

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*

The Gathering Music
 The Entrance of the Light
 The Welcome and Announcements
 *The Call to Worship #207
 *The Opening Prayer

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Acolytes
 Minister
 Isaiah 40:3, 52:10
 All

Merciful God, You sent Your messengers the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. We thank You for loving us even when we have turned away from You. Pour fourth Your Spirit that enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Come Lord Jesus. Amen.

* Hymn #203
 *The Fellowship Moment – Greet your brothers and sisters in Christ
 The Lighting of the Advent Candle –Wayne and Susan Scott
 The Children's Time
 The Sharing of Joys and Concerns
 The Prayer Chorus #349
 The Prayer Time including the Lord's Prayer

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Montgomery

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Minister
 Minister
 Lemmel
 Minister

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.

Anthem – Chancel Choir
 The Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings
 Offertory –Christopher Reese and Cody Rutherford
 *Doxology #95

His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful

Innes
 Minister

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.

*Hymn #213
 The Scripture Lessons
 The Scripture Response

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Weissel
 Minister

Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 3:1-6

Change My Heart O God

Change my heart O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart of God. May I be like You.

You are the potter. I am the clay. Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.

Change my heart O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart O God. May I be like You.

-words and music by Eddie Espinosa CCLI#18872

The Sermon
 Waiting for What? – Waiting for a Message!

Minister

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Faith Renewal
 *The Hymn of Invitation #382
 *The Benediction
 *The Benediction Response #196 vs. 2
 *The Taking of the Light to the World
 * Postlude

Assisting with Today's Service

Pianist..... Giolda Reese Organist.....Charlotte Newman
 Chancel Choir Director.....Becky Jaquish Nursery Attendants...Elaine and Cortney Davidson

Church Calendar

8:30 AM Sunday: Men's Breakfast
 10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School
 11:00 AM Sunday: Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Sunday: Communion in the Chapel
 12:00 PM Sunday: Parsonage Fund Luncheon
 4:30 PM Sunday: Youth
 5:30 PM Sunday: Acts Bible Study

5:00 PM Wednesday: Children's Play Practice
 6:15 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministry
 7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir Practice
 5:00 PM Thursday: Children's Play Practice
 5:00 PM Friday: Children's Play Practice

Our Stewardship Last Week

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| Sunday School | 69 | Church Budget | \$2,802.43 |
| Morning Worship | 174 | Parsonage Fund | \$ 350.00 |
| | | Sunday School O/Reach | \$ 8.00 |
| | | Cook Book | \$ 30.00 |
| | | Pickles/Slaw | \$ 90.00 |
| | | Food Pantry | \$ 50.00 |
| | | Holston Home | \$ 148.00 |

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given by the church to the glory and hope we have in Jesus Christ.
Hanging of the Greens: We want to express our thanks to all those helped in anyway for making this service so special. It is a time to reflect on the "waiting" for what is to come and fill our hearts with great anticipation of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Chili Lunch: Tired of turkey? Join us today right after worship in Wattenbarger Hall for Chili, hot dogs, broccoli cheddar soup and home-made desserts. Donations will be accepted for the Parsonage Fund.
Christmas Goodies: We still have several of the Christmas Goodie items for sale. We still have Friendship Soup Mix and Youth Hall Slaw. The soup is reduced to \$8 and the slaw to \$5. We also still have cookbooks available. You can see the display for these items in Wattenbarger Hall. Remember all proceeds go to the Parsonage Fund.
Congratulations: We extend our best wishes to Leah and Ryan Northern in the birth of their daughter Alya Starr. She weighed 8 lbs 8 oz. and was 21 inches long and was born on November 27th. Proud grandfather is Jim Guffey and great-grandparents are James and Marjorie Guffey. We give thanks to God for this new life and pray His blessings on this happy family.
Homemade Candies: A variety of homemade candies will be for sale next Sunday after worship. All proceeds will go towards the Parsonage Fund.
Nursery Needs: The nursery needs some drink boxes and some boxes of goldfish. We provide those for the children each week and your help in providing them is greatly appreciated. The drinks need to be the small individual ones, but not the ones in the foil packaging.
SFE 2010: Brochures for Something for Everyone for 2010 are available in the side vestibule window.

