

The

Messenger



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Away In A MANGER

Do you love Christmas? Most people would say: “Yes I do!” Yet we busy ourselves with all the preparations, parties, gift-buying and even Hallmark Christmas movies and we lose sight of who and why we celebrate – the birth of the Messiah who is Christ the Lord. The Church is where we should worship the newborn King, by considering all that is told to us in the Holy Scriptures.

Away In A Manger is our Christmas series this year and is based on Scriptures relating to our Messiah’s birth, and will be brought to life in five mini-movies and messages.

The series offers the perspectives of Isaiah, who foretold Jesus’ birth, and the people who had encounters with the Messiah in a stable in Bethlehem. Mary, Joseph, a Wise Man, and a Shepherd as each recount their experience with the infant Savior. Each video in the series incorporates one of these classic Christmas hymns: Oh Come All Ye Faithful, Away In A Manger, Silent Night, Oh Holy Night, and O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

- In the middle of the night, **Isaiah** has a conversation with God about what God is calling him to tell the Israelites. He questions God’s plan for a baby to lead them out of exile, but trusts what he’s being asked to do, understanding that this baby will bring light and hope into the world.
- When a young shepherd visits **Mary** at the manger, she tells him the story of an angel visiting her to announce the coming Savior. She shares some of her fears for His future and her reverence for Jesus as she thinks about who He is and what His arrival means to the world.
- As a **Shepherd** sits by a fire outside the stable, he remembers something his father told him as a young boy, prompting him to search for God’s peace all his life. When he’s visited by an angel announcing the Savior’s birth, he realizes his search is complete.
- **Joseph** cares for Jesus in the stable and tells the story of his visit from an angel as he basks in the joy that the infant Savior brings to him.
- A **Wise Man** recounts his quest for nobility, only to find a newborn baby in a manger. He remembers how they bowed down in worship to the King of Kings who lay before them.

These are the accounts of those who witnessed our dear Savior’s birth. But what about you? When and where will you encounter Jesus this Christmas? My hope it is to truly receive Him into your heart. This will allow you to receive the greatest gift of hope, joy, peace and love which will make your Christmas complete this year. Come join us each week.

Merry Christmas!
Pastor Greg

Christmas Schedule for McCutchanville Community Church

December 1 - 1st Sunday of Advent - the message of Isaiah -
Communion Sunday

December 4 - 12:30PM - 2 year-old God's Kids Christmas
Program

December 6 - 6:00PM - 3-4 year-old God's Kids Christmas
Program

December 8 - 2nd Sunday of Advent - from the Heart of Mary

December 13th - 6:00PM - pre-K God's Kids Christmas Program

December 15th - 10:30AM Morning Worship -

Choir will perform the Christmas Cantata:
"His Name is Jesus"

December 22nd - 4th Sunday in Advent - the Hands of Joseph -
Also wear your favorite Christmas Clothing

December 24th - 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion at McJohnston Chapel

December 25th - Merry Christmas!!!

HIS NAME IS JESUS A MUSICAL FOR CHRISTMAS

Our MCC Choir is pleased to bring you this timely Christmas musical, *His Name Is Jesus*. This Christmas, our choir and congregation will experience afresh the awe-inspiring wonder of Jesus' birth and the limitless power of His name. We gather at the manger in Bethlehem and sing the many names by which Jesus is known: Wonderful Counselor, Redeemer, Savior, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Created by the Dove Award-winning team, Dennis and Nan Allen, this 37-minute presentation is packed with masterfully prepared arrangements.

Come join us and even invite someone to come to worship with you on Sunday morning worship, December 15th at 10:30 AM.

TITLES in the Cantata: *Joy to the World!* *The Lord Is Come* with *O Come, All Ye Faithful*; *What Did You Say Was the Baby's Name?*; *And His Name*; *Emmanuel*; *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*; *He Knows My Name*; *Say the Name*; *Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know*; *Your Name*; *Finale: What Did You Say Was the Baby's Name?*
with *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Thanks for Donating!

MCC did it again! Many thanks to MCC and God's Kids who donated 100 cans of Cranberry Sauce for the Rescue Mission's Gobbler Gathering during October. Thank you Betty and Frank Gentry for delivering them!
 AND, there were 87 Christmas Shoe boxes filled and delivered during October & November. Thank you Marla Gross for delivering the shoe boxes.
 MCC is a giving church!



