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Sunday Worship - 8:00 AM., 10:00 AM., 11:30 AM.

Sunday School - 9:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Thursday Worship – 7:00PM

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Asst. Pastoral Care

Counseling Pastor/Special Ministries

Youth/Missions Director

Assoc. Minister/Worship Leader

Music Director

Asst. Music Director

Children's Director

Administrative Asst

Office Professional

Treasurer

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Rev. Sam LoBello

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Beverly Albin

Jim Otken

David Drake

Vickie Arbour, Rita Chiasson

Brittany Bruce, Sammi Rushing

Live Oak

United Methodist Church

December 2014



Mark Your Calendar

December 5th – LPCC Concert

December 7th – Children's Musical "Angel Alert" at 6:00 p.m. followed by Happy Birthday Jesus Party

December 11th – Middle School Orchestra

December 14th – Christmas Cantata "Bethlehem Morning" during 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. service

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service Times

4:30 p.m. – Contemporary

6:00 p.m. – Traditional

8:00 p.m. – Reclaiming Christmas

11:00 p.m. – Watch Night Service

December 25th and 26th – Office Closed

Pastor's Desk

In just a few days many will be celebrating Thanksgiving and then the "Kick Off" of what many see as the Christmas Season. We will spend much of this time shopping, preparing, and participating in an assortment of Christmas events. We will hear choirs sing; drama's reenact the Christmas story, and attend a number of gatherings with family and friends. Then Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will occur and gifts will be exchanged, families reunited, and amazing meals enjoyed. It really is a wonderful time of year.

In all of the celebration, there is the annual question and concern, of "do people know what they are celebrating?" It is sad to note that many will be celebrating a holiday in which they aren't sure of the significance. Many will celebrate the Savior's birth, but not know Jesus as their savior. Many will hear the announcement by the angel on that first Christmas, but never embrace the truth of God's grace.



**Moreover whom he
did predestinate,
them he also called:
and whom he
called, them he also
justified: and whom
he justified, them
he also glorified.**

– Romans 8:30

Enjoy Christmas with Jesus!

*Let joy, love, and patience
Guide you closer
To Jesus and His Ways
Let His Spirit fill your heart
Practice love and patience by being
A little more kind,
A little more gracious, and
A little more understanding
Practice love and patience and you will feel
His joy,
His strength, and
His presence in your life
Enjoy His Spirit within you
Enjoy doing
What Jesus would have you do!*

Enjoy Christmas with Jesus!



Pastor's Desk Continued ...

My hope and prayer this month is that all of us will take the time to help someone to "Understand Christmas" because when we embrace Christ and understand Christmas, it changes everything.

This Christmas season, come join us as we teach the series "Understanding Christmas." We hope you have a great Christmas Season and that it will truly be the most wonderful time of the year for you and yours.

Hope to see you Sunday

Mark C.

Nuggets from the Bible

Ephesians 4:7; James 1:17

"But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift."

"Every good gift and perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights."

Even though gifts are given throughout the year, gift giving at the Christmas season is still the most popular time. We get so caught up into the mood that sometimes we forget to thank God for the awesome gifts that He has given us, His children.

First in the gift list is God's only Son both human and divine, who died and shed His blood so that all who believe and trust in His cross work receive the gifts of forgiveness for sins and eternal life. Other gifts, sometimes referred to as the mysteries of God, include redemption, justification, sanctification, adoption, and future glorification. These gifts are part of the believer's inheritance from our Heavenly Father that are all received at the moment of belief. Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:8 that "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men."

In addition to the gifts given to believers for their own blessings, there are additional gifts that are given for the benefit of the church. Again Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12:11 that "church gifts" are given by the Holy Spirit – "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills." The "gift list" for individuals to use, not for their own pleasure or benefit, but for the church body is so long they cannot all be listed here.

Paul says that this manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all for the work of the ministry and the edification of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-12).

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COME WORSHIP WITH US

Thursday nights
At 7:00 p.m.
Led by Rev. Dickie Davis
Nursery available!



Saturday,
December 13th
Conference Room
7:30—9:00 a.m.



Thursday evenings in the
Family Life Center
AT 6:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL AGE AND OLDER!



Nuggets from the Bible (continued)

So, how does a believer determine what their spiritual gift is? (May be more than one.) There are three factors to consider: One, when exercising one's gift the person receiving it will be blessed. Two, the person exercising it will be blessed themselves. And third, God will get the glory.

God's gifts are never awkward, inappropriate or thoughtless. Every gift is good and perfect.

