

## The Montgomery Family

Let us give a warm welcome to the Montgomery Family this morning as they lead the worship service!



### Christmas Cards

There are tables in the hallway near the church offices for Christmas cards for active church members.



### Happy New Year

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st.



### Youth Lock-In

Youth, mark your calendars for Friday, January 17th. All active members of the youth group are invited to a lock in.



### Saving Grace

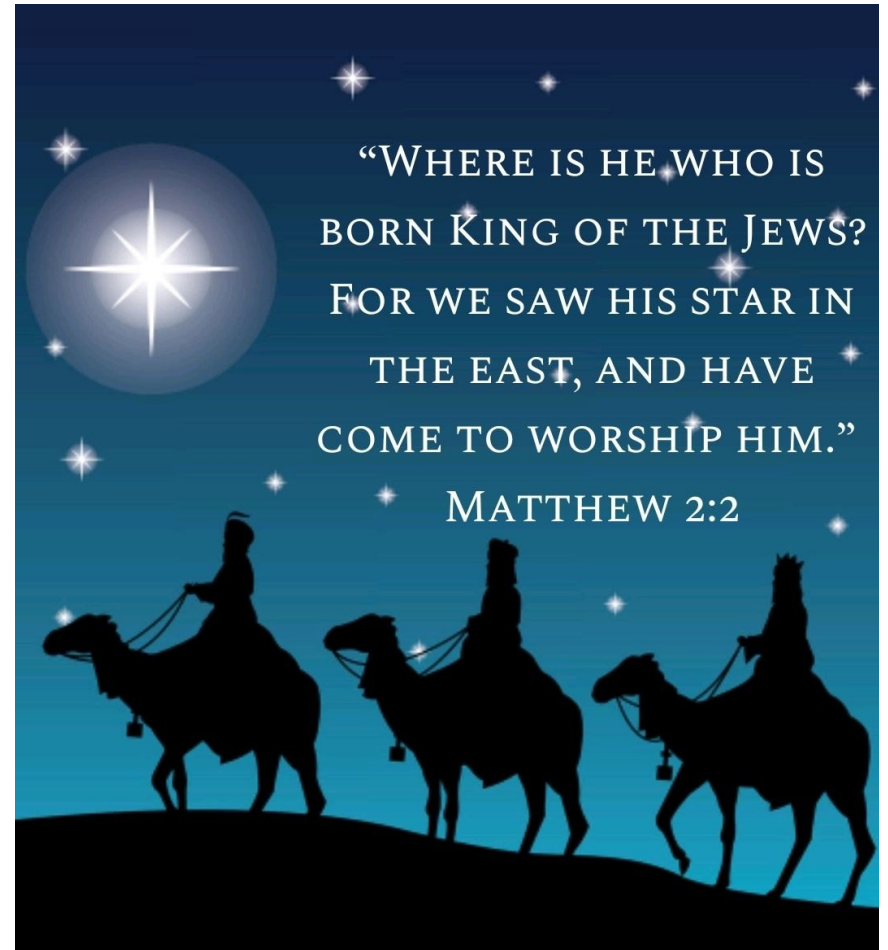
We have formed a new ministry team, Saving Grace. Our desire is to help our congregation by meeting immediate needs. Food, meals, household goods, a listening ear and prayer. We are here. Please call or email the church office. All help will be confidential.



December 29, 2024

“WHERE IS HE WHO IS BORN KING OF THE JEWS? FOR WE SAW HIS STAR IN THE EAST, AND HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM.”

MATTHEW 2:2



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## Sunday, December 29 2024

Looking Forward in Worship

Matthew 2:1-11, 16-18

**The Point:** Jesus is Lord and He deserves our worship.

**The Bible Meets Life:** Most churches try their best to offer convenience when it comes to worship. That's not a bad thing. We need to try to remove any obstacles believers might have to be able to worship. We have climate-controlled spaces, preferred parking for seniors, visitors, and expectant mothers. Coffee is often available in the foyer, and since the pandemic, many churches offer a streaming option, so people can join in from the comfort of their own couch or even bed. It's easy to forget that there are people half a world away who risk their lives to worship with other believers. For them it takes planning and a little cunning to be at church. Some don't enjoy access to Bibles. They pass around scraps of Bibles they salvaged from the last confiscation they experienced in the village by authorities.

We might worship in comfort, ease, and convenience, but we are a slim minority of the long history of the worshipping church, including the wise men who made the arduous journey to kneel at the feet of the Christ child.

**Live It Out: Pray.** We can't escape the tyranny and suffering of the world. We read it in our news feeds and see it on the Internet. Our world is broken. Spend time this week praying for those who are suffering under the rule of tyrants. **Prioritize.** As the new year approaches, spend some time prioritizing how you will spend your time and money, so that you can best worship God in every area of your life. **Act.** Begin a gospel conversation with a person who is far from God. Ask if you can tell your story of how Jesus changed your life and why you worship Him as Savior.

## Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

### Looking Forward to Christmas

Sunday, January 5 Looking Forward with Expectation  
(Matthew 24:32-44)

### The Heart of Worship

Sunday, January 12 The Focus of Our Worship  
(Isaiah 40:21-31)

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## Opportunities for Ministry & Service

### Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

### Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship *Resumes 1/8*

6:30 PM Youth *Resumes 1/8*

### Thursday

Jail Ministry

### Service Attendance

Sunday, December 22

Indoor: 45

Online: 120

Wednesday, December 25

No Online

No Youth



### Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26



December Offering

To Date:

\$14,021.68

### Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering

2024 Goal: \$2,000.00

Received

to Date:

\$2,250.00

LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING

### Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump

Peggy Dean

John Efird

Cindy French

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Ray Greene

Rodney Johnson

Zack Little (MMS Counselor)

Richard Lovingood

Pam Majewski

Lorraine McClellan

Debbie McKnight

Richie Raines

Carolyn Street

David Welch (Irene's Son)



### Bible App

Follow along in today's Scripture on the Bible app! Scan this QR code with your phone:

