

The Word

Wiggins Community Church
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Pastor's Notes

Waking up on Tuesday morning and seeing the ground covered with snow and snow continuing to fall was a pleasant surprise. (the forecast placed a possibility of snow on Tuesday night)

While some might find a new snow fall as an inconvenience, I see the beauty and freshness the snow

brings. As it clings to the trees, grasses, plants and streets, it brings with it a number of things. Snow brings a change of scenery. Michal and I drove up into the mountains recently and we commented on how everything looked brown and dusty. The same is true of the landscape here in and around the Wiggins area but with a fresh layer of snow, the landscape changes. It has a freshness about it.

The snow also brings much needed moisture. I was out in the country on Monday and my pickup was throwing up a tremendous amount of dust. The fresh snow settles the dust and brings moisture into the dry and thirsty land.

The snow also clears the air. I remember a few weeks back when the air was filled with smoke. Headaches and allergies were dealt with by most. But when it would rain, even just a little, the air would clear and we could all breathe a little easier. The falling snow clears the air. For most, the falling snow is a blessing.

The same is true as we spend time with our Lord and Savior. When the healing presence of the Lord falls upon us afresh, our souls are revived and we see things in a different perspective. Our outlook changes and we are awakened to beauty around us and within us. The dust of the world and in our hearts and mind is settled. We breathe easier, we are more relaxed and begin to enjoy the life we have been given.

Thanksgiving is always a time of renewal. A time when we begin to earnestly reflect upon the blessings we have received over the last year from the Lord's hand. The time of celebration in between Thanksgiving and the celebration of Christmas is called Advent.

Advent in the past has been observed in many churches as a time of penitence, repentance in preparation for the celebration of the giving of a Savior. In recent years this time of Advent has been spent more in a time of anticipation. We are reminded of the 4,000 years the Hebrew people waited for the Messiah.

We too, can use this time of Advent in preparation. While most of the world may look upon all the colors, lights, gifts and displays, thinking forward to the time for family celebrations, we can use these same things as reminders of what we are truly celebrating, the gift of Jesus. We have been given the gift Jesus and we are now part of a everlasting family. We have much to celebrate!

In much love, Pastor Darrel

Important Dates

Women's Fellowship
December 1st at 1:30pm

Board meeting
December 8th at 6:30 pm

Men's Breakfast
December 12th at 7:00 am

Elder Prayer Meeting
December 15th at 6:30pm

Weekly Events

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study
1:30pm in the basement

Women's Bible Study
Thursdays at 6:30pm
at the Parsonage

Wednesday Bible & Prayer
Live on-line at 7:00 pm

Sunday School
9:00 am

Sunday Service
10:00 am

EPIC Youth
Sundays at 6:30 pm



Helping Hands Food Pantry

Hours:
Wednesdays 9AM-11PM
Thursdays 4PM-6PM

In Person Services starting December 6th

We are happy to announce that in person services will be available beginning December 6th. We ask that everyone wear a mask while in the church and practice social distancing as much as possible. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and join us online. No Sunday School, Bible Study or Kingdom Kids at this time.

Pastor Darrel's Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday
2:00PM to 5:00PM



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DECEMBER Birthdays

Lisa Megel	December 1
Alison Beauprez	December 2
Neela Thomas	December 4
David Herbstman	December 5
Melissa Jones	December 5
Erin Kerr	December 5
Douglas Ruyle	December 5
Kash Meyer	December 6
Carolyn Vickers	December 7
Brenda Lingo	December 7
Tammy Barkdoll	December 10
Janet Rohn	December 11
Vanessa Baltazar	December 11
Sierra Shipman	December 11
Chuck Glazier	December 12
Joslynn Shipman	December 13
Paige Loose	December 14
Melissa Doughty	December 14
Berkley Widener	December 14
Bonnie Egan	December 16
Stephanie Eskew	December 16
Mike Sample	December 17
Josh Shipman	December 17
Bette Neb	December 19
Peyton Meyer	December 19
Jaxon Thomas	December 19
Steve Bruntz	December 20
Madison Dreier	December 20
Brooklyn Mese	December 20
Diana Seibert	December 21
Steve Neel	December 22
Carol Ashbrook	December 23
Wesley Mese	December 23
Sadie Whorlow	December 23
Shannon Beauprez	December 24
Chris Green	December 25
Gillian Steffen	December 26
Eva Cuckow	December 27
Charles Ruyle	December 27
Trent Rogers	December 28
Melanie Lingo	December 30
Asher Kitzman	December 30
Carli Kitzman	December 30
Craig Harris	December 31

DECEMBER Anniversaries

Ron & Sharon Ruyle	December 7
Jacob & Samantha Kitzman	December 15
Douglas & Brandi Ruyle	December 15
Chuck & Sue Glazier	December 18
Ray & Elizabeth Meyer	December 18
Jody & Josh Shipman	December 31
Jack & Viola Shoemaker	December 31

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

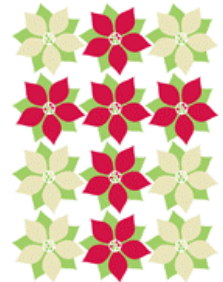


Please make plans to join us "virtually" on Christmas Eve from the comfort of your own home. We will have a full service celebrating the gift of the Christ-child and it will be broadcast live from the WCC sanctuary at 6:30. May God bless you and keep you safe during this great time of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

A BIG
THANK YOU
TO
BLUE LIGHTENING
FOR THEIR FOOD DRIVE TO
HELP THE FOOD BANK AND
TO
HIGH PLAINS BANK
FOR THEIR GENEROUS
GIVING TO THE FOOD BANK.
IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES,
YOUR GENEROSITY IS
GREATLY APPRECIATED!



Michal and I wanted to wish you a very, very Merry Christmas. 2020 has been a different and trying year for sure but here we are, at the time of celebration of the gift of the Christ-child. In this we can find reasons for our merriment. Michal and I are so thankful to be here at WCC and we look forward to what the Lord has planned for 2021. Again, Merry Christmas and we pray for a Happy and Blessed New Year for you and yours!
Pastor Darrel & Michal



Poinsettias this year in memory and honor of:

Lonnie Thomas

Leatrice Sorenson

Gary Ranum

Please keep Karen Johnson and family in your prayers in the passing of Gerald Johnson on November 20, 2020.



Offering Stewards

December 6 - Giddeon & Ron
December 13 - Sharon & Marlin
December 20 - Rick & David
December 27 - Glen & Giddeon

Children's Message

December 6 - Lorie B.
December 13 - Cheryl P.
December 20 - Loughs
December 27 - Jamie R.

WCC Board News

Due to the high rate of infections, the WCC Board did not have an in-person meeting in November. Reports were shared via email. There was no new business other than the paying of monthly expenses. Giving was good in October with a total of \$14,861. Monthly expenses were \$14,964 which included a quarterly insurance premium. Attendance averaged 75 in October with in-person meetings closing beginning November 8th. The next monthly Board Meeting is schedule for December 8th.