

CHAPEL CHIMES

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From Your Pastor's Heart

Where has 2023 gone? If you are like my 91-year-old mother, who journals every day, you could take some time scanning back through your journal entries and be reminded.

My wife Kim and I have a tradition she introduced into our lives that helps us to look back and remember the journey of the previous year. We have a glass container with a nice lid, that if you filled with water, it might hold a half gallon. But we don't put water in it, we put little folded up pieces of paper in it throughout the year. These scraps of paper are added anytime of day or night.

Sometimes one at a time and sometimes several at once, which usually happens at the end of a trip or getaway. As you might have guessed, the folded-up scraps of paper are not blank. They have a day like "May 14th" written on it, and a note like "Preached at Randall's Chapel today and celebrated Kim and all the mothers of our family". That's right, the glass container is filled every year with memories we feel moved to record. Then, on New Year's Eve, Kim and I spend some quality time alone and take turns unfolding a scrap of paper, reading it and pausing to savor the memory before one of us grabs the next folded up memory that is waiting to be brought back to our consciousness.

Kim and I have found this to be a great way to remind us of our many blessings from God. It also helps us to be ever mindful of the coming King and the day of all days that will end our writing on pieces of paper.

If it be the Lord's Will that we live through another advent season, let us not forget what and Who we remember being born in humanity, let us seek to encounter the One Who reveals Himself through Word and Spirit today and Who we wait for to come again in final victory!

Have a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas.

Pastor Woody

*What has
God
Blessed
you with
this year?*





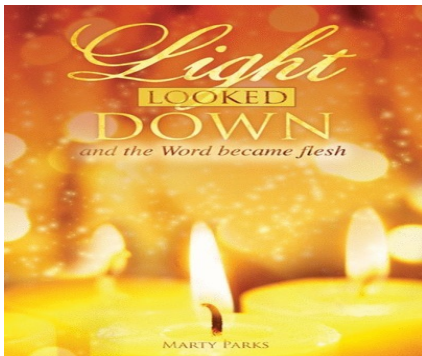
News and Announcements



12-1 Grief Share at 10:00
 12-3 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00
 12-3 Advent Begins
 12-3 Holy Communion
 12-4 Praise Team Practice at 7:00
 12-5 Helping Hands Meet at 10:00
 12-6 Wednesday Night Meal at 6:00
 12-6 Bible Discussion at 6:30
 12-6 Children & Youth meet at 6:30
 12-7 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00
 12-7 Church Open for Prayer 11:00a.m. - 12 noon
 12-9 Santa's Visit 10:00-12:00
 12-9 Quinceañera
 12-10 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00
 12-10 Leadership Team meeting after Worship
 12-10 Cantata Performance at Randall's Chapel at 6:00
 12-11 Praise Team Practice at 7:00
 12-13 Wednesday Night Meal at 6:00
 12-13 Bible Discussion at 6:30

12-13 Cantata Performance at Grace GMC at 6:00
 12-14 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00
 12-14 Church Open for Prayer 11:00a.m. - 12 noon
 12-15 Grief Share at 10:00
 12-17 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00
 12-17 Cantata Performance at New Hope GMC at 6:00
 12-20 Wednesday Night Meal at 6:00
 12-20 Caroling immediately following meal
 12-20 Bible Discussion at 6:30
 12-21 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00
 12-21 Church Open for Prayer 11:00a.m. - 12 noon
 12-24 Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00
 12-27 Wednesday Night Meal at 6:00
 12-27 Bible Discussion at 6:30
 12-29 Grief Share at 10:00
 12-31 Sunday School at 9:00
 12-31 Traditional New Year's Eve worship service in sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. with a meal to follow

"Community Christmas Choral Group presents..."



Performances

- *Sunday, December 10th @ Randall's Chapel GMC @6:00 pm
- *Wednesday, December 13th @ Grace GMC @ 6:00 pm
- *Sunday, December 17th @ New Hope GMC @ 6:00 pm



Santa is coming to Randall's Chapel, Saturday December 9th from 10:00 - 12 noon

We will go Caroling Wednesday, December 20th following our meal.



New Year's Eve
WORSHIP SERVICE

Traditional New Year's Eve worship service in the sanctuary. Meal to follow.

BIRTHDAYS

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



Randall's Chapel Helping Hands will meet on Tuesday, December 5th at 10:00 All women interested in missions are encouraged to attend.



G R E E T E R S

November Greeters

12-3 Jamie & Jack St. John
 12-10 Janice Chambless
 12-17 Jim & Pam Barnette
 12-24 Elanor Allen
 12-31 Chris & Nita Murphy



ANNIVERSARIES

5 Tom and Ginger
 12 Chris & Nita Murphy
 14 Richard & Brenda Olander
 24 Bob & Penny Carothers



Bible Discussion - Come join us on Wednesday Nights at 6:30 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.



Children's Message - November Leaders -

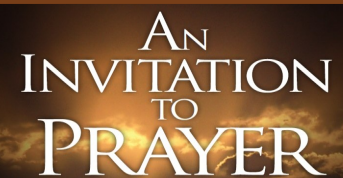
12-3 Jack St. John
 12-10 Youth
 12-17 Cindy Green
 12-24 Janet Matthews
 12-31 Pastor Woody



The Leadership Team will meet immediately following worship Sunday, December 10th



WALK TO EMMAUS
 Randall's Chapel Women's Reunion Group will not meet until January 2024.
 Date of meeting to follow.



