

Welcome In the Name and Love of Jesus Christ

Welcome! We are thankful for your presence as we share in the worship of God. We pray you will find the blessing of fellowship among us. If you are visiting, please know that no one is really a visitor. This is God's house and all are welcome. We invite you to pray with us, sing with us, rejoice with us, and hear Christ's call with us. Since we all have needs, during the closing hymn, the altar is open for you to pray, give thanks, dedicate or re-dedicate your life.

Worship Resources: A Nursery is provided during our service. We invite you to use this facility for infants and toddlers. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. In the pews, you will find Prayer Cards that you are invited to use to share specific prayer concerns. Please place the card either in the offering plate or in the prayer boxes located in each entryway.

Order of Worship

Come in, chat, and take a moment to sign the blue hospitality pad and pass it to your neighbor. But when the prelude begins – prepare for worship in a spirit of prayer and expectation! As we begin worship, please silence and put away all cell phones and beepers! *Indicates people stand as they are able

Gathering Music		
Welcome and Announcements		Minister
*The Call to Worship #234 vs. 1	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	Wade
*The Response		
Leader: Arise! Shine!		
Congregation: God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.		
Leader: Arise! Shine!		
Congregation: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.		
Leader: Arise! Shine!		
Congregation: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.		
Leader: Arise! Shine!		
Congregation: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.		
ALL: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.		
*Hymn #245	<i>The First Noel</i>	From the GBOD Trad.
*The Time of Friendship and Welcoming		Everyone
The Time with the Children		Minister
Service of Infant Holy Baptism (Insert)		Minister
The Time of Sharing Our Joys and Concerns		Minister
The Prayer Hymn # 349	<i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>	Lemmel
The Time of Prayer		
Morning Prayer		Minister
Lord's Prayer - Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		
Special Music -Bill Yielding	<i>Gesu Bambino</i>	Yon
The Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings		Minister
The Offertory	<i>He Became Poor</i>	Carmony
They borrowed a manger of hay for His bed Jesus, my Saviour. No soft, downy pillow, no warm cradle spread For Jesus, my Lord. His were the planets and stars in the sky; His were the valleys and mountains so high. His all earth's riches from pole unto pole, But He became poor to ransom my soul.		
*The Doxology #95	Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
*The Hymn #254	<i>We Three Kings</i>	Hopkins

The Scripture Reading	<i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>	Minister
The Sermon	<i>The Seekers</i>	Minister
*The Hymn of Invitation #219	<i>What Child is This?</i>	Dix
*The Benediction		Minister
*The Benediction Response #206 vs. 1	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	Thomerson
*The Postlude		

Assisting with Today's Service

Pianist.....Dr. Nathan Windt	Organist.....Charlotte Newman
Chancel Choir Director.....Dr. Nathan Windt	Nursery Attendants.....Elaine and Cortney Davidson
Acolytes.....Morgan Hutchison and Mary Beth Ronne	

Church Calendar

8:30 AM Sunday: Men's Breakfast	10:45 AM Tuesday: Something For Everyone
10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School	6:00 PM Wednesday: Removal of the Greens
11:00 AM Sunday: Morning Worship	6:15 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministries
12:00 PM Sunday: Communion Chapel	7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir Practice
4:30 PM Sunday: Youth	10:00 AM Thursday: McMinn Ministries
5:30 PM Sunday: Acts Bible Study	7:00 PM Thursday: McMinn Ministries

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	69	Church Budget	\$3,445.00
Morning Worship	187	Parsonage Fund	\$ 366.00
		Sunday School O/Reach	\$ 11.00
		Youth	\$ 3.00

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given by Al and Dee Gamble in loving memory of their parents and brothers and sisters.

Sympathy: The church would like to express love and prayers to Austin and Chris Meadows in the recent death of their grandfather, Dan Meadows. We pray God's comfort to them during this difficult time.

Something for Everyone: Please join us on Tuesday, January 5th as we will enjoy lunch at the Acropolis Four Stars Grill near Hamilton Place in Chattanooga. We will leave the church at 10:45 and return around 3:00 PM. Please make your reservation with Kathy or Charlotte by today. Please refrain from wearing perfume, scented lotions and colognes, etc. We appreciate your consideration in this matter for those that are sensitive to scents. Thank you!

Removal of the Greens: Please **HELP!** As we have all enjoyed the beauty of our Sanctuary, it is now time to take down the tree and decorations. We are in need of strong arms to do this job. Please be here at the church at 6:00 PM if you are able to help. We appreciate you and many thanks!

Altar Flowers: The 2010 flower chart is up on the bulletin board in the side vestibule. If you would be willing to provide flowers for any of the Sunday's available, please sign your name to the chart.

Want to Join a Bowling Team: Classic Lanes is starting a fellowship bowling league, Thursday, January 14th. They would like to invite our church to have one or more teams in it. If we have a team our youth group will get to bowl for 2 hours free on a Saturday or Sunday, each month, up to 25 persons. Prices for bowling will be \$8.50 each night including shoes. Starting time will be 6:30 PM and will last for 12 weeks. If you would like to be part of a church team or teams, please see the Pastor.

Council Meeting: The Church Council will meet next Sunday, at 7:00 PM in Wattenbarger Hall. If you would like an item placed on the agenda, please see Tim Sharp.

Communion: If you were unable to receive Communion before Sunday School you still can. Please go to the upstairs Chapel immediately following worship service.

