

THOUGHTS FROM BRAD ...

Great News! The city zoning board approved our "Special Exception" use of the Sheridan Drive property this past Tuesday night. That means as of this Tuesday, Dec. 13th, we will close on this property and it will officially belong to the church. We are excited about this purchase as it will bring opportunity to build a one floor building someday on this land. Praise God! Wouldn't be great to have a new building in the next 3-5 years on this land? Think of that; NO MORE STEPS! I want to thank each of you who have been giving sacrificially toward this effort.

This past Sunday, all who were placed on the ballot were selected to serve. Thank you for trusting these individuals to lead at Fifth Avenue. Our budget also passed with a 97% approval. We thank you in this matter as well.

Below, please take notice of the following adjustments to our church schedule during the holidays...

- Dec. 14th will be our last Wednesday night elective until February 8th.
- Dec. 25th-There is no evening service.
- Dec. 25th-**No Sunday School classes will be held.** Teachers are gifted this day off.
- Dec. 26th- The church office will be closed.
- Jan. 1st- There will be no evening service.
- Jan. 2nd- The church office will be closed.

I hope this year, our congregation will take advantage of both our Christmas Eve service, which will be held at 6:00 p.m., and our Christmas morning service, which will be held at our normal 10:00 a.m. hour. There is always a temptation when Christmas falls on a Sunday that some will pick and choose to come to one or the other service. Why not choose both this year?

Last week, my Sunday School class started a video study by Kyle Idleman entitled: "The Christmas Experience." You are invited to join us! We meet in the Fellowship Hall. Each episode will focus on how God chose each individual in the Christmas story for a specific purpose. Those participating in **The Christmas Experience** study will be able to find themselves in the Christmas story, as they learn that what happened then changes everything now. The theme today is: "A Faithful One."

Our last study will be next week and it is entitled: "Immanuel."

In His Service,

Brad

December 4, 2016	
Sunday School	n/a
Morning Worship	107
Evening Worship	22
Wednesday Bible Study (12/07)	10
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,361.00
Budget Received	\$ 3,528.50
Gas for Van	\$ 5.00
IDES (Thanksgiving)	\$ 5.00
Van Fund	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 10,167.00
Memorial Fund (in memory of Karen Young)	\$ 60.00
Missions	\$ 70.00

SERVING SCHEDULE December 11, 2016		SERVING SCHEDULE December 18, 2016	
At the Table	Dave Tingler and Ned Tomlinson	At the Table	Fred Griffith and Bob Neff
Serving	Larry King, Ray Coats, Coy Cupler	Serving	Tim Huffman, Bob Hawkes, Jim Hoff, Bill Kelly
PM Deacon	Larry King	PM Deacon	Tim Huffman
COMMUNION	Dan and Janet Brown	COMMUNION	Dan and Janet Brown
GREETERS	Dick and Marg Shumaker	GREETERS	Shirley Alexander Penny Hawkes
NURSERY		NURSERY	
Sunday School	Shirley Marsh	Sunday School	Laura Wersell
Worship	Jo George	Worship	Thea Kallenberg
VISITOR CENTER	Ruth Enlow	VISITOR CENTER	Shirley Marsh
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Kim Seevers	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Christmas Party
SECURITY		SECURITY	
Sunday School/ Worship	Dick Shumaker	Sunday School/ Worship	Mike Weaver
Evening Worship	Dick Shumaker	Evening Worship	Mike Weaver

Prayer List

*Millie Hoy Jean Cunningham Leroy Shaner Marc Mooney
 Piper Stark Kasen Newman Naressa Allen Larry Blosser
 Debi Erwin Kenneth Dusthimer Jeane Goldfarb Wess Camp
 Paul Scott Camille Stiverson Heather Tracy Ron Young
 Steve Knox Shirley Hopkins Caleb Witham Heather Baker
 Our Troops Veronica Hartmann Mira McCarty Unspoken
 Gatlinburg Fire Victims: Joann Tant, Richard and Judy Sortore, and Janet James (our special Christmas offering will support these families from the Gatlinburg Church of Christ.)*

Sunday School Classes for All Ages All classes are at 8:45 a.m.

Nursery <i>(Birth through 3 years old)</i> "Jesus Loves Me" Room 102	Upper Elementary Class (4 th -6 th Grade) "Jeroam Chooses To Do Evil" Room 106 Ron Enlow, Teacher	Adult Class "Independent Studies" Fellowship Hall Brad Seevers, Teacher
Preschool (Ages 3-6) "Bible Friends" Room 105 Marie Huffman, Teacher	Junior/Senior High "Creation" 3 rd Floor Patrick Wersell, Teacher	Harmony Adult Class "International Sunday School Lessons" Room 204 Dave Tingler, Teacher
Early Elementary (K- 3 rd Grade) "Jesus, Our Example" Room 101 Deborah Will, Teacher	Ladies' Class "Fervent" By Priscilla Shirer Room 209 Jean Azbell and Bev Puckett, Teachers	Philothean Adult Class "Parables" Room 208 Jim Love, Teacher

Greeter and Visitor Center Schedules

2017 Greeter and Visitor Center schedules will be sent out soon. If you would like to assist in one of these ministries, please make a note on your Silent Roll Call Card, or call the church office at 740-654-0626.

2017 Schedules for The Christian Messenger

All schedules for 2017 that are published in The Christian Messenger must be turned in to the church office by Sunday, December 11th.

2017 Offering Envelopes

If you do not currently have offering envelopes, but would like some for 2017, please contact Marg Shumaker or the church office.

Dinner Out!

Pizza Cottage (Ety and Fair)
 Saturday, December 17th
 6:00 p.m.
 Sign up on the bulletin board.
 All are welcome!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 14th
 Bible Study, 6:15pm

Saturday, December 17th
 Dinner Out at Pizza Cottage, 6pm

Monday, December 19th
 Facility Management, 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 20th
 Deacons Meeting, 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 21st
 Elders Meeting

Saturday, December 24th
 Christmas Eve Service, 6pm

Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 25th
 No Sunday School classes
 No Children's Church
 No Evening Worship

Monday, December 26th
 Church office closed

Sunday, January 1st
 No Evening Worship

Monday, January 2nd
 Church office closed

