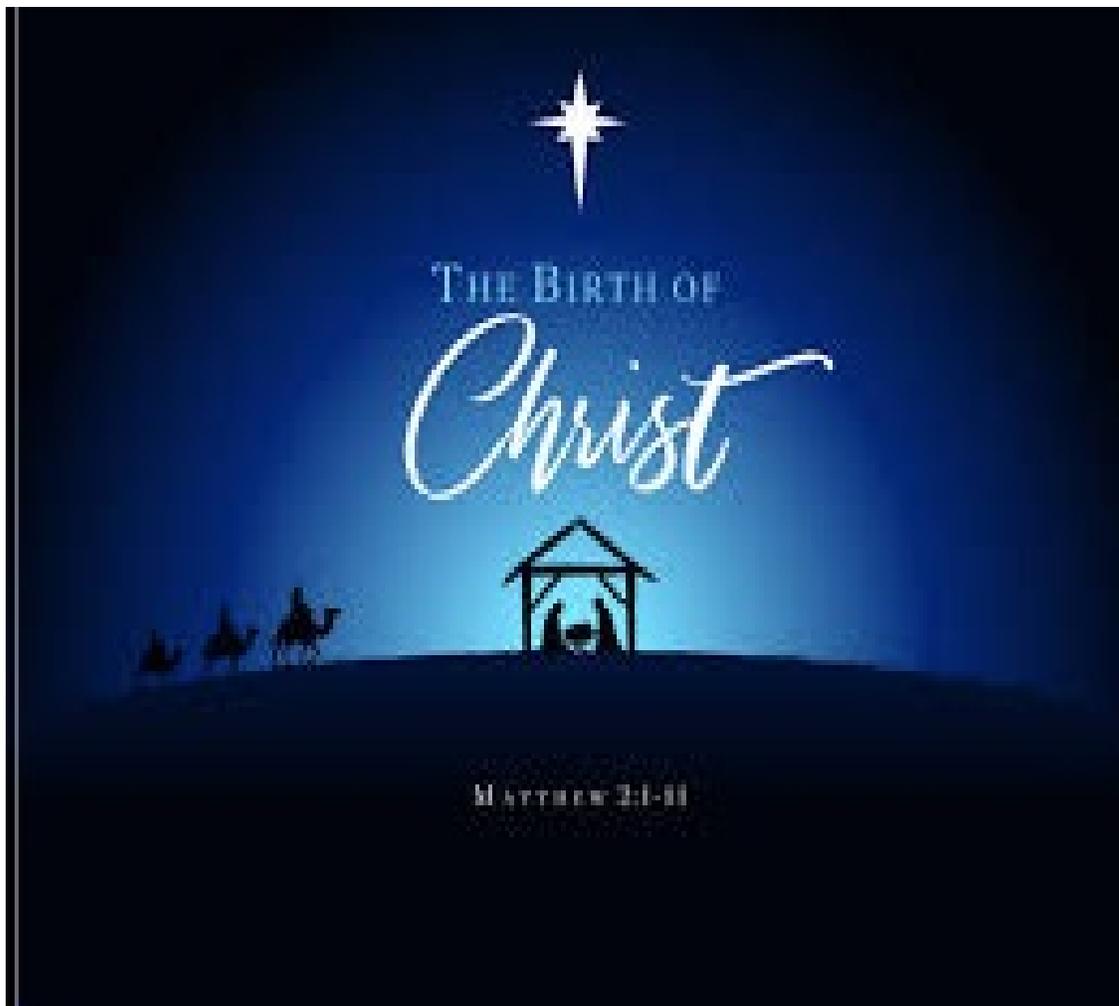


Spreading The Light December 2020

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Know Jesus, Love our Neighbor's, Share Jesus



11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Pastors' Paragraphs

Well, 2020 is winding down. Our emphasis this year has been on developing 2020 vision and there's nothing as good as hardship to get us to "look to God" for the grace we need to get through it.

This stands alone as the strangest year ever for most of us, especially trying to do church with covid crisis craziness. The silver lining of that dark cloud is that this has forced us out of our comfort zone and made us look hard at new ways to share the gospel and share our worship experience with hundreds that we never would have otherwise. Just another reminder that hardship and unexpected circumstances always give God the chance to show Himself faithful! Can't wait to see how He does that with the election outcome.