The First Baptist Church, 320 Cherry Street is having a live Nativity Scene on December 6 & 7. You can either walk through or drive through the various stations depicting the birth of Jesus from 6:00-8:00 pm. You, your children and grandchildren will enjoy seeing the Christmas Story come to life at this special event. All are welcome to attend!



Advent Collection boxes are available on the tables in the hallway. Pick one up and add your loose change this month.



The 2020 offering envelopes are now available on the table in the hallway. If you did not receive a box in 2019 and would like a weekly envelope, please speak to Martha Lease.



Ushers Ministry
 December:
 Don Skelton & Kent Burris
 Keith Kinney & Mary Moore



Did you know that according to the Center for Disease Control **every 40 seconds**, someone in the United States has a heart attack? That is approximately 790,000 Americans. Did you know that McCUMC now has our own AED? If you are interested in learning how to help if you are with someone when they suffer a heart attack we have a couple of great opportunities for you. On Saturday December 7 @ 3:30 there will be a Certification class for CPR/AED and First Aid for a fee of \$35. On Sunday December 8 we will also have a free non-certification class for those who want to learn about Hands Only CPR and how to use our AED. Both of these classes will be taught under the direction of McCutchanville Fire Department and AMR trained instructors. If you are interested in either of these opportunities to learn how to help save a life then please contact Teresa Davis or Helen .

As we did with the Boy's Home, when we sent the needed money to fund a bedroom, we would like to do the same for the new Girl's Dormitory. And as last time we have been challenged by a member of the congregation to match his pledge of \$2,500 for this dormitory build. There are repeated stories of how the team at this home is changing the lives of teenagers through guidance and education. Please consider how you might be able to support this with extra giving toward this project.

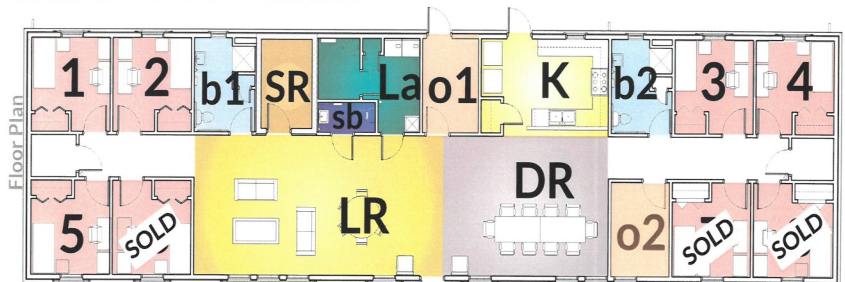
Thank you for your prayerful consideration.
 ~ Pastor Greg



Help Build a New Home to Help More Girls!



We're excited to invite you to partner with us to build a home where more young ladies have an opportunity to bloom. Please prayerfully consider investing in not just a building, a place where more troubled girls can heal, grow, and blossom beyond their circumstances to become the capable young women they were created to be!



Naming Opportunities

Bedrooms 1-5 Construction: \$6,000 ea Furnishing: \$3,000 ea	o1&o2 = Offices 1&2 Construction: \$4,000 ea Furnishing(1): \$2,000 ea	SR = Safe Room Construction: SOLD Furnishing: \$6,000	b1&b2: Bathrooms Construction: SOLD Furnishing: \$3,500 (2)	LR = Living Room Construction: \$50,000 Furnishing: \$10,000	K = Kitchen Construction: \$20,000 Furnishing: SOLD
Landscaping (not pictured) \$5,000	sb = Staff Bathroom Construction: \$3,000 Furnishing: \$2,000	DR = Dining Room Construction: SOLD Furnishing: \$6,000	La = Laundry Room Construction: SOLD Furnishing: \$6,000		

Project Budget	
New Girls Home:	\$400,000
Existing Dorm Remodel:	\$100,000
Future Maintenance Fund:	\$100,000
Total:	\$600,000

*over \$330,000 already in hand!



Poinsettia orders are due on or before December 8. If you do not have an order form but would like to order, please call Helen in the church office at 812-867-5735 as soon as possible.



We had a great time decorating the church in preparation for Christmas!