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REFUGE

Addiction Recovery Groups
Thursdays at 7:00 PM

These are Christ-centered groups helping people that experience a variety of different addictions. At **REFUGE** people meet to share and learn together. As a result they will have the opportunity to experience God's presence, comfort and strength. Men and women meet together initially and then separate into gender-specific groups.

Nursery available for infants to 8 years old.





DEEPER LIFE

*Deeper Life Bible Study
Tuesday Nights at 6:30 p.m.*

Women – Led by Stormee Drake

Please join us as we discover our divine design!

Study of biblical womanhood.

Meet in Conference Room.

Men – Led by David Tate

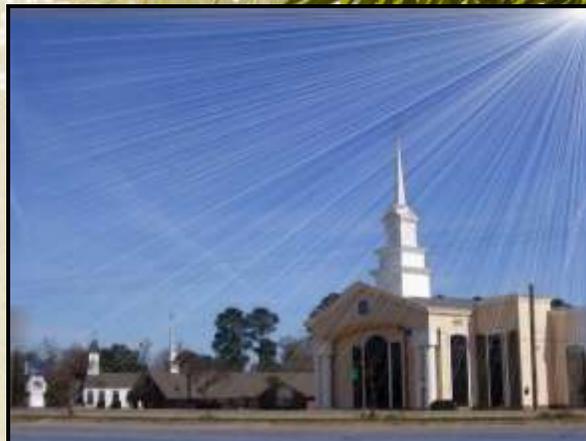
Meet in the Education Hall



The Gospel Is... *The Love of Christmas*

From the staff at Live Oak United Methodist Church we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas. We pray that it is full of joy, and laughter, and most importantly the spirit of Christ.

We hope that you will join us for our Christmas programs and Christmas Eve Services. They will bless your soul and send you into the holiday refreshed and renewed.



LOUMC MUSIC MINISTRY EVENTS FOR YOU!



Community Gospel Choir Concert

Fred London & Company

Sunday, November 30th, 6:00 p.m.

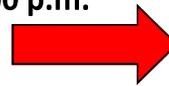
Family Fellowship Dinner in the FLC preceding concert at 5:00 p.m.



Children's Christmas Musical

Sunday, December 7

6:00 p.m.



Don't forget the Children's Christmas Party following the musical in the FLC.

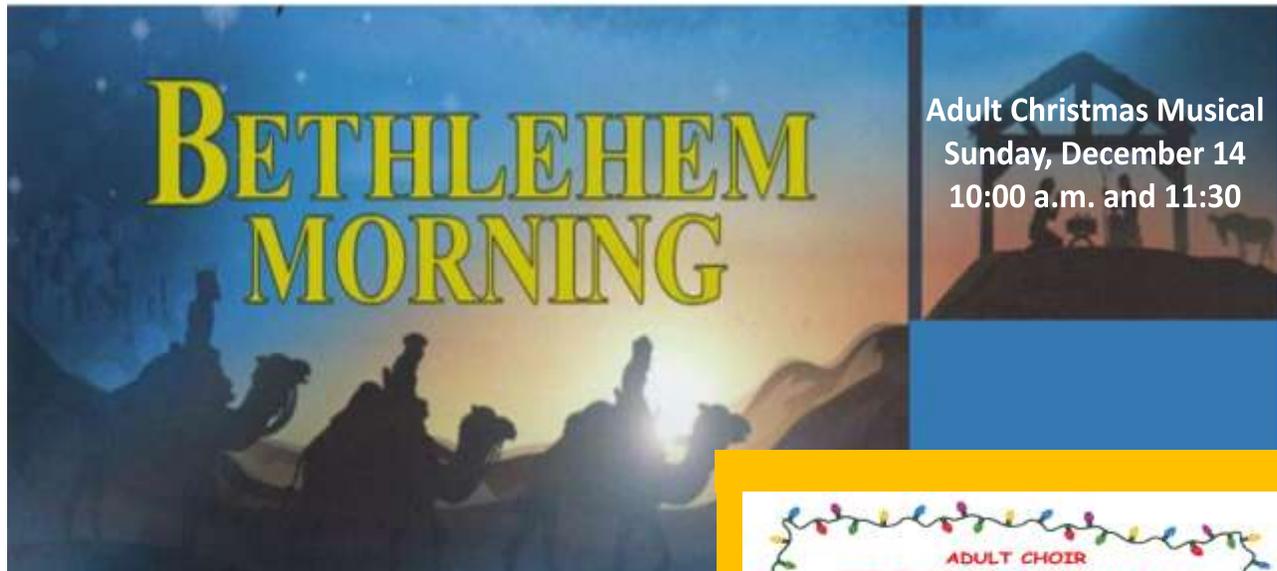


Livingston Parish Children's Choirs

Annual Christmas Concert

LOUMC SANCTUARY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 7:00 P.M.