January Body & Soul: We need someone to host our January Body & Soul. We have a program lined up. The Rev. Lou Ann Crandall will be here to update us on the Conference's work in Sudan including sharing with us about her recent trip to Sudan.

McMinn Ministries: The January meeting for McMinn Ministries is Thursday, January 7th at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM at the Wesley Saunders Ministry Center on Georgia Avenue. Everyone is invited to either meeting. For more information on this ministry, see Becky Jaquish, Carolyn or Larry Jackson, or the Pastor.

PPR Training: The Cleveland District will sponsor a District-wide training session for Pastor-Parish Relations Committees on Sunday, January 10, 2010 beginning at 2:30 PM until about 4:30 PM at Wesley Memorial UMC in Cleveland, TN. District Superintendent Rev. Mike Travis, will lead this class. Our PPR Committee members are; Chairperson Yvonne Raper, Greg Baines, Dee Gamble, Pam Hutsell, Laura Moss, Charles Allen Bailey, Carlene Kuykendall and Jody Boggess. We appreciate their service in this roll and this opportunity for training.

Job Opportunity: The Census Bureau is currently recruiting people to fill temporary, part-time positions with the 2010 Census this spring. The jobs pay is \$13.00 and up and mileage reimbursement at the rate of \$.055 per mile. Phone 1-866-861-2010 to schedule an application appointment at E.G. Fisher Public Library.

Flowers next Sunday: Tom and Kim Huth

We are Praying For.....

Family of Dan Meadows, Polly Anderson, Lynnette Baines, Nancy Barton, Chris Beaton, Darren Beckett, Bob Beech, Robert Bennett, Lin Birdwell, Samuel Bish, Randy Bishop, Reba Brown, Al Bryan, Patti Rae Bryant, Rev. Jimmy Buckner, Bonnie Burmood, David & Jenny Byrd and their fathers, Teresa Carpenter, E.J. Castillo, Matt Clare, Tamera Coleman, John Cooley, Stephanie Coppedge & family, Stacy Costner, Brett Currie, Kenny Davidson, Ron Davis, Bruce Delmas Jr., Mike Dingus, Eva & Glenn Dockins, Vicki Estabrook, Bernadette Evans, Nancy Ferguson, Aline Fritz, Dee Gamble, Steve Garren, Janie Goines, Rebecca Gray, James Guffey, Brad & Lynn Hamblin, Bill Hanner, Garrett & Jason Henderson, Dan Herron, Diane Hicks, Gene Higham, Jaynee Holland, Greg Hughes, Don Hutsell, Jim Hyde, Larry Jackson, Mike Jackson, Barbara Jarvis, Jimmy Johnson, Cheryl Lambert, Gwen Lane, Raymond Latham, Eva Ruth Lawson, Charlie Littleton, Frances Mason, Glenn Mason, Zachery Mason, Will Matthews, Brooke Matthews, Patricia McDonald, David McKee, Randy McKeehan, Jerry McLemore, Matt Merker, Larry Messer, Nathan Murray, Tammy Nantz, Judy Ohman, Eileen Owsley, Patricia Parker, Theda Poplin, Prof Powers, Vicki Raper, Yvonne Raper, Jimmy Reeves, Jason Richards, Dennis Richeson, Jerry Roberts, Leona Richeson, T.L. Rollins, Paul Rose Family, Gene & Sherry Sabo, Darlene Schenck, Danny Shannon, Bob Shugart, Bud Smidt, Mildred Smith, Nell Smith, Eric Sohmer, Britianie Stieb, Carol Tatum, Roy Thomas, Gloria Thompson, Tony Thompson, Debbie Tilley, Bruce Vincent, Mildred Vincent, John Wade, David Walden, Bryan Walker, Tylan Walker, Gladys Wallace, Preston Wallace, Ashley & Jackson Walters, Gretchen Watson, Bonnier Werner, Thelma West, Bill Wiggins, Charles Wilson, Sandy Yielding; *In nursing homes, assisted living or shut-in:* Evelyn Black, Lorene Ensminger, Nell Gambill, A.C. Lockmiller, Rubye Maupin, *Expecting Mothers:* Hailey Dake, Claire Murphy, Kym Wierman, Ashley Ziegler; *Missionaries or in Mission Work:* Boo & Phyllis Hankins, Neal Hicks & family, Steve King Family, Chris Russell Family, Mary Diana Samuel Orphanage, and Herbert & Mary Zigbuo, Pray for our Pastor, our District Superintendent, Mike Travis, our Bishop, James Swanson. *Pray for our Service men and women:* Brandon Carter, Joe Clark, Keith Coleman, Tyler Cooley, Taylor Creasman, Duane Diebold, Michael Dyer, Josh Gary, Taylor Gray, Brent Greer, Eric Greisenhour, Brent Harbin, Brandon Hashe, Lee Hashe, Daniel Hickey, Derek Hickey, Phillip Humphrey's, Tim Lammers, Wayne McKenzie, Tyler Moore, Will Nation, Klaus Ohman, Adam Randle, Alex Randle, Zach Roberts, Brittany Rupert, Raymond Shumate, Dwain Sliger, Bobby Smith, Brent Stephens and Craig Woofenbarger.

If you know of someone who has improved and can be taken off the list or if we have removed someone from the list who still needs to be listed, please fill out a new card and give us an updated report. Thank You.

Church Prayer Focus for the Week: Pray for God's grace, blessings, and guidance for all in 2010.



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Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2010

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