

# CHAPEL CHIMES



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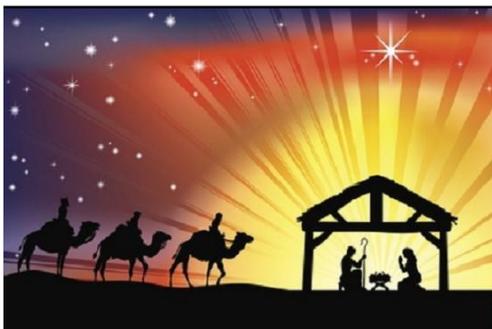
## Happy New Year!

As the new year dawns upon us I want to share something that really blessed me during the Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship. I'll call it, 'The Reflection'. The evening started with meeting you and some of your family members from out of town.



*From the  
Pastor*

Then it had been a good time of worship starting with the Advent Devotional reading, the singing, message and communion; then out from His sleeve He pulled out a glorious blessing. The lights had been turned off in the Sanctuary and we began lighting our candles, one by one. Then we began singing Silent Night, Holy Night by candle light. By the third verse it happened. As we sang, "Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face..." I looked up from the hymnal and I saw the reflection of the candlelight illuminating your faces. "...radiant beams from thy holy face..." I know the 3rd verse is referring to baby Jesus, but our Father showed me His love shining upon your faces. The light of His Joy and His Love. Whoa! As the new year begins, I hope it is all of our desires to reflect His joy, His peace and His love to those around us. Just as the candles illuminated your faces during that hymn, may the light of Jesus illuminate your lives from within. Now, may we by the grace of God, be empowered by the Holy Spirit to illuminate this new life we have in Jesus Christ. Be blessed. -Pat



### Sunday January 3rd is Epiphany Sunday

Epiphany falls on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. In most countries, including the United States, the celebration of Epiphany in 2016 is transferred to Sunday, January 3.

Epiphany or Theophany, also known as Three Kings' Day, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God the Son as a human being in Jesus Christ. In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally the visit of the Magi to the Christ child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles.



# Church Events

**1/6** Starting on Wednesday at 6 pm, January 6th. Pat will resume his Bible Study. Everyone is encourage to come. This will be different from his past studies. This study will be on Paul’s letter to the Romans. Learning from Romans he believes is the foundation to all his other letters.

**1/7 @ 7pm** SPRC Meeting

**1/9** Calendar planning meeting from 9 to 11. This will be an opportunity for members of the admin council and all other ministry leaders to put down dates and ideas for the coming year. Please bring your calendar of events for the year

**1/10 @7pm** Administrative Council Meeting.

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## PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

**This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant this year.**

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life’s uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life’s inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life’s temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: “Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end” (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

