

### Communion Sunday

As we near Christmas, let us prepare our hearts for communion and remember Jesus's birth, life, and sacrifice.



**December 22, 2024**



### Christmas Eve Service

Mark your calendars for 6 PM on Tuesday, December 24th for our Christmas Eve Service.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

### Merry Christmas

We hope you have a Merry Christmas!  
The church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas.

*Merry Christmas*



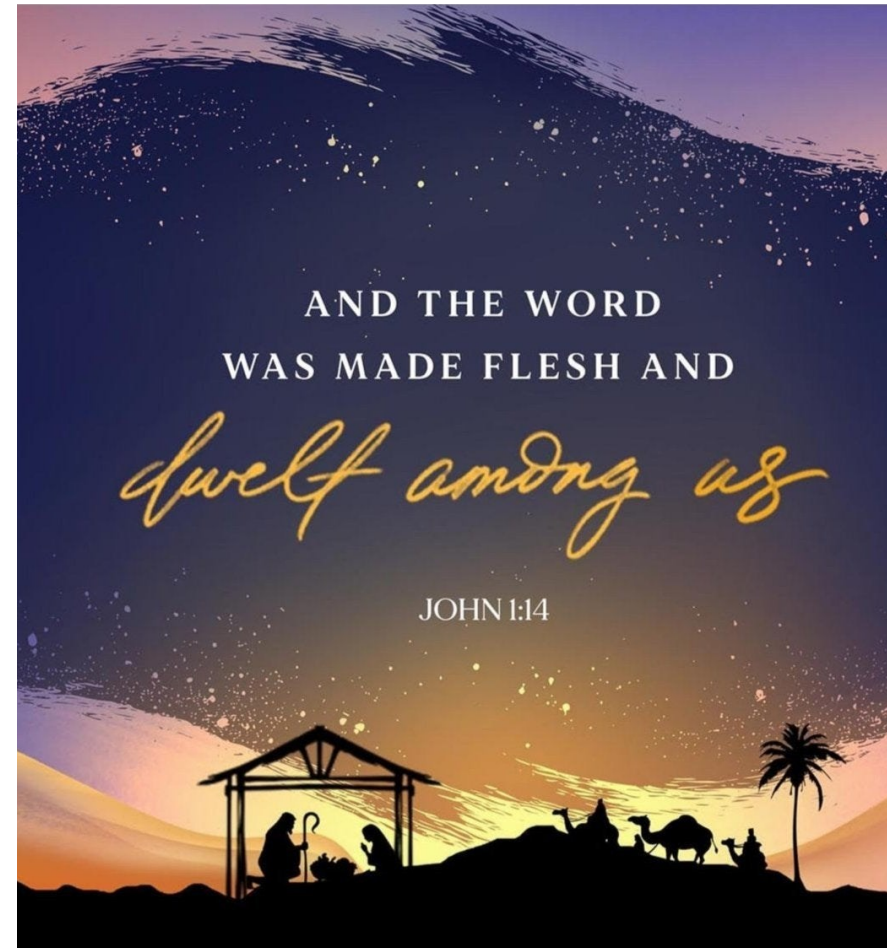
### The Montgomery Family

Sunday,  
December 29th  
at 10 AM.

The Montgomery Family will lead the worship service!

### Christmas Musical

Thank you for coming out to our Christmas Musical last Sunday and for bringing snacks to share!



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## Sunday, December 22 2024

Looking Forward to Love

John 1:14-18; 3:14-18

**The Point:** We can know the love of God because of Jesus's sacrifice.

**The Bible Meets Life:** "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). This is the essence of Advent and Christmas. God came to us. Jesus is God with skin on. The theological word for that is *incarnation* or *enfleshment*.

Luke provided a detailed, orderly account of Jesus birth, but John begins his testament revealing the backstory and the nature of the incarnation. John 1 is a dense, poetic, and powerful prologue where the essence of the story is revealed. The centerpiece is the powerful declaration that Jesus is God with skin on. He chose to step into flesh because of love. Any way you slice it, this story has always been a love story.

**Live It Out: Read.** Set aside a block of time to read 1 John in one sitting. It will take you about fifteen to twenty minutes to do it but take your time and meditate on it. Read it with fresh eyes. Mark a verse or two that grab your attention. Meditate on this book of love through this busy season. **Step into the story.** Want to kick it up a notch? Make a short list of the people around you who need love the most this Christmas. Select one person from the list and find a way to share the love of Jesus in a tangible way. **Pray.** Be intentional to make time for the people who need love the most this Christmas. Pray for them regularly. Ask God to reveal His great love with power and clarity.

## Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

### Looking Forward to Christmas

Sunday, December 29 Looking Forward in Worship  
*The Montgomery Family*  
(Matthew 2:1-11, 16-18)

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

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## Opportunities for Ministry & Service

### Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

### Tuesday

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

### Wednesday

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

6:30 PM Youth *Resumes 1/8*

### Thursday

Jail Ministry

## Service Attendance

Sunday, December 15

Indoor: 48

Online: 102

Wednesday, December 18

Online: 58

Youth: 12



## Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26



December Offering

To Date:

\$10,551.00

## Lottie Moon

### Christmas Offering

2024 Goal: \$2,000.00

Received

to Date:

\$2,150.00



## 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

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