

Messenger Mission Statement

McCutchanville Community Church's mission is to connect our community with God's power and hope through the love of Christ.

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Greetings church family,

January 2018



Is it New Year's Resolution time for you? What are the things you do want to accomplish in 2018? When we make lists, often times we hope to come up with ten items. I think David Letterman made this popular several years ago.

As we begin the year, I want to ask you about a very pertinent "Top 10" list. What place do the Ten Commandments have in our life? What do we do with them? Where do they belong? Do they have binding force today?

The Ten Commandments have often been seen as a moral map for living a godly life. These ten principles for human civilization are found in nearly all cultures of the world, in all generations of the world, in all centuries of the world. We know them best as the commandments written on stone tablets with "the finger of God" and given to Moses on Mt. Sinai for the Hebrew people of God, our ancestors in the Judeo-Christian faith. All societies of the world have similar moral laws that protect language, sexuality, property, reputation, and so forth.

What are these Ten Commandments, these Ten Moral Laws? Most Americans are aware of the number ten of the Ten Commandments, but can recite and remember only three of them. These commandments have not changed for the past 3,400 years. Why? Because human nature has not changed.

Over these years, there have been all kinds of changes in the lives of human beings. Civilizations have changed. Knowledge has changed. Medicine has changed. Science and technology has changed (tablets 3,400 years ago were made of stone and could hold only a few words; tablets today are Ipads that hold millions of bits of information from around the world). Politics and political systems have changed. Nations have changed. Government has changed. Perpetual change is the mark of the human experience during the past 3,400 years of history.

Meanwhile, while all these changes have been going on for more than 3,000 years, human nature has not changed. Today, people still worship various gods in their lives, people still swear and curse, people still don't find time to worship, people still have problems honoring their parents, people still murder, still commit adultery, still steal, still lie, still covet other peoples' spouses or property. Change is all around us human beings, but human nature has not changed. People still need the Ten Commandments, these ten principles for human community as much today as people did 3,400 ago.

Even though Jesus said that there were only two commandments and the whole Old Testament rested on these two commandments (i.e. love God and love neighbor which he combined to become the Great Commandment), Jesus did not nullify the Ten Commandments. That is, human nature has not changed in the past 3,400 years. We still need the Ten Commandments, God's laws for human community, just as much today as the human race did more than 3,000 years ago. As people of faith, we must continue to frame our lives with not only the Ten Commandments, but with the Great Commandment Jesus gave us, as well as all the virtues of a Christ-like life. The Bible actually gives us the Ten Commandments twice (in Exodus 20 and in Deuteronomy 5) so that we don't forget how important they are. As I see them, the Ten Commandments are principles for life. They don't guarantee that we always act the same way or do the same thing every time, but they provide the principles, the parameters, within which we live our lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

So friends, if you are designing a new way (resolutions) to live your life in 2018, please start with the "old" way, which is God's way as your pathway to success. Have a great New Year in 2018!

In Christ,
Pastor Greg

Epiphany through the Eyes of Children

By Ely Pearson

It is a time for rededicating ourselves to our own ministries and our missionary task - to continue the spread of Jesus' light in the world."



What is Epiphany?

The Feast of the Epiphany, or Manifestation (revelation) of Christ to the Gentiles, is observed on January 6th. Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "showing forth, appearance, manifestation, revelation." The Feast of Epiphany proclaims the good news that Jesus revealed God to all humanity.

At Christmas the church celebrates the birth of Jesus, when God entered fully into the human experience. The Feast of the Epiphany takes the Christmas proclamation a step further, when the divine revelation in Jesus was revealed to the world as the magi came from the east.

The eve of the Feast of the Epiphany (Twelfth Night) marks the end of the Christmas celebration. The Epiphany, January 6th, is followed by a period of "Sundays after the Epiphany"; the length of the Epiphany season varies in length from four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter that year. The Last Sunday of Epiphany is celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday.

