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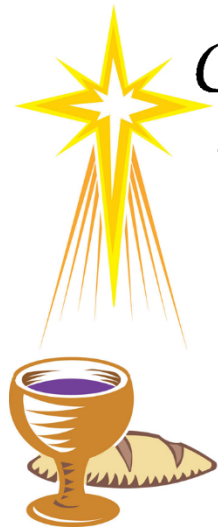
December 19, 2018

5th Sunday United!



8:45 Sunday School-9:30 Fellowship-10:00 Joint Worship

8:45 A.M.-Sunday School
9:30 A.M.-Fellowship with coffee and donuts, Activities Building
10:00 A.M.-Morning Worship



*Christmas Eve
Communion*

*Monday, December 24
6:00 PM, Sanctuary*

THANK YOU

Thanks to all of you who have haloed celebrate the life of our mother, grandmother, sister and friend. What a beautiful service. She loved God, her church, her family and her friends. For a moment she had them all together. The words that were spoken, the songs sung, the music played, and the prayers prayed were so touching.

The apron team ministry is such a blessing to a grieving family. To be able to walk into a beautifully decorated room and have delicious food prepared and served by loving hands meant more than two small words can express. Everything was wonderful and for all or your acts of kindness we are forever grateful.

The family of Linda Floyd

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

James Everett "Jett" Aldridge will receive the sacrament of baptism on December 30. Jett is the son of Ken and Anna Aldridge Horton and little brother of Shepard. Grand parents are Mickey and Gwen Aldridge and Steve and Tina Horton. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Jean Polk and the late William H. Polk.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our library has many books written by Billy Grantham. Check out our recently donated books: WHERE I AM – HEAVEN, ETERNITY, AND OUR BEYOND and STORM WARNING. All Graham books are located in Section A GRA.

JESUS IS THE WORD

To say that Jesus is the Word is another way of saying he is God speaking to us. While we struggle with our clumsy words, God needs only one Word to perfectly communicate the depth and mystery, the passion and the overwhelming grace of who he is. By that Word, Light became a living being. Manna became man. Wisdom became a person. In him, Life came to life; all that God is came to us in that One Final Word we call Jesus.

—Michael Card, *Immanuel: Reflections on the Life of Christ*
The Newsletter Newsletter, December 2016

PRAYER REQUEST

MEMBERS: Meg King, Patti Flint, Hollie Roberson, Mary Haberman, Cindy Allgood, Erin Nabors, Betty Flint, Christy Hansen, Charlie Overton, Barbara Broome, Tommy Greenlee, Collins Bailey, Doris Shields, Amy Franklin, Ann Trusty, Trina Caffey, Sally Reid, Hazel Weed, Christopher Baker, Willie Odom, Bonnie Land, Trey McGovern, Steve Still, Eloise Rollins, John M. Mothershed, Smylie Carothers, Ellis Byrd, Mary Moody

FRIENDS: Don Haire, Kevin Gant, Emma Katelyn Morton (great-niece of Ryna Smith), Judy Greene, Paige Elmore, Marrette Mills, Carlee Griste, Jimmy Eubanks (friend of Sue Womble), Edna Rice (aunt of Tom & Rosemary Womble), Carolyn Goodnight (Christy Broome's mom), Barbara Meacham (Kate Meacham's mom), Asher Taylor, Amy Mullins, Jimmy Cobb, Robbie Stewart (Phyllis Floyd's son-in-law), Larry Ruth (Eloise Rollins' son-in-law), Mike Kimbriel, Durwood Gordon, Steve Durr, Shelda Murphree (sister-in-law of Vivian Bridges), Bobby Burkhalter

Military Call-Up: Justin Tharpe (nephew of Ryna Smith), Colby Shankle, Adam Major (nephew of Betty Billingsley & Joanne Autrey), Benjamin Chambers (nephew of LaFonda Poland), Jeffrey Brown, Casey Clark, Jordan Kemp, Jessie Stanley, Dennis Adams, Sam Riddell

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Rev. Don Lewis, Elizabeth Lewis and family at the death of their wife and mother Ruth who passed away on December 6. Funeral arrangements are Saturday, December 22 at Hernando FUMC. Visitation is 1-2, and the service is at 2.

Happy Birthday

December 20-Aisley Bright, Ed Dean, Thom Hunter Pratt, Allie Whitaker

December 21-Elizabeth Wren Carney

December 22-Kay King, Cooper Miles, Ava Grace Smith

December 23-Sue Garrott, Marilyn Moake

December 24-Rebekah Dean, Carol Anne Lightsey

December 25-Charles Baglan

December 26-Marilyn Bonnette, Clint Fisher, Sara Austin Rogers

December 27-Rebekah Wren Gray

December 28-Barrett Climer

December 29-Mary Clay Bailey, David Borden, Lee Garner, Jerry Johnson, Nick Nabors, Brec Stone, Mason Lane Wright

Happy Anniversary

December 20-M/M Trey Hamby

December 23-Acolytes

8:30 A.M.

Archer Vick/Alex Jones

10:55 A.M.

Addison Willingham

December 23-Ushers

8:30 A.M.

Clint Fisher/Dave Billingsley
Josh Vick/Harry Guckert

10:55 A.M.

Eddie Greenlee/Bud Fisher, Jr.
Brad Greenlee/Lee Garner

Security Team

Mike Addington/Ed Dean
David Lange/Harry Guckert

December 30-Acolytes

Elsa Jones/Hailey Heafner

December 30-Ushers

Brooks Poland/Chris Burnett
Paul Savage/Eddie Nabors

Security Team

Clint Egbert/Tony Jones
Steve McMinn

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, December 19

5:30 P.M.-UMYF "Rooted", Activities Building

6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 23

8:30 A.M.-Early Morning Worship

9:30 A.M.-Fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Activities Building

9:45 A.M.-Sunday School

10:55 A.M.-Morning Worship

Monday, December 24

6:00 P.M.-Christmas Eve Communion, Sanctuary

Monday, December 31

6:00 P.M.-Watch Night Service, Sanctuary

OFFICE CLOSINGS

DECEMBER 24-DECEMBER 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S

Financial Report for December 16, 2018

2018 Budget	\$1,015,512.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	19,529.08
Budget Amt. Needed to Date	976,442.84
Budget Amt. Offering	34,297.90
Budget Amt. Rec'd to Date	875,256.20

“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” ~ 2 Corinthians 9:6

Attendance for December 16, 2018

Sunday School	173
Morning Worship	278
8:30 A.M.	193
10:55 A.M.	72
Nursery	9
Security	4

MORNING WORSHIP

“In the Footsteps of Mary”
Luke 1:46-55

NO EVENING WORSHIP