

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Join us during the Sunday school hour (10am) on December 17 for a birthday party for Jesus! We will sing Christmas songs, watch a Christmas movie, and of course have a cupcake. Elementary will meet in Room 213 and Preschool will meet in Room 110.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2024 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the upstairs hallway by the Welcome Center. Please pick yours up today!

DECEMBER 31 SERVICES

On Sunday, December 31 there will be an 8am service in Spell Chapel and a combined 10am service in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday School.

ANGEL TREE

Make a child's Christmas wish come true! The Angel Tree is now LIVE. Gifts can be dropped off November 30-December 11 in the Business Office. Please scan the QR code to choose a child.



WI-FI PASSWORD

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password bethanywelcome.

SCAN TO GIVE OPTION

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply scan this QR Code & you will be directed to PushPay, our online giving platform. You can also text 833.245.8417 and give right from your phone! If you would prefer to give the traditional way, giving envelopes can be found in your pew for cash and check donations.



Safety and Assistance Emergency number available on Sunday mornings from 7:30am-12:30pm 854.429.1839.

Welcome to Word & Table



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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December 3, 2023

• ORDER OF WORSHIP •

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH- HOPE

SONGS OF FAITH

OFFERING

SONGS OF FAITH

BAPTISM/KIDS' MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

LUKE I: 26-38

MESSAGE

ANGEL SPOKE TO MARY

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

LUKE I: 26-38

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

VBS NEED

If you are replacing your artificial Christmas tree this year, VBS wants the old one. This year's theme is camping so we need lots of trees! Artificial trees can be donated anytime, contact Children's Ministries to arrange details. We will not be able to return trees, so make sure you do not want it back.

LOCAL MISSIONS SOCK DRIVE

Local Missions will continue collecting men's socks until the end of the year. These socks are to be distributed at the warming shelter. Containers with signs will be placed at the entrances/exits for Spell Chapel, the Sanctuary, and the Fellowship Hall. No holy socks please. If you need further information, please contact Barbara Nimocks 843.276.4230 or John Lyons 843.708.9837. Thank you!

HAPPY HEARTS

There will not be a November meeting. We will meet on December 8 for our Christmas party. The famous host "Chef", Rev. Michael Ritter, will re-create Paula Dean's special Chicken in Wine Sauce to be served over rice, with a vegetable, dessert, and drink for only \$8. To make your reservation, call Dot by TODAY at 843.343.5450 or email her at dmprevatte@yahoo.com.

The instrumental group, Gloryland Trio, will provide entertainment following lunch. This group consisting of Luke Biggs, Charlie Davis, and Jim Griffin will be leading the singing of Christmas carols and as well as other music. This group has been providing down-home music for church events for years.

THANK YOU FROM GLOBAL MISSIONS

Praise the Lord! 495 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are on their way to deliver the Gospel message to children around the world. Thank you, Bethany for your generosity and enthusiasm for this mission! Our goal of 323 boxes was crushed because of YOU!