During the season of Epiphany we remember and recognize Jesus as God by many people in our Sunday readings: the magi, John the Baptist, Jesus' disciples, and Christians in every age, including our own. It is a time for rededicating ourselves to our own ministries and our missionary task - to continue the spread of Jesus' light in the world.

Helping Children Understand Epiphany

Here are some points and pieces of wisdom to share with children during this season.

On the night of Jesus' birth, the giant comet star let the world know that God is with us; magi from far away saw the star and journeyed to visit Jesus.

Jesus called his friends to be with him and to help him in his work.

Jesus said and did amazing and wonderful things that no one else could do. He healed many people to show how much God loved them.

Jesus, the gift of love, came for all the people of the world.

Jesus is like a light, helping us to see better.

We are a part of Jesus, and in Jesus we are baptized into God's family, the church.

The wonder and mystery of the magi invite us to wonder about the mystery: Jesus, who are you really?



JANUARY

Betty Gentry	2
Sue Harris	3
Jenny Taylor	4
Curtis Kinney	5
Gabe Dzienny	9
Liz Miller	12
Kathy Street	12
Sara Dixon	17
Debbie Lovell	17
Nicole Venema	22
Sharon Hendricks	24
Mary Lou Ellis	28
Jon Shoptaugh	30

Pioneer Club will resume on January 9 at 6:00 pm. Do you know a child ages 3-13 who would love having fun and learning about Jesus as well as working on badges in different areas? Invite them to attend!



Ushers for the Upcoming Months

2018

January	Gary Sprinkle Martha Lease Joan & Elvin Reed
February	Jane & Jerry Bennett Josette Higgins Michael Barnett
March	Betty & Frank Gentry Barba & Victor Doty
April	Karen Swope Mardee Rea Keith Kinney Kent Bruuress



Frank & Betty Gentry	21
Gene & Nancy Glackman	27



PAY OFF FOR THE CHURCH LOAN IS \$291,634.16! WE ARE BLESSED!

December Attendance and Giving

	Attendance	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Rent: Facility & Houses	Habitat Collection & Missions	Food Pantry	Total Checking Deposit
December 3	73	\$844.00	\$2,596.00	\$1,100.00		\$291.00		\$4,381.00
December 10	75	\$279.00	\$2,541.00	\$1,375.00		\$30.00		\$4,225.00
December 17	71	\$12,150.300	\$8,646.00	\$1,100.00		\$17.00	\$25.00	\$21,938..00
December 24	69	\$21,248.00	\$1999.00	\$1100.00	\$50.00	\$425.20		\$24.822.00
Candlelight	95	Special Bishop's Offering was \$442.00						
December 31	64	\$389.00	\$2581.00	\$400.00		\$30.53		\$23,900.53

End of Year Pledge = \$15,000.00

VBS Donation = \$500.00

Projected Projects Donation = \$5,000.00

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Elma Hein (Christy Georgeson's mother) Amy Dubber, Joe Haseman, Victor Doty, Terri Schuetter (Director of God's Kids) Joy Roettger, Brick Briscoe (Teresa's brother), Sharon Hendricks, Ed Schiffer, Nancy Glackman, Amy Higgins, David and Sara Dixon, Ruth Postal, Marie Pickett, Pioneer Club, The homeless population, God's Kids, our FireFighters

Men's Lenten
Breakfast

Saturdays during Lent at 7:15 am
Hosted by various churches



2018 MENS LENTEN BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

SALEM UMC	FEB 17,2018
SIMPSON UMC	FEB.24,2018
HOWELL UMC	MAR. 3,2018
MC CUTCHANVILLE UMC	MAR.10,2018
METHODIST TEMPLE UMC	MAR 17,2018
BLUE GRASS UMC	MAR 24,2018

PLEASE NOTE THAT MCCUTCHANVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH WILL BE HOSTING, COOKING, AND SERVING BREAKFAST ON MARCH 10, 2018. EACH WEEK A PROGRAM WITH SINGING AND A MESSAGE



**Sermon Series Beginning in January -
New Faith / New You**

Based upon 2 Corinthians 5:17: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

This special passage begins with "therefore." Do you ever explore the "therefores" of the Bible? In my opinion, this therefore, is the "what has happened to me" after becoming a Christian! I am new! I am alive! I am eternal! All through FAITH in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

AND, this new faith must make a difference in all areas of one's life - our hope, prayer, finances, relationships, health, worship... Therefore, come on in this cold January and have your new life refreshed and renewed in Christ.

