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MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Friday, December 22, 2023



Merry Christmas!

As we close out the year, let us reflect on how far God has brought us as a church family. We have seen tremendous growth, not only in membership, but we have increased our outreach. We have continued to bring souls to Christ as evident through the many baptisms over the past few months.

Reflecting gives us an opportunity to know where we've been. Now let's look forward to doing even greater work in the coming year as we continue to press forward for Christ. Here is our last newsletter of 2023. I hope you enjoy.

Be blessed!

The Rundown

Christmas Mall

Christmas Fellowship

Business & New Year's Eve Service 12/31

Deacons' Crowning Service. 1/7

Bible Study Resumes 1/10

Restroom Renovation Update

December Birthdays

The Morning After Devotional

Christmas Mall

On Saturday, December 16, we held our annual Christmas Mall. There was a wide variety of toys, pampers, household items and clothing distributed. Attendance was great with over 60 families in the community being serviced and toys being provided to more than 180 children. I want to give a special thank you to all the volunteers that made the event possible. Here are a few photos from the event.



A Great Time at Our Christmas Fellowship Dinner

On Sunday, December 17, the Culinary Ministry invited all members to partake in a Christmas Fellowship immediately following Sunday School. They served refreshments and had several games, crafts and contests for all to participate in. Of all the games there, I think Giant Jenga was the biggest hit! Those in attendance said they had a wonderful time, and can't wait for the next one. Our Ugly Sweater winners were Sophia Johnson, Tabitha Wallace, and Andrea Thrower. Check out their sweaters and a few other photos from the event.





NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

CELEBRATE WITH US

New Year's Eve Service

We will hold our Annual Business Meeting and New Year's Eve Service on Sunday, December 31, 2023. The Business Meeting will begin at 8:00p.m. and the New Year's Eve Service will begin at shortly after. Since we are having the business meeting and service that night, there will be no Morning Worship on Sunday morning. We look forward to seeing all members on that Sunday night. Come celebrate with us and start your year off revived!

Deacons' Crowning Service

The Deacons' Crowning Service will be held on Sunday, January 7, 2024. Our Deacons will be questioned at 1:00p.m. by select ministers and deacons. Then at 3:00p.m. we will have the Crowning Service to welcome our new deacons.

There are seven deacons scheduled to be crowned on that day. Show your support of your deacons by being at this special occasion.



CROWNING *Service*

And let these also first be proved;
then let them use the office of a deacon,
being found blameless.
1 Timothy 3:10

January 7, 2024 @ 3:00p.m.

Our Next Study

Wednesday Nights

@ 7:00 p.m.



THE JOURNEY BEGINS JANUARY, 10, 2024

Bible Study Resumes

Our weekly Bible Study will resume on January 10, 2024. We will be studying "When Your Way Isn't Working" by Kyle Idleman. This book offers a unique exploration of John 15 for all of us who are going through the motions and feel frustrated. Idleman reminds us that it's connection, not production, that leads to a fruitful life. Rev. Spencer Braddix will be leading us in this study. We look forward to seeing you in class.

Restrooms Renovation

We are continuing our goal to reach \$40,000 to begin our restroom renovation. Our current total is \$17,741. We need your continued support to reach our goal.

RESTROOM RENOVATION



Happy Birthday

Loretta Lee
LaQuestia Dawkins
Jerry Joyner
Herlanda Hampton
Josephine Cobbs
Bernard Coney
James Thrower III
Paris Nash
Robin Thornton
Alberta Jones
Rev. Freddie Cobbs
Jeremiah Barnes
Brianna Robinson

December 21, 2023

Luke 2

Have you ever wondered why God would choose an old priest and his wife to give birth to John, the forerunner of Jesus the Christ? Why He chose a young girl to bare the Savior; "why this old couple to bare the one who would present and prepare the world for the Christ?"

Ah! Luke chapter 2 clearly states why. First, it was because of the **Priest's Prayer** (v.13). The desires of our hearts when in line with the will of God will come to fruition regardless of the seemingly impossible obstacles. Secondly, they were used because of **God's plan** (v.13-15). God's plan will always supersede the will of humanity as well as the wrath of hell. Lastly, they were chosen because of **Israel's Peace** (v.16-17). We must remember the whole of the nativity of Jesus Christ was about redeeming humanity and reconciling us back to God.

Therefore my Christian friends, during this Christmas season let us take to heart the saying of yesterday, Jesus is the reason for the season! Until the next time, may the blessings of God be upon you all.

The Prayer:

Father, we thank you for allowing us another season to celebrate the birth of our Savior. It's in His name that we offer thanks. Amen.

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The Morning After Devotional is a weekly devotional ministry by our pastor that drops every Thursday morning. If you would like to be included on the ministry, text your name and phone number to Pastor Sanders at 870-866-3848.

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