

## The Journey

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

Luke 2:15

We are in that special time of Advent, the time of anticipation and longing. We anticipate the fulfilling of God's promises in our lives, seen within the birth of His Son. We long to experience the purpose, peace, and presence of Christ. Let's face it, Christmas is an exciting time, it is the celebration of the birth of God's only begotten Son, sent into the world so that we may know God in a personal way.



As I pondered this, I found myself thinking of my kids on Christmas morning. There is an excitement to their step... they simply cannot wait to get to the presents under the tree. This year, will be especially interesting, as they must wait for after Christmas worship. And inevitably one of them will wonder why they have to go on that morning of all mornings, especially since it is a long drive, so the wait will be even longer. No matter what obstacle of time may be before them one thing will remain, their excitement to celebrate the day.

When the shepherds had finished with their visit from the angel choir, they did something very interesting. They immediately made the journey into Bethlehem, to the manger where the Babe would be wrapped in swaddling clothes. They did not debate, or form a committee, they went. Luke 2:16 even says that they went "with haste." They could not wait to experience Christ, the ultimate gift, the wonder of wonders, the ONE.

So, tell me, will you make haste to come into the presence of God this Christmas? Or will He take a back seat to your busy lives, and family gatherings? It seems to me that more and more of us need to remember that the journey to the manger, the presence of Christ this Christmas is the greatest journey we can make. To come into His presence to worship is a far better journey than the journey to grandma's house (even over the river and through the woods). To journey into His presence is better than the greatest dream gift you may have delivered to your home by your favorite online company.

Make plans this year to come with haste on your journey into the presence of Christ. And I will see you for Christmas, and the entire worship opportunities of Advent, for I know I look forward to being in His presence. To bring my gifts to His altar. Which by the way, we will be collecting our White Christmas offering on Christmas Sunday by bringing them to the manger.

See you this Advent as we look forward to the journey.

Your Brother And Fellow Journeyman,  
Bro. Joey



# News and Announcements



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| 12-2 Grief Share meet at 10:00                   | 12-21 RAP's will meet at 5:00                    |
| 12-4 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00  | 12-21 Bible Discussion at 6:00                   |
| 12-7 No RAP's                                    | 12-21 Youth Christmas Party from 6:00 - 8:00     |
| 12-7 Bible Discussion at 6:00                    | 12-24 Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at 5:00 |
| 12-7 Youth meet at 6:00 p.m.                     | 12-24 Holy Communion                             |
| 12-11 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00 | 12-25 No Sunday School                           |
| 12-11 Called Church Conference at 11:15          | 12-25 Worship at 10:00                           |
| 12-14 RAP's meets at 5:00                        | 12-25 Merry Christmas                            |
| 12-14 Bible Discussion at 6:00                   | 12-28 No RAP's                                   |
| 12-14 Youth meet at 6:00 p.m.                    | 12-28 No Bible Discussion                        |
| 12-16 Grief Share meet at 10:00                  | 12-28 No Youth Activities                        |
| 12-18 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00 | 12-30 Grief Share meet at 10:00                  |
| 12-21 First Day of Winter                        | 12-31 New Year's Eve                             |



United Methodist Women  
FAITH-HOPE-LOVE IN ACTION

The United Methodist Women will not meet during the month of December



United Methodist Men's Food & Fellowship will not meet until February 2023




**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.



RAPs, "Raising All Praises"  
We will be meeting on Wednesday, December 14th & 21st

Thursday Morning Bible Study will resume in January.




## BIRTHDAYS



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



We have had people drop off the Greeters list, so there will no longer be assigned weeks for this position. If you are able to help with this please call the church office.



GREETERS



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Tom and Ginger
- 14 Richard & Brenda Olander
- 18 Justin & Kelly Ellis
- 24 Bob & Penny Carothers



## Children's Message



Due to unforeseen circumstances we will no longer have the Children's Message during Sunday morning service. If you would like to help with this important ministry please contact the church office and we will put you on the rotating list.



## 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, water, crackers, cans, soups, crackers, spaghetti noodles, paper towels, and antibacterial wipes. We can always use volunteers to help. Thank You for your support.



**LIFE Resource Services of Jackson County**



## Grief Support Group

*Theresa Kilgro Peppers 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. Their next meetings will be December 2nd, 16th & 30th at 10:00.**

# December

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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					Grief Share Meeting 10:00 a.m.	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sunday School at 9:00 Worship at 10:00			No RAP's Bible Discussion 6:00 p.m. and Youth at 6:00	No Thursday Morning Bible		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday School at 9:00 Worship at 10:00 Called Church Conference in Sanctuary at 11:15. Full Members Only			RAP's at 5:00, Bible Discussion at 6:00 p.m. and Youth at 6:00	No Thursday Morning Bible	Grief Share Meeting 10:00 a.m.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sunday School at 9:00 Worship at 10:00			RAP's at 5:00 Bible Discussion at 6:00 p.m. and Youth Christmas Party 6:00-8:00 	No Thursday Morning Bible		Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 in the Sanctuary
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
No Sunday School Worship at 10:00 			No RAP's Bible Discussion or Youth activities	No Thursday Morning Bible	Grief Share Meeting 10:00 a.m.	



# THE FUNNY PAGE



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(See Luke 2:1-16) 12-19-2014

IT HAD A STAR ON TOP SO I FIGURED IT SHOULD HAVE A MANGER AT THE BOTTOM



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"There's one Christmas carol that's suitable for my voice. The one where the dogs bark Jingle Bells."



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## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

### **SUNDAY**

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00  
WORSHIP 10:00

### **WEDNESDAY**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6:00PM  
YOUTH ACTIVITIES 6:00PM

### **THURSDAY**

BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM