



December 9 Newsletter

I don't know about you, but for me December is a very busy time. As a musician, I can get so caught up in practices, performances and the like that I have little time for anything else. I have to slow down and remind myself what Christmas is all about. It's not about deadlines or decorating, cards or cookies. It's about stopping everything and standing in awe of the miracle that happened that first Christmas.

J.I. Packer wrote "The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity --hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory--because at the Father's will Jesus became poor, and was born in a stable so that thirty years later He might hang on a cross."

Perhaps this year finds you burdened with deadlines or with cares of this world. If so, take this time to remember and rejoice in the eternal hope of Jesus, our Lord and our Savior. Isaiah 9 tells us "The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

May this season find us all full of hope because of what God did for us. May we take this time to offer hope to those who despair. Sing His praises during this season, knowing that Hope came to Bethlehem, and to all our world. Emmanuel, God with us, has come!

Isaiah 9:6-7a

6 For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end

Kathleen

Sundays

- 9:00 AM: Worship Service & Sunday School
- 10:30 AM: Worship Service & Sunday School

Sunday Evenings

- 4:30 PM: Choir Practice

Tuesdays

- 7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study at Bob Evans
- 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery

Wednesdays

- 10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting
- 11:00 AM: Ladies Bible Study

Thursdays

- 10:00 AM: Faith Class

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, December 10

- 6:00 PM: Birthday Party for Jesus

Wednesday, December 15

- 5:30 PM: Caroling

Friday, December 17

- 6:00 PM: Brookgreen Gardens

Sunday, December 19

- 6:00 PM: Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 26

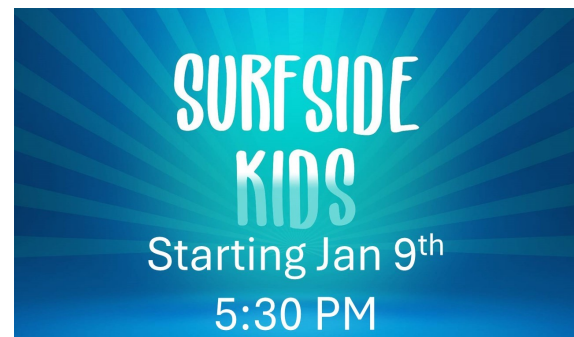
- 10:00 AM: Combined Service, No Sunday School or Evening Activities

Sunday's Worship Guide

Jesus Is Better

Jesus Is The New And Better Priest; Luke 22:1-23

- I. The Insufficiency Of The Old Covenant (1-6)
- II. The Weight Of The Old Covenant (7-13)
- III. The Dawning Of A New Day (14-23)



Angel Tree Update:

Please remember to bring your Angel to the church office by this Sunday, December 12th. The families will begin to pick them up starting Monday. Thank you again for helping those less fortunate at this time of year and for the smiles on the children's faces.



Wednesday December 15th at 5:30pm

We will be sharing the joy of Christmas through song with our homebound members. Following caroling, join us for some festive treats back in the Fellowship Hall!



Come and Celebrate God's Greatest Gift ~Jesus

December 10th
6 PM

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
Bible Story, Games, Music, & Prizes

Candlelight Service

6:00 pm

Sunday December 19th

Sunday, December 26th 10:00 AM Service Only