\$5 FREE NURSERY AVILABLE



FREE NURSERY
FOR ALL
CONCERTS





Puggles - Age 2
Cubbies - Ages 3 & 4
Sparks - Grades K - 2nd
Truth & Training (T & T) - Grades 3rd - 5th

**Join us for
AWANA**

**Wednesday Nights
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Ages 3 thru 5th grade**

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 3RD – CLUB ATTIRE

DECEMBER 10TH – CHRISTMAS SHIRTS AND HATS

DECEMBER 17TH- CLUB ATTIRE & AWANA STORE

DECEMBER 24TH – NO AWANA

DECEMBER 31ST – NO AWANA



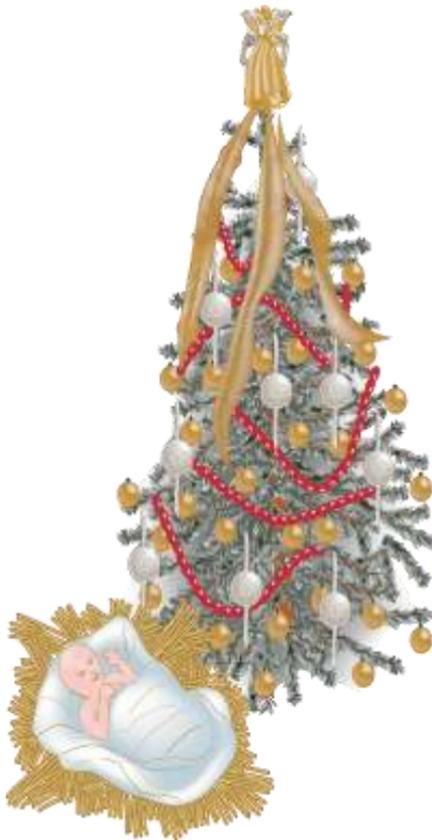
BIBLE QUIZ



What's the name of the angel who told Mary she would give birth to God's Son?

- A. Gabriel
- B. Raphael
- C. Michael
- D. Jonathan

Answer: A (See Luke 1:26)



Born king of the Jews

Matthew 2:1-2 says that after Jesus was born, wise men came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?" Complete the puzzle to discover what they found in Bethlehem.

Directions: In the grid below, draw lines by starting at the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

16-17	26-17-6	61-50-38	8-7-18	106-96-85-87-107-108	42-41-52-63-64-63
3-14-25	38-47-58	104-105-136	38-49-60	88-100-111-123	107-108-109-120-130
2-3-4	9-16-27	19-19-29-30	69-79-89	80-92-103-104	125-136-138-124-123-133-134
80-51-62-38	31-47-58	103-95-84-96		124-125-126-127-128	69-80-91-102-103
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Sunday School

Learning to LIVE *the life!*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BOTH
9:00 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M.
CHILDREN'S CHURCH
10:00 A.M. AND 11:30 A.M.**

THINGS TO LOOK FOR ARE:

Adult Classes, Youth Classes, Children's Classes and
Children's Church.

Come see what it's all about!

Rev. Sam LoBello (Adult Classes)

Rev. David Orges (Youth)

Trish Graves (Children)

Call the church office to discuss which class is best for you and
your family.

In Loving Memory of:

10/5/14

Carl (Peano) Rushing: M/M Owen Norgress, M/M Ray Terral, M/M Beverly Thames, M/M Zach Hatcher

Mary Lou Moore: M/M Barney Crist

11/2/14

Carl "Peano" Rushing: Margaret Trest and Family

Raymond Cox: Mary Ann Allen

11/9/14

Carl "Peano" Rushing: M/M Jeremy Tripp

Mary Lou Moore: M/M Jeremy Tripp

Fulton Undewood: M/M Jeremy Tripp

Robert A. Molcany: Angela, Taylor & Baleigh Alleman

11/23/14

Kim Chavers: Aundre Garrison, Tina Hall, M/M Craig Harris, M/M Jimmy King, M/M Hal Rasberry, M/M John Hancock

John Hamilton (Father of Sue Hodges and grandfather of Ryan,

In Honor of:

11/2/14

John & Nancy McGraw: Ginger and David Heuvel

11/16/14

Beverly & Henrietta Thames 55th Anniversary: M/M Billy Amacker

Braydon Scott Smith - son of Brandon & Jamie Smith: Mona J. May

11/23/14

Terry Arnold on her birthday: Mona J. May

Delores Corkern and the quilters and all for the prayers, cards and love during my trying days: Praise the LORD I am doing well!

From Lillian Foster