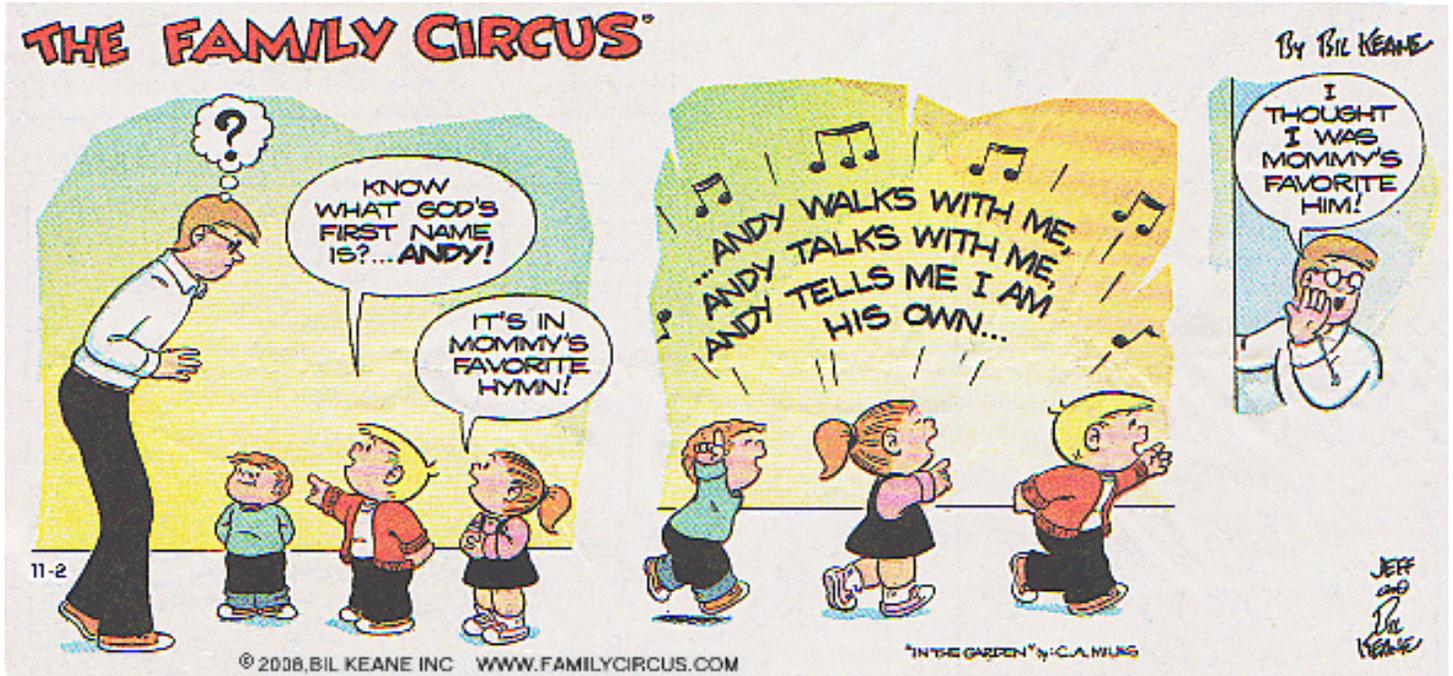
Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen

# THE FUNNY PAGE



## Actual Announcements from Church Bulletins

- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and the community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."

## JANUARY GREETERS

1/3 - James Green

1/10 - Tim Hollis

1/17 - Wayne White

1/24 - Roger Brookins

1/31—Corky  
Gardner



## JANUARY NURSERY WORKERS

1/3 - Karah Wilson

1/10 - Cindy Green

1/17 - Madison Helms

1/24 - Lee Ann Walker

1/31 - Beth Helms

If you would like to volunteer to help with nursery duty, please contact Jean Hardman our Church Secretary.

256-574-6685

If you are scheduled for nursery duty and can't be there, please make arrangements for someone to work in your place.

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Thank you Louise Kirby for your years of putting together our Church News Letter. We will miss

the way you served us and your gift to us. Thanks!  
And be blessed.

Another thank you, to all of you who gave to the White Christmas Offering for the United Methodist Children's Home. Thanks !

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



1/4 Thomas Lusk

1/6 Krystal Robertson

Judy Fratus

1/13 Kevin Lusk

1/15 Lora Hurlburt

Jean Stenson

1/16 Jim Gross

1/18 Cole Snyder

1/22 Nicholas Guess

Debra Snyder

1/24 Shane Morris

1/25 Hartley Walker

1/27 Wesley Culpepper

Millie Shelton

Tylor Welch

1/29 Connie Garner

1/30 Charlotte Morris



1/2 Corky & Della Gardner

1/25 Harold & Elaine Brookshire

# JANUARY 2016



Sun

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Fri

Sat

					1 NEW YEARS DAY	2
3 EPIPHANY SUNDAY	4	5	6 BIBLE STUDY YOUTH 6PM	7 SPRC MEETING 7 PM	8	9 CALANDER PLANNING MEETING 9-11 AM
10 ADMIN COUN- CIL MEETING 7 PM	11	12	13 BIBLE STUDY YOUTH 6PM	14	15	16
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**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**SUNDAY**

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

*Classes for all ages - nursery provided*

TRADITIOANL WORSHIP 11 AM

SUNDY EVENING WORSHIP 6 PM

**WEDNESDAY**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6 PM

YOUTH 6 PM