



Christmas Cards

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

Christmas Musical

Sunday,
December 15th
at 6 PM.

Snack fellowship
to follow in the
Fellowship Hall.

Please bring
a finger food
to share!



The Montgomery Family

Sunday,
December 29th
at 10 AM.

The Montgomery Family will lead the worship service!



December 8, 2024



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Looking Forward to Peace

Isaiah 8:20-9:7

The Point: We have peace when we have Christ.

The Bible Meets Life: Hallmark Christmas movies seem to come earlier every year. Some love them. Others, not so much. One thing that's great about these Christmas movies is that they are predictably, inevitably heart-warming. A typical movie occurs in a picturesque small town where a handsome, career-focused bachelor from the big city reconnects with his high school friend. She's recently widowed. A conflict occurs around her cookie shop that's about to be shut down because of some new ordinance passed by the antagonist mayor. But romance between the city guy and his old friend ensues, and the Christmas spirit rekindles the heart of the antagonist, which culminates with a festive celebration and a comical, romantic mistletoe kiss (cue the snowmaker). Hot cocoa, cookies, and peace prevail. It's great for an escape, but life is a little different. Perfect endings and peace are hard to come by on earth, but we all long for it, and perhaps that's why those movies, no matter how predictable, continue to be celebrated. Advent celebrates a different story. It happened in a broken world, full of injustice until the one and only Creator stepped from glory to the grit of this war-torn world to offer us everlasting peace.

Live It Out: Listen. In your time with God, read and listen to the song, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," and reflect on the peace God gives in times of conflict. **Meditate.** Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful" (John 14:27). Spend a moment reflecting of the unique peace God gives. **Reconcile.** As we reflect on the concept of *shalom*, ask God to reveal to you someone who you should reconcile or forgive. This week, initiate reconciliation in one relationship and leave the results to God.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Looking Forward to Christmas

Sunday, December 15 Looking Forward to Joy
(Luke 2:4-14)

Sunday, December 22 Looking Forward to Love
(John 1:14-18; 3:14-18)

BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE

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

6:30 PM Youth

7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 12/11

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Choir Rehearsal

The next choir rehearsal
will be Wednesday,
December 11th at 7:45 PM.



Service Attendance

Sunday, December 1

Indoor: 46

Online: 85



Wednesday, December 4

Online: 28

Youth: 7

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26



December Offering

To Date:

\$9,445.00

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump

Peggy Dean

John Efird

Cindy French

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Ray Greene

Alan Haynes' Family (Eddie &

Candy's Neighbor)

Rodney Johnson

Zack Little (MMS Counselor)

Richard Lovingood

Pam Majewski

Lorraine McClellan

Debbie McKnight

Richie Raines

Karyn Shauan & Family

Carolyn Street

David Welch (Irene's Son)

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.