DECEMBER

Ruth Postal	2
James Meador	3
Michelle Kingsbury	9
John Rea	10
Gordon Venema	13
Gerald "Jerry" Bennett	15
Elvin Reed	17
Elisha Smith	22
Martha Kohler	23
Carroll Feistel	28
Kristy Georgesen	31



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Norman & Martha Kohler	14
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Prayer Requests Nancy Glackman, Sue and Steve Proctor, Mary Lou Ellis, Josette Higgins, Jim Smith. Gary Sprinkle, Stella Vennard Hettenbach, Austin Smith, (firefighter), Amy Dubber, Joy Roettger, David and Sara Dixon, Marie Pickett, Our Haitian children: Daphnica Noel and Richecarde Charitable Louissant, MCCutchanville Firefighters, The homeless population, God's Kids.

Do you have a prayer request you would like listed in the Messenger? Call the church office at 812-867-5735

November 2019 Attendance and Giving



	Att	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Food Pantry	Memorial: Curtis Kinney	Missions Youth Home	Missions Haiti child sponsor	Total Checking Deposit
November 3	104	\$665.00	\$2,597.00	\$100.00	\$25.00		205.64		\$3,592.64
November 10	78	\$110.00	\$933.00	\$100.00		\$25.00			\$1,168.00
November 17	97	\$800.00	\$2,110.00	\$100.00					\$3,010.00
November 24	109	\$1,118.00	\$1,849.00	\$100.00				\$300.00	\$3,367.300



GOD'S KIDS reporting



Happy Birthday to our December birthday children: Waylon (2), Ethan (5), Ava (7), Asher (8), Keylor (10), Kason (19), and Jewel (23). Jesus Christ (25)



It is so difficult to believe that December is here! November was a fun month. We had an extra long weekend this month as we were closed for Veteran's day and then were able to stay home and enjoy our first snowfall on November 12! School was out for Thanksgiving as we enjoyed our families and had thankful hearts for all God has provided.



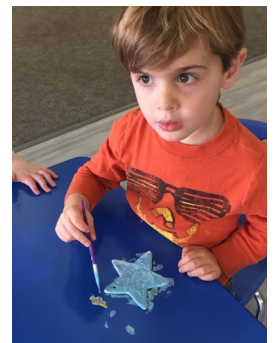
We are practicing every day as we prepare a special Christmas Program for our families and friends. Come and enjoy Christmas music and refreshments the evenings of December 6th and 13th. We always love to see the members of MCC join us to enjoy special events.



Speaking of Christmas, God's Kids will be closed from December 23-Jan 3 for Christmas and New Year! That is two full weeks! We will see you again in 2020!



Fired up came to God's Kids on November 14th & 15th! We had so much fun making Christmas Ornaments. Shhhh. We will be finishing these up and giving them to a beloved family member for Christmas presents! It is so much fun to make Christmas Presents but we always remember that God's greatest gift has been when He gave us baby Jesus!



DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 1 Communion Sunday GS-Fellowship Hall 5:00 gym Reserved	2 5:00 Eagle Crossing HOA 6:00 Emalyn's Angels 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	35: 00 Eagle Crossing HOA Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00 Emalyn's Angels-Conf Room	4 10:30 am-2 Year old Christmas Program 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	5 6:00-Gym Reserved 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	6 5:00 pm 3 Year Old Christmas Program	7 3:00 CPR/FA for Preschool Staff 5:00 Gym Reserved
8 1:30 Fellowship Hall-GS-3:00 Church CPR Fellowship Hall 5:00 gym Reserved	9 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	10 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa 6:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved	11 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	12 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00-Gym Reserved	13 Pre-K Christmas Program 5:00 pm	14
15  Christmas Cantata 10:30 am 5:00 gym Reserved	16 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	17 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa	18 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	19 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 5:30 -Gym Reserved	20	21
22	23 God's Kids Closed 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	24 God's Kids Closed 4:00 Candlelight McJohnston Chapel	25 God's Kids Closed 	26 God's Kids Closed 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	27 God's Kids Closed	28
29	30 6 God's Kids Closed 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	31 God's Kids Closed 1:00 pm UMW Meeting Conference Room 6:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved	January 1 God's Kids Closed 	2 God's Kids Closed 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	3 God's Kids Closed	4