

THOUGHTS FROM BRAD ...

The Fifth Avenue Church of Christ now owns a twelve-acre piece of property on Sheridan Drive. As you know, we would love to have a new, one floor church building on this land in the next 3-5 years. Wouldn't that be wonderful? If you would like to donate toward that becoming a reality, we encourage you to do so over and above your normal tithe to Fifth Avenue. Please indicate on your offering envelope what additional gift is to go toward the "building fund."

As you know, at Christmas we always collect a "special offering" for the purpose of blessing others. This year, you can either give toward that project at our Christmas Eve or Christmas day services. All gifts will go to support the families in the Gatlinburg Church of Christ who lost everything from the recent forest fires. Please note the victim's names in our prayer list in today's newsletter. I know they would covet your prayers throughout this difficult time. All gifts for this project should be made out to Fifth Avenue but make sure you designate the amount on your envelope which is for the victims.

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

- 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 that each of you will plan to attend both our Christmas Eve and our Christmas day services. Both services will have special music from various soloists and musicians and I am sure you will not want to miss this display of talent. Our Christmas Eve service will begin at 6:00 p.m. and our Christmas day service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Just a thought about Christmas...from Max Lucado.

"He came, not as a flash of light or as an unapproachable conqueror, but as one whose first cries were heard by a peasant girl and a sleepy carpenter. God tapped humanity on its collective shoulder, "Pardon me," he said, and eternity interrupted time, divinity interrupted carnality, and heaven interrupted the earth in the form of a baby. Christianity was born in one big heavenly interruption."

Brad

December 11, 2016	
Sunday School	58
Morning Worship	126
Evening Worship	20
Wednesday Bible Study (12/14)	7
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,361.00
Budget Received	\$ 3,403.90
Gas for Van	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 150.00
Van Fund	\$ 20.00
Van Fund (as of 12/14/16)	\$ 36,155.34
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Ladies Ministry	\$ 254.00
Missions	\$ 20.00

SERVING SCHEDULE December 18, 2016		SERVING SCHEDULE December 25, 2016	
At the Table	Fred Griffith and Bob Neff	At the Table	Dick Shumaker and Ron Enlow
Serving	Tim Huffman, Bob Hawkes, Jim Hoff, Bill Kelly	Serving	Dale Rose, Carmel Marsh, Mike Milbaugh, Mitch Shell
PM Deacon	Tim Huffman	PM Deacon	No Evening Worship
COMMUNION	Dan and Janet Brown	COMMUNION	Dan and Janet Brown
GREETERS	Shirley Alexander Penny Hawkes	GREETERS	Ray and Margie Ayers
NURSERY		NURSERY	
Sunday School	Laura Wersell	Sunday School	Margaret Burgess
Worship	Thea Kallenberg	Worship	Angie Music
VISITOR CENTER	Shirley Marsh	VISITOR CENTER	Wanda Turner
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Christmas Party	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	No Children's Church
SECURITY		SECURITY	
Sunday School/ Worship	Mike Weaver	Sunday School/ Worship	Tim Williams
Evening Worship	Mike Weaver	Evening Worship	Ray Coats

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
	Howard Stouffer	Pat Sain	
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
(Birth through 3 years old)
"Jesus Loves Me"
Room 102

Upper Elementary Class
(4th-6th Grade)
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"
3rd Floor
Patrick Wersell, Teacher

Harmony Adult Class
"International Sunday School Lessons"
Room 204
Dave Tingler, Teacher

Early Elementary
(K- 3rd 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

2017 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2017 are available to be picked up in the church parlor. If you do not currently have offering envelopes but would like to have some, please contact Marg Shumaker or the church office.



Christmas Gathering (rescheduled from December's date)

Monday, January 16th, 6:30pm

Watch for more information!

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



Craft Corner
Wednesday, January 3rd,
3-5pm

Upcoming Events

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

Sunday, December 25th
Christmas Day
Morning Worship only, 10am
No Evening Worship

Sunday, January 1, 2017
New Year's Day
No Evening Worship