Make plans now to join us each Sunday in January for this new series.



Mark your calendars for a Baby Shower!
January 6, 2018 at 2:00pm.

The Ladies of the church are cordially invited to a baby shower for Elizabeth and Adam Sponseller and baby boy Sponseller. The Sponsellers are registered at :



Please RSVP to Jane Bennett 812-455-7101 ASAP!

Olivia Burress welcomed her new baby girl, **Aubree Renee** into the world on December 27th. This is Dr. Kent Burress' second grandchild. Congratulations!!





GOD'S KIDS reporting.....



JANUARY is quite a busy month for us! School begins again January 3rd after a long Christmas Break. This first month of 2018 we are planning a trip to attend C-Moe!!



January birthdays are wonderful-the beginning of a fresh new year! God's Kids children who are celebrating birthdays this month are: Rowarn (1), Max (7), Isabel (10), Ashby (15), Davis (19), Ella (19), and Nola (26) . We pray these little ones have a blessed birthday and many wonderful years ahead.

God's Kids follows EVSC calendar. There will be no school on January 15 as we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr birthday!



PROFILE OF THE MONTH: Teacher Miss Katie Valandra



Hello! My name is Katie Valandra. I am the teacher in the Jellyfish Classroom, the two year olds.

I have been married to my husband Ryan for eight years and we have two beautiful children! My son Kruz is six years old and my daughter Stella is three years old.

In my free time I love to spend time with my family. We enjoy being outside, walking, fishing, swimming, baseball, and watching movies together as well as enjoying family game night!

I have a degree in Early Childhood Education and a degree in Health Services. I have a passion for education as both student and teacher and I love working with children.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December 31	January 1 6:00 Room 203 Reserved	2	3 God's Kids Resumes 6:00 pm Gym Reserved	4 5:15 pm McJohnston Gym Reserved 6:00 pm gym reserved	5 5:30 gym reserved	6 10:00 am Gym reserved 1:00—Sponseller Baby Shower
7 Communion Sunday	8 6:30-8:00 Girl Scouts Fellowship Hall 6:00 Room 203 Reserved	9 10:00 am Pastor Greg & Teresa chapel with God's Kids 6:00 pm Pioneer Club Resumes	10 6:00 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Choir Practice	6:00 pm Trustee Meeting 5:15 pm McJohnston Gym Reserved 6:00 pm gym reserved	12	13 10:00 am Gym reserved 12:00 Gym Reserved Birthday Party
14	15 Martin Luther King, JR birthday God's Kids Closed 6:30 Cemetery Board 6:00 Room 203 Reserved	16 10:00 am Pastor Greg & Teresa chapel with God's Kids 6:00 pm Pioneer Club	17 6:00 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Choir Practice	18 6:00 pm Ad/ Finance Meeting 5:15 pm McJohnston Gym Reserved 6:00 pm gym reserved	19	20 10:00 am Gym reserved
21	22 6:00 pm UMM Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Room 203 Reserved	23 10:00 am Pastor Greg & Teresa chapel with God's Kids 1:00 UMW Meeting 6:00 pm Pioneer Club	24 6:00 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Choir Practice	25 5:15 pm McJohnston Gym Reserved 6:00 pm gym reserved	26	27 10:00 am Gym reserved
28	29 6:00 Room 203 Reserved	30 10:00 am Pastor Greg & Teresa chapel with God's Kids 6:00 pm Pioneer Club	31 6:00 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Choir Practice	February 1	2	3
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