



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Family Matters

December 25, 2022

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Please note:
We will have NO EVENING SERVICES on December 25.
(morning services as usual)

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- George Clark
- Nate Crowden
- Greg Dowdy
- Charlie Kluesner
- Doug Lester
- Brian Mitchell
- Todd Newman
- Kenny Simmons
- Scott Spraggs

Lessons for Today

AM:
Phil Swiney
Mark 10:13-27

PM:
No Services

He Grew Up By Adam Faughn

Our world is in the hurry and bustle of the final days and hours before Christmas. Presents are being bought and wrapped, baking is being done, traveling is going on, and all sorts of other late-minute things are being completed so the holiday can be enjoyed by as many as possible.

In the midst of all that preparation, many are also focusing on the birth of Jesus Christ. Certainly, we do not know the date on the calendar on which Jesus was born, but so many in our world are thinking about that event this time of year that it is to our advantage to speak even more openly and boldly about our faith. There is, in some ways, a clearer pathway to speak to people about Jesus when they are thinking about His birth during this time.

What is difficult to get across to people, though, is that the baby in the manger grew up. Then, when that same baby was a man, He demanded so much of people and said things that are not always popular in our world. He told us that we have to guard our heart, or we are guilty of the most heinous of sins (see Matthew 5:23; 5:28; 5:44). He told us that families would be torn apart for following Him (Matthew 10:34-37). He made it clear that there is only one way to heaven (Matthew 7:13-14), and that only following Him would be that way (John 14:6).

Ultimately, Jesus gave His life on the cross, but also demanded that we be willing to take up a cross each day, that we live in order to follow Him (Luke 9:23). Part of the life and teachings of Jesus is simply not what people want to hear, but we dare not shy away from the entirety of Who Jesus was (and is), and what He demands of people if they would be counted faithful and live eternally with Him in heaven.

While so many are thinking about the baby Jesus in the manger, may we have the boldness to take this opportunity to boldly, yet lovingly, remind people that He grew up and that He is to be the Lord of all our lives. But we must also take every opportunity to show and remind people that following Him as Lord is not drudgery, but joy.

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Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 90
Sunday AM: 133
Sunday PM: 77
Wednesday PM: 61
Contribution: \$4594
Budget: \$4464

Think on This...

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Celebrating This Week...

Birthday

Brian Austin: 12.27

Anniversary

Rob & Tonya Coleman:
12.31

Serving This Week

Announcements: Phil Singleton

SUNDAY

Greeters: David & Inger Selvig

Ushers: Kenny Simmons/Randy Seabaugh

A/V: Nate Crowden

Nursery: Emma Seabaugh

Lead Singing: Seth Spraggs

Head Lord's Table: Scott Spraggs

Scripture: Phil Swiney

Prayers:

AM: Larry Dowdy/Steve Simmons

PM: No Service

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Christopher Newman

Devo: Todd Newman

Prayer: Wally Eck

Elder Chair: Randy Seabaugh

Communion to Shut-Ins: Scott Spraggs

Worship Organizer: Ron Fehr

Daily Bible Reading

December 25: Revelation 4-6

December 26: Revelation 7-9

December 27: Revelation 10-12

December 28: Revelation 13-15

December 29: Revelation 16-18

December 30: Revelation 19-21

December 31: Revelation 22

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Ron Anderson	Diana Ivanovich
Ginger Avery	Betty Jones
Esther Beck	Sid Naramore
Mark Blaylock	Carolyn Neese
Lee Brooks	Wanda Raper
Thelma Brown	Susan Seabaugh
Dalton Bryan	Earle Silvers
Reita Conley	Steve Simmons
Donna Cox	Lee Simpson
Bill Dillman	Sarah Singleton
Kelly & Trudy Garland	Robin Star
Donna Hand	Don Tawney
Allen & Juanita Hedge	Chris Weaver



Remember in Prayer

- **Troy & Terri Bryan** are both continuing to recover well from their recent surgeries.
- **Lee Simpson** went home from the hospital on Friday and doing very well. He and Ruth are so thankful for all the prayers offered on their behalf, and cards and calls that they have received.
- **Donna Cox** has a cracked bone in her ankle and is in a cast.
- **Allen Hedge** spent a couple of days in the hospital with fluid on his lungs, but was able to return home on Monday.
- Ruby Silvers' daughter-in-law, **Jalonda Harris** is suffering with cancer.
- Dan Silvers' brother, **Earle Silvers** is continuing to struggle with health issues and is in the hospital.

News & Notes

- **Paragould Children's Homes** picked up on Monday and left new grocery lists. Items requested this time are: **Spaghetti Noodles, Chili Mix, Microwave Popcorn, Kidney Beans, Ranch Style Beans, Large Freezer Bags**. The next pick up will be **April 3**.
- We will be hosting our next **Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Wednesday, January 4** from 2:30-6:30pm in the fellowship room. Please sign up to donate if you are able. A sign-up sheet is also posted for those who would like to help with snacks.
- We have a pizza lunch planned following morning services on **January 15** to conclude our youth rally. All are invited and encouraged to attend, but we ask that you sign up for planning purposes if you intend to stay for lunch. A sign up is posted...please plan to bring a dessert or soda.
- **Men:** Please see Gary Miller if you would like to be added to the rotation for those taking communion to our shut ins. He will be making the schedule soon for next year.

Upcoming Area Events

- **January 5-8: TRUTH Conference** in Arnold for college and young adult Christians. Speakers will be **Todd Clippard** and **Avery Hackney**. Please register with the QR code on the posted flyer.
- **January 14-15: IGNITE 2023: Ignite Your Legacy**. We are hosting our annual youth rally with keynote speaker, **Jeremy Pierce**. Plans are well underway...please watch for ways you can help and begin making plans to attend.
- **February 23-26: CYC** in Pigeon Forge. Watch for details!
- **March 10-11: Inspiration 2023** in Dexter. **Lonnie Jones** will be speaking and the theme is "Spiritual Campers in a Physical Campground".

