



Children's
Message



Catch The Vision Study

Beginning on January 9 we will have be having a joint Sunday School to explore the question of Why Are We Here? This will be a vital time for our church as we study God's word, discuss among ourselves, and then write a new Mission Statement and Vision Statement for our church. These new statements will drive all that we do in the years to come. We will weigh every ministry that Randall's Chapel in which we are engaged against the question of what is this

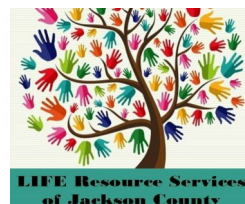
ministry doing to enable us to achieve our Mission and engage in our Vision for this church and community. You as a church will write the new Mission and Vision statements. You do not want to miss this study and the journey it will begin as we embrace God's plans for our congregation. We will be meeting in the old Sanctuary for this study at 9:00 each week.



Grief Support Group

Theresa Kilgro has been leading a great support group for a couple of years here at Randall's Chapel. If you have had the passing of a love one, let me encourage you to check

out this ministry and group to find some good support and encouragement. They are meeting every other Friday. If you are interested contact Theresa or the church office.



Life Resource Services of Jackson Co.

We are open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

December Collection:

Lysol spray, anti-bacteria wipes, paper towels, bottled water and toilet paper. We can always use 3 volunteers to help. Thank You for your support.



December

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1	2	3	4
			Youth Activities & Bible Discussion 6:00 p.m.			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday School at 9:00 Worship at 10:00 Second Sunday of Advent PEACE	No United Methodist Men's Food and Fellowship	No United Methodist Women's Meeting	Discussion 6:00 p.m. Children and Youth Caroling		Grief Share Meeting 10:00 a.m..	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday School at 9:00 Worship at 10:00 Third Sunday of Advent JOY			Youth & Children Christmas Party Bible Discussion 6:00 p.m.			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday School at 9:00 Worship at 10:00 Fourth Sunday of Advent LOVE			No Youth Activities & Bible Discussion this week			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Sunday School at 9:00 Worship at 10:00			No Youth Activities or Bible Discussion			



THE FUNNY PAGE

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



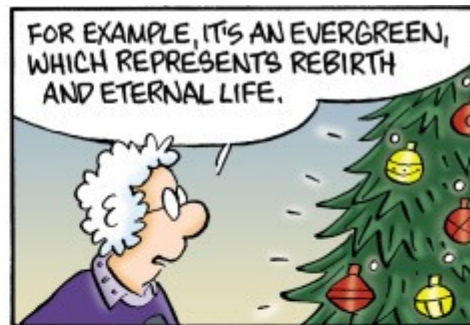
ADVENT IS A TIME OF ANTICIPATION, HOPE AND NEW BEGINNINGS.



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



SORRY, SON... THERE'S NO APP FOR THAT





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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00
WORSHIP 10:00

WEDNESDAY
ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6:00PM
YOUTH AND CHILDREN ACTIVITIES
6:00PM

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