Free Christmas Cards: We have a couple boxes of assorted Christmas cards and a few miscellaneous cards placed on a table in Wattenbarger Hall. Please help yourselves to these cards.

Special Gifts: A special gift was given to the food Pantry in memory of Bill Hashe by William & Libby Adsit. A special gift was given to Holston Home in honor of Rev. Ronald and Letha Allen by Mitzi Hurst.

Mission Money: The children are again collecting "M & M" Money. They have received the small tubes of M & M minis and they will be saving quarters in the tubes. All money collected will help families at Christmas. If you would like to help, collect quarters and give them to a child or turn them in yourself.

Handel's Messiah: The Athens Area Community Chorus invites you to the presentation of Handel's *Messiah* (Part I, with orchestra) next Sunday, at 3:00 pm at Athens Junior High. Allen Memorial will be well-represented, with choristers Rick Parker, Becky Jaquish and Patti Rae Bryant, as well as choir director Nathan Windt leading the chorus and orchestra. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, and TWC students attend FREE! For more information, call Nathan at 746-5234.

Children's Christmas Program: Our Children's Christmas program will be next Sunday at 7:00 PM. It is a musical entitled "Joyland" and in conjunction with this musical, everyone will have an opportunity to donate a new toy (\$10-15 at least – must be left in packaging and no stuff animals can be accepted) to the "Toy Store" for needy children in our area. The toys we receive will be donated to the McMinn County Rescue Squad for distribution in their annual Christmas Toy Drive.

We are Praying For.....

Polly Anderson, Nancy Barton, Chris Beaton, Darren Beckett, Bob Beech, Robert Bennett, Lin Birdwell, Samuel Bish, Pat Bishop, Randy Bishop, Reba Brown, Al Bryan, Michael Bryant, Rev. Jimmy Buckner, Bonnie Burmood, David & Jenny Byrd and their fathers, Teresa Carpenter, E.J. Castillo, Matt Clare, Tamera Coleman, John Cooley, Stacy Costner, Brett Currie, Kenny Davidson, 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, C.D. Hagerman, 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, Barabara Jarvis, Jimmy Johnson, Cheryl Lambert, Gwen Lane, Raymond Latham, Eva Ruth Lawson, Charlie Littleton, Teresa Littleton, Freddy Malone, Glenn Mason, Zachery Mason, Will Matthews, Brooke Matthews, Patricia McDonald, David McKee, Randy McKeegan, Jerry McLemore, Matt Merker, Nathan Murray, Tammy Nantz, Roberta Ogle, Judy Ohman, Eileen Owsley, Patricia Parker, Theda Poplin, Vicki Raper, Yvonne Raper, Jimmy Reeves, Jason Richards, Dennis Richeson, Jerry Roberts, Leona Richeson, T.L. Rollins, Paul Rose Family, Carol Russell, 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, Thursie Waddle, David Walden, Bryan Walker, Tylan Walker, Gladys Wallace, Jim Wallace, Preston Wallace, Ashley & Jackson Walters, Opal Watkins, Gretchen Watson, Bonnier Werner, Thelma West, Bill Wiggins, Larry Yetter, Sandy Yielding; *In nursing homes, assisted living or shut-in:* Evelyn Black, Lorene Ensminger, Nell Gambill, A.C. Lockmiller, Rubye Maupin, *Expecting Mothers:* 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, Tim Lammers, Wayne McKenzie, Will Nation, Klaus Ohman, Adam Randle, Alex Randle, Zach Roberts, Brittany Rupert, Raymond Shumate, Dwain Slinger, Bobby Smith, Brent Stephens.

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 those who are facing hardships in this special season.



Second Sunday of Advent

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