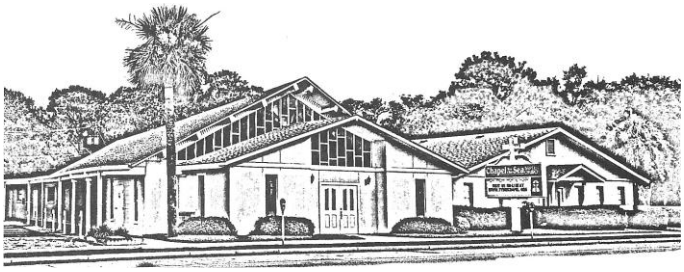
Church Newsletter
December 2024

Weekly Services

Bible Study	**9:00 AM Sunday**
Worship	**10:00 AM Sunday**
Worship	**6:30 PM Sunday**
Worship	**6:30 PM Wednesday**



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But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law. Galations 4:4

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The Right Time

"I'm not sure exactly what time I'll be there; but I will be there – promise," a father tells his teenage daughter. The daughter's faith is dependent on one thing: the father's character. She has grown up knowing that her father keeps his word. She doesn't need to know exactly what time he will arrive, but she knows he will show up.

God spoke through the Old Testament prophets about the coming of the Messiah without ever saying exactly when He would appear. But there is no record of the prophets doubting God's promises. They didn't need to know the exact time because they had learned to trust in God's word. So when Christ did appear, the apostle Paul said it happened in "the fullness of the time." That is it happened at the "right time" according to God's plans and purposes.

God has given us promises without telling us, for the most part, how or when they will be kept. But the fulfilled promise of Christmas reminds us that God always keeps His promises at the "right time".

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CHRISTMAS SERIES – *"GOD'S LAMP – MAN'S LIGHT"*

During the month of December, our series of study will focus on the Menorah. This item placed in both the tabernacle and temple was the only source of light, provided by God0.

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Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25th – No Wednesday Evening Service
Sunday Evening, Dec. 29th, Christmas Communion Service.

Wishing your Peace, Love & Joy during the Christmas Season and always!

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Christmas Cookie Decorating Fellowship

Saturday, Dec. 7th @ 9:00 am in the church fellowship hall we will be decorating Christmas cookies. It will be a *sweet* time of fun and fellowship. All are invited to come and participate.

Socks for Christmas

We will be collecting sock for the Nursing Home residents during the month of December. Boxes have been placed at the entrances for the sanctuary and fellowship hall for donations. Socks can be men's or women's, preferably with gripper bottoms.

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Community Bible Study

Our Tuesday morning Bible Study is on a Christmas Winter break during the month of December, but will resume after the first of the new year.

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Holiday Peace

A 2023 survey reported by the American Heart Association noted that out of 1,000 respondents 63% said the Christmas holidays are more stressful than the April tax season. And 51% reported that it takes weeks to recover from the holidays – especially for mothers.

The very first Christmas was simpler that our modern, commercialized version – and, therefore, less stressful, we would think. But there was fear and stress associated with the first Christmas as well. Zechariah was fearful about the announcement of his son John the Baptist's birth (Luke 1:13). Mary was fearful about becoming the unwed mother of Jesus (Luke 1:30). And the shepherds outside Bethlehem were fearful when a host of angels announced Jesus' birth (Luke 2:10). In each case, it was fear of the unknown that resulted in their unrest.

If you have concerns or fears this Christmas season, commit them to God in prayer. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Phillipians 4:6-7)

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Let us be Faithful Stewards.

Financial Report thru November 24, 2024

	Required	Received
Yearly	$213,651.37	$194,681.60
Weekly	$ 4,108.68	$ 4,142.16 (Wkly Avg.)

A Giving Church is a Living Church!

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

We are still accepting donations through the end of December. If you have not given or would like to give more, there's still plenty of time.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Steve Strickland 12/2, Marie Harbuck 12/3, David Laughner 12/6, Suzi Nesbitt 12/7, Ron Horton 12/19, Katherine Owens 12/22

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Looking Ahead...

Wednesday, January 1st – No Wednesday Evening Service

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WMU will resume in January, exact date to be announced later