I want to say a special thank you to our staff for excellent work in tough times! Pastor Jackie has worked tirelessly to keep things up and running especially with our new website and church app, facebook live broadcast and keeping us connected to our community through the C.A.T. Team. Linda has persevered through goofy schedules, and office visits with covid social distancing guidelines, and Leticia has been keeping the whole place sanitized along with other responsibilities.

It is great to have our Elders functioning and our Deacon Ministry up and running, and our Prayer Partners Ministry has also been given new life in spite of some really unique challenges.

I believe our focus is better! Partly because of all the things we couldn't do. It has helped us see what is most important.

I still really look forward to all of us being able to be all together but during this season of thanks I want to say "we give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers." (I Thessalonians 1:3) You all are a great church and it is an awesome privilege to serve you and serve our Lord with you.

Lets finish well, this year and the rest of our lives!!

All for the Glory of Jesus!

Pastor Mark

Assistant Pastor's Paragraphs

When the end of the year gets close at hand it seems like the time on the clock spends faster and faster. As well the events and things to do increase quicker and quicker. Often times the holiday of Thanksgiving gets passed over and the season gets expedited into Christmas in the blink of an eye. So, I would just like to take a minute and say what it is that I am thankful for this year. It may be hard to think that there is anything to be thankful for in 2020. But I am thankful that my family and I are still together, that we still can enjoy each other's company. I am thankful that we still have all that we need. I am thankful that our freezers are full. I am thankful that we are all healthy. I could go on and on with all of these types of things but there are some in 2020 who can say none of these things. That doesn't cause me to feel guilty however because I have always understood that God is not against greatness he is against pride. I take no credit in the goodness that my family is blessed with, the honor and glory is all to Jesus. We have been richly blessed more than we deserve, and I am very grateful for that. I love the old hymn that states "Count your many blessings name them one by one, count your many blessings see what God hath done" 1 Corinthians

1:31 says "as it is written, let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." So, as you go into the Christmas season and you have been blessed, remember to boast in the Lord to those around you at what he has done.

Faith in Christ,

Pastor Jackie
Assistant Pastor



Operation Christmas Child

As I write this, we are in the middle of OCC National Collection Week. The church collected over 250 boxes, well over our goal! As of the 17th, at the Drop-off center we've collected nearly 600. A special thank you to each one who packed a box, helped bring boxes back to the gym, and who worked at the Drop-off. Also, we've received money to pay for the shipping. Thank you to each one who donated for this. Nearly 100 boxes were completed at the Packing Party. That's \$900! Praise God!

WMU (Women's Missionary Union)

We will be meeting on December 3rd at 10 AM in the Fireside room. At this time we'll set a goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. We will also plan for the Cookie Trays for our Shut-ins which will be on the 17th at 10 AM.

We will be requesting donations of Christmas cookies, candies and mixed nuts.

We have not met in November because of Thanksgiving and the Packing Party, which though we had a much smaller turnout that usual (Covid?) was a big success. Thanks to each one helping there.

God Bless You All and Merry Christmas!

Diane Perrigo

Prayer Partners



Hi Everyone,

I'm Allen Davison the new Prayer Partner Ministry Team Leader. We have nine new prayer partners joining us! I look forward to getting to know each of you and those who are already prayer partners. I so appreciate Shirley Urie and the help she is providing. God works through the prayers of his people, and each of you are a vital part of that work. Thank you so much and may you all have a wonderful year!



December

- 3rd Dee Holmes
- 5th Jamie Thompson
- 6th Ruth Ann Clark
- 8th Pam Bennett
Joan Burton
Angela O'Dell
- 18th Diane Perrigo
- 19th Carolyn Reeder
- 20th Frank Rose
- 21st Alan Christenson
- 22nd Michelle Mulkey
- 25th Nell Barnhill



Information on our Building “C” Loan

This loan is not in our annual budget and depends on donations to the Building Fund over and above your tithe.

Balance on Loan \$ 331,838.12

Monthly Payment

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| Principal | 2077.01 |
| Interest | 1283.01 |
| | \$3360.02 |
| Received as of 11/22/20 | 4358.97 |

