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Greetings,

It's hard to believe that we are just a few weeks away from Christmas. The birthday celebration of our Savior, like most birthday celebrations, there will be gifts. What gifts are you bringing to Him this Christmas?

The Magic of Christmas

The Magi searched for the new King of Israel with no certainty of finding Him. In God's plan their journey led them to His childlike throne room where they worshiped. We enjoy not the speculation of the Magi, but the Christmas magic of knowing who Jesus is, where He is, and how we may find Him in order to know Him better. Not magic as an art, but the delightful magic of the Christmas season when we find His presence in so many ways.

Are you seeking Him this Christmas in the way the Magi did: in the scriptures, in your daily journey, in sharing Him with others, in living a sacrificial life, and serving Him with true worship? Those are the ways Christmas reminds us to seek and find Him. And what about gifts? What gifts are you bringing to Him this Christmas? Let your gifts be those of love, forgiveness, joy, worship, celebration, and a sacrificial life. We have found the Savior the Magi sought. Let us celebrate Him!

Wrapped in swaddling cloths and resting in a manger, the gift of Jesus is the ultimate gift of Christmas. Because it's a gift, salvation is offered freely and cannot be earned, bought, demanded, deserved, or obtained in any way except with open hands of faith. Eph. 2:8 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." The great blessing of salvation could not have been obtained apart from Christ. He is the great gift of mercy, the great minister of mercy, wonderful that mercy should seek our salvation, more wonderful that such means should be employed to secure it. Jesus Christ is the greatest gift of the mercy of God.

We encourage you to take time this Christmas season and reevaluate your relationship with Christ. Ask yourself what gifts am I bringing to Him?

We pray you have the greatest Christmas you have ever had. May Christ bless you and your family.

Pastor Tim, and family.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. - Youth Meeting

6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Dean Haven	18 Dave Smith
1 Bill West	22 T. J. Cole
4 Richard Bennett	23 Courtney Ball
6 Jeannie Cummins	23 Shea West
8 Mary Jane Deaton	25 Lana Spahni
8 David Reed	27 Kevin Ball
10 Anna Ison	29 David Minor
13 Mindy Ball	31 Jake Campbell

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Don Hitt
- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Collopy
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Johnston
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Deaton

If there is an error, or if you have a birthday or anniversary this month and your name is not listed above, please let Judy Watson know.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 1:00 P.M.

GOLDEN YEARS NURSING HOME

THE VAN WILL LEAVE THE PARKING LOT AT
12:30 P.M.

Christmas Card Delivery

Cards will be delivered at 10¢ per card to active church members of the congregation. Please place the name on the outside of each envelope. If possible, please bring your cards as soon as possible and in alphabetical order so it will speed the process. A container will be made available for your cards & money.



SENIOR GATHERINGS FOR DECEMBER

Breakfast

December 5th

Frisch's (Main St.)

9:00 a.m.

Luncheon

December 19th

Bob Evans (Main St.)

11:00 a.m.



Problems?
Don't Facebook -
Seek God's face
and book.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROJECTS

The ladies have done a great job in preparing 25 throws to be given away during the Christmas Caroling at the Golden Years Nursing Home. A big THANK YOU to everyone who was involved in this project.

Our shoe/socks project for the Fairview Elementary School is progressing very well. If you would like to help, please see Regina Chapman.

Our Women's Outreach is being overseen by Diana Lunsford. If you would like to be a part of this, please see Diana.

If you have had any part in any of the projects, through the fundraiser, sewing, shopping, etc., we THANK YOU.

May God bless you for being a **LOVING, CARING & GIVING CONGREGATION!!**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE TIME OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON ON THE CALENDAR PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>Regularly Scheduled Sunday Services:</u> 9:30 a.m. — Sunday School 10:30 a.m. — Morning Worship 6:00 p.m.— Youth Meeting					1 Adults Christmas Party 6:00 p.m.
2	3 Elders Meeting 6:00 p.m.	4	5 Senior Breakfast - Frisch's 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.	6	7	8 Christmas Caroling 1:00 p.m.
9	10	11	12 Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Senior Luncheon - Bob Evans 11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22
23 Regular service times: 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.	24 Christmas Eve Service 5:00 p.m.	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26 No Prayer Meeting	27	28	29
30 Regular service times: 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.	31 New Year's Eve Fellowship 5:00 p.m.					