Randall's Chapel will be open for Prayer, Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon



Grief Support Group

Theresa Kilgro Peppers has been leading a great support group 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.

They will be meeting on Friday, December 1st, 15th, and 29th at 10:00 a.m.



Life Resource Services of Jackson Co.
 We are open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

December Collection:

Snacks, water, paper towels, disposable bowls and dryer sheets. We can always use volunteers to help. Thank You for your support.

December

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1
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Grief Share Meeting
10:00 a.m.

3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 Sunday School at 9:00
 Worship at 10:00
 Holy Communion
 1st Sunday of Advent
 Praise Team Practice at 7:00
 Helping Hands Meeting at 10:00
 Meal at 6:00
 Bible Discussion, Children and Youth at 6:30
 Bible Study at 10:00
 Open Prayer from 11:00 - 12 noon
 No Men's Group
 Santa's Visit from 10:00-12 noon
 Quinceanera

10 11 12 13 14 15 16
 Sunday School at 9:00
 Worship at 10:00
 Leadership Team will meet after Worship
 Cantata Performance in Sanctuary at 6:00
 Cookies and drinks after
 Praise Team Practice at 7:00
 Meal at 6:00
 Bible Discussion at 6:30
 Cantata Performance at Grace GMC @ 6:00
 Bible Study at 10:00
 Open Prayer from 11:00 - 12 noon
 Grief Share Meeting 10:00 a.m.

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 Worship at 10:00
 Cantata Performance @ New Hope GMC at 6:00
 Praise Team Practice at 7:00
 Meal at 6:00
 Bible Discussion at 6:30,
 Caroling after meal
 Bible Study at 10:00
 Open Prayer from 11:00 - 12 noon

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 Sunday School at 9:00
 Worship at 10:00
 Meal at 6:00
 Bible Discussion,
 No Bible Study
 Grief Share Meeting 10:00 a.m.



31
 Sunday School at 9:00
 Traditional New Year's Eve Worship service in Sanctuary 10:00
 Food and Fellowship to follow



THE FUNNY PAGE

GIFT OF JESUS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



I DON'T GET IT! I'VE OPENED ALL MY PRESENTS! I'VE GOT TONS OF STUFF! BUT SOMEHOW... I'M NOT SATISFIED!

THERE'S ONE PRESENT YOU HAVEN'T OPENED, AND I KNOW THAT IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT WILL SATISFY!

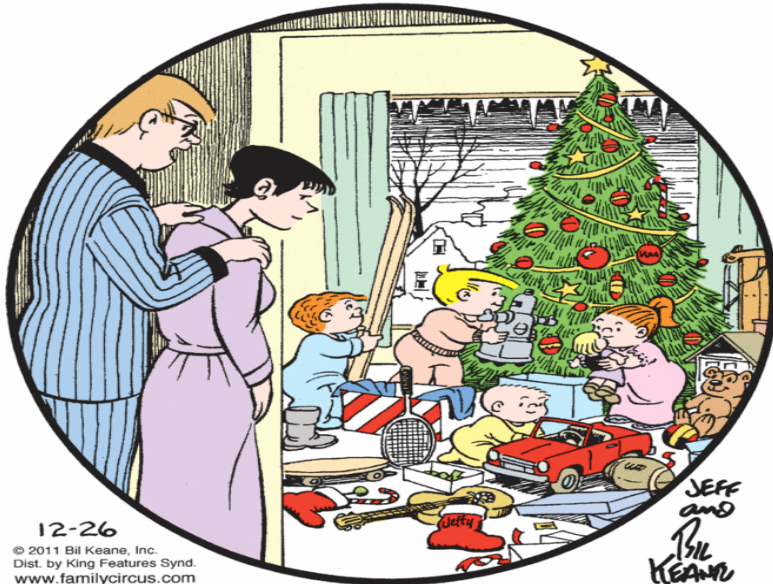
Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
— PSALM 107: 8-9 KJV

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CHRISTMAS.. THE BEGINNING OF THE EASTER STORY

The Great New Lesson



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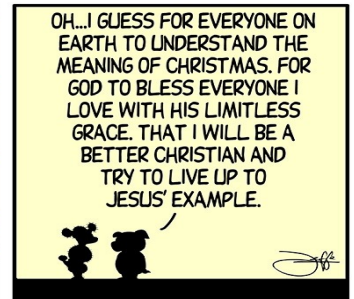
JEFF AND BILL KEANE

"They won't know till they're grown, but their BEST gifts are the memories they're making."

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS, CON?



OH...I GUESS FOR EVERYONE ON EARTH TO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS. FOR GOD TO BLESS EVERYONE I LOVE WITH HIS LIMITLESS GRACE. THAT I WILL BE A BETTER CHRISTIAN AND TRY TO LIVE UP TO JESUS' EXAMPLE.



WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS, ABBY?



OH... NEVERMIND!!!

THIS YEAR, REMEMBER TO WISH



I LIKE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE, GRAMMA.



I LEARNED ALL ABOUT EVERGREENS IN SCHOOL.



THEY ALWAYS STAY GREEN BECAUSE THEY PRODUCE CHLOROPHYLL ALL YEAR LONG.



THAT'S RIGHT, AND THIS ONE STAYS GREEN BECAUSE IT'S PLASTIC.

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COMMENTS.....

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WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00

WORSHIP 10:00

WEDNESDAY

FELLOWSHIP MEAL 6:00 PM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6:30 PM

YOUTH AND CHILDREN ACTIVITIES
6:30 PM

THURSDAY

BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

11:00 A.M. - 12 NOON