

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. • Discipleship Classes
10:00 a.m. • Morning Worship Service
• Transformers
(Children's Ministry)
5:30 p.m. • Prayer

Monday-Thursday & Sunday

Men's, Woman's & Teen's Small Groups

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS

MON: Trudy Stanek (church) 6:30 pm

TUES: Linda Metzger (Han/G. Ck) 6:30 pm Cynthia Smalls (W. Ashley, O'Charles) 7 pm
June Perry/Angela Peterson (S'ville/Ladson) 7 pm

WED: Fran Shokes (Ravenel) 6:30 pm

THUR: Frances Bazzle (church) 10 am Stephanie McClain (church) 6:30 pm (Co-Ed)

MEN'S SMALL GROUPS

TUES: Dale Metzger (Han/G. Ck) 6:30 pm

Charlie Wireman (church) 7 pm

Chad Eudy (S'ville/G. Ck) 6:30 pm

WED: Phil Cook/Bobby Wessel (Ravenel) 6:30 pm

THUR: James McClain (church) 6:30 pm (Co-Ed)

POWER GENERATION YOUTH GROUP

Teens meet 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of each month during AM service at the church, 4th Sunday meet at 6pm at the church

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A Hallmark Christmas

By the time you read this article, several weeks before Christmas, I will have already vicariously watched umpteen Hallmark Holiday movies. I say vicariously because I will be trying to study or answer e-mails at the computer and there on the 50 inch screen in the living room it is showing. The houses are always decorated like the cover of Better Homes and Gardens. The people are all beautiful and yet faced with some menacing dilemma. Despite all their best efforts it is going to happen. The property is going to be sold, the girl's not going to get the guy of her dreams, the pageants going to be cancelled (you get the picture). But then at the last minute, (usually with about five minutes before the show goes off the air) something miraculous happens. It all gets resolved, usually on Christmas Eve, usually with a light snow falling gently on the scene and usually with two beautiful people (thankfully a male and female) kissing each other. This is the stuff Hallmark movies are made of. My wife is addicted to them.

The word Hallmark actually stems from England and was used by metallurgists to stamp precious metals guaranteeing their purity. Now the word has come to mean a mark which indicates quality or excellence; an obvious feature or characteristic. The Hallmark of the church will always be the cross of Jesus Christ. It guarantees the purity of our spirits and is the most obvious symbol of our faith. There is a very clear connection made between the manger and the cross found in the following passages of scripture:

Christ Jesus, who, though in God's form, did not regard His equality with God as something He ought to exploit. Instead, He emptied Himself, and received the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of humans. And then, having human appearance, He humbled Himself, and became obedient even to death, yes, even the death of the cross.

Philippians 2:6-8 NTE

Each year we come back to this timeless story, the Hallmark of our faith. The story of a God who took our form in a manger, then took our place on the cross. Embrace the reality of this story and share it as often as you can this holiday season. Then you too will have a Hallmark Christmas.



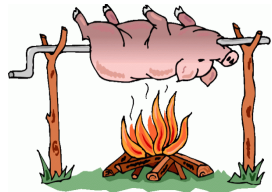
No Monsters (October 31)

Our children had fun learning that the power in the name of Jesus is greater than the Spirit of fear. They conquered their fears of darkness in the daunting maze. Then, they made warm fuzzies to remind them of the love and power God provides instead of the fear in this world. They ended the night watching a meaningful drama and putting their faith into practice! Thanks to all who helped make the night such a success!



DECEMBER Happenings

Married Couples Hog Roast... Saturday, December 2 at 2:00 pm. Sponsored by the Alpha Men Ministry. Please sign up to bring a side dish. Deadline is November 26.



Yikes 50 Bikes... We will be collecting new and used bikes of all sizes for the Birthday Party for Jesus. Have your donation at the church before Saturday, December 16. Sponsored by the Alpha Men Ministry.

Shoebox Gifts... for needy families will also be collected through December 24. Please pick up a form to know how to pack and mark your shoebox correctly.



Nite of Nativities... Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 pm. Do you have a unique Nativity you'd like to share with the church? Perhaps it's a simple one passed down through your family, a crude one built by your child, or rare one from some foreign country. Please contact Fran if you would be willing to display your crèche on this night for the church to enjoy. The evening will conclude with carols and soup supper. Please sign up so we can make adequate preparations.

Christmas Around the World... Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 am. Our church will celebrate Christ' birth and our diversity in this unique service. Come hear how other nations celebrate Christmas and worship in unity with them.



Millennial Mixer... Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 pm. Bring dessert/appetizer and a \$5 gag gift. This is an "Ugly Sweater" Christmas party in the fellowship hall.

Safety Team Meeting... Sun, Dec. 3 at 6:00 pm. All Gatekeepers & Safety Team Members.

Lifetree Café... Tuesdays, December 5 & 12 at 7:00 pm.

Elder's Meeting... Friday, December 8 at 7:00 pm.

Power Generation Youth Bonfire... Fri., Dec. 8 at 6:00 pm. Bring a \$10-15 gift to exchange

Discipleship III Exam... Sunday, December 10 at 9:00 am.

Creative Team Meeting... Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 pm.

Praise Team "B" Practice... Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 pm.

Pastor's & Pam's 12 Meeting... Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 pm.

Transformers & Lightning Bugs Christmas Party... Sun., Dec. 17 at 10:00am

Christmas Around the World Rehearsal... Saturday, December 23 at 10:00 am.

New Year's Eve Watch Night... Sunday, December 31 at 9:00 pm.

DECEMBER SCHEDULES

Children's Registration

3 Tasha Shokes
10 Stephanie Richards
17 Natasha Futrell
24 Tasha Shokes
31 Jennifer Bachan

Glow Worms Nursery Schedule

3 Cynthia Johnson
Crissy Hullett
10 Angela Guldedge
Debby Moore
17 Linda Metzger
Brenda Haynes
24 Crystal Melton
Lisa Bachan
31 Angela Guldedge
Debby Moore

Lightning Bugs Schedule

3 Luki W./Anna S./Rebecca M.
10 Julie S./Frances B./Kay-Dee S.
17 Luki W./Satrel D./Aubrey E.
24 Julie S./Mike S./Tabitha W.
31 Yvonneda S./Amari M.

Transformers Schedule

3 Molly P./Polly W./Ken H.
10 Molly P./Trudy S./Dale M.
17 Molly P./Angela P./Bobby W.
24 No Transformers
31 No Transformers

Finance Committee

3 Dale Metzger Team
10 Reggie Wong Team
17 Phil Cook Team
24 Dale Metzger Team
31 Reggie Wong Team

Audio/Visual

3 Dale M. / Winston B.
10 Chris S. / Scott W.
17 Dale M. / Chris S.
24 Chris S. / Henry G.
31 Phil C. / Scott W.

Gatekeeper Team

Malcolm Dees—Doorman
Greta Manners
Martha Lewis
Chip Hull

Connection Team

Phil C. / Trudy S. / Debi C.

Pastor

Rev. Stafford J. P. Floyd

Music Minister

June Perry

Youth Minister

Tanya Bazzle

Children's Minister

Molly Perry

Nursery Minister

Crystal Melton

Elder for December

Dale Metzger

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