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#### 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 then 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.





- 12-2 Grief Share meet at 10:00
- 12-4 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00
- 12-7 No RAP's
- 12-7 Bible Discussion at 6:00
- 12-7 Youth meet at 6:00 p.m.
- 12-11 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00
- 12-11 Called Church Conference at 11:15
- 12-14 RAP's meets at 5:00
- 12-14 Bible Discussion at 6:00
- 12-14 Youth meet at 6:00 p.m.
- 12-16 Grief Share meet at 10:00
- 12-18 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00
- 12-21 First Day of Winter

- 12-21 RAP's will meet at 5:00
  12-21 Bible Discussion at 6:00
  12-21 Youth Christmas Party from 6:00 8:00
  12-24 Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at 5:00
  12-24 Holy Communion
  12-25 No Sunday School
  12-25 Worship at 10:00
  12-25 Merry Christmas
  12-28 No RAP's
  12-28 No Bible Discussion
  12-28 No Youth Activities
  12-30 Grief Share meet at 10:00
- 12-31 New Year's Eve



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





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

RAPs, "Raising All Praises"

We will be meeting on Wednesday, December 14th & 21st



**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.

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 Kyllo 25 Pat Bacon



28 Wynola Kirkland

# ANNIVERSARIES

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



there will no longer be assigned weeks for this position. If you are able to help with this please call the church office.

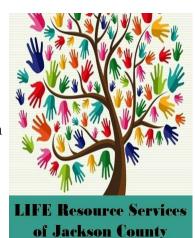






Due to unforeseen circumstances we will no longer have the Children's Message during Sunday morning service If you would like to help with this important ministry please contact the church office and we will put you on the rotating list.

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



# **GRIEF**

**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.

Sunday	Monday	Tueday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Grief Share Meeting 10:00 a.m.	3
l Sunday School at 9:00 Worship at 10:00	5	6	7 No RAP's Bible Discussion 6:00 p.m. and Youth at 6:00	8 No Thursday Morning Bible	9	10
1 Sunday School at 9:00 Worship at 10:00 Called Church Conference in anctuary at 11:15. ull Members Only	12	13	14 RAP's at 5:00, Bible Discussion at 6:00 p.m. and Youth at 6:00	15 No Thursday Morning Bible	16 Grief Share Meeting 10:00 a.m.	17
.8 Sunday School at 9:00 Worship at 10:00	19	20	21 RAP's at 5:00 Bible Discussion at 6:00 p.m. and Youth Christmas Party 6:00-8:00	22 No Thursday Morning Bible	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 in the Sanctuary
5 o Sunday School Vorship at 10:00	26	27	28 No RAP's Bible Discussion or Youth activities	29 No Thursday Morning Bible	30 Grief Share Meeting 10:00 a.m.	31 VEAR'S EVE





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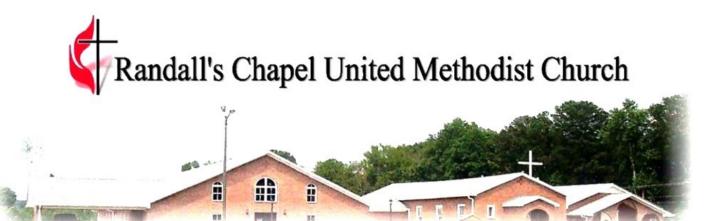
IT HAD A STAR ON TOP SO I FIGURED IT SHOULD HAVE A MANGER AT THE BOTTOM



"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**