

# TRUMPET

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*Seek the lost, equip the saints, send the sowers*

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## MONDAY MORNING MUSINGS (875)

### Let's continue to do great things in the Kingdom this year!

We are two messages into our series, *Melodies of the Incarnation*. Jordan gave the Christmas Carol *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*, an expanded meaning; I think he captured the original essence. After generations of singing phrases misplaced in time, songs and poems written many years ago can lose their original message. I won't go any further. Watch the message on YouTube. God rest ye merry, Gentlemen (and Ladies). Think on it, cool cats, "Everything under the Sun is in tune, but the Sun is eclipsed by the Moon." (Thank you, Pink Floyd.)

Jacob picked the carol, *Joy to the World*, for this coming Sunday. I always look forward to hearing another evangelist's labor over the word. Jacob always presents a thoughtful and heart-provoking message.

Thank you to the secret Saints that decorated the church building and especially the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The decorations are lovely.

### Joining the true vine

Reading and meditating on John 15 this morning, I thought about the beginnings of attaching to the true vine, grafting into the original tree of faith (Abraham's lineage of faith), where we are nourished by its pure root. (Rom 11.17-18.)

*Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15.4-5 (NIV)*

Grafting into the true vine is believing the incarnation of Jesus. The first step in God's plan of salvation is faith. Our confession of faith is, "I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God." An authentic and heartfelt confession of faith in Jesus and his Father is the beginning of the journey. It is a journey of growth in and service to the kingdom. Spiritual health comes from attachment to the true vine; then, one has opportunities to accomplish the works that accompany faith: love, charity, mercy, justice. Now the fruit that accompanies the gift of salvation: Love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, meekness, patience, and self-control Gal 5.22). Broken branches starve, wither, and die; attached branches thrive.

It all starts in believing the Christmas story is no fable but the true Word of God.

*Preacher Bill*

*Isaiah 9.2 and 6*

**Church Servants**

December 12, 2021

**Serving the Table:**

**Meditation and Prayers:** J Corbet

**Serving South Charleston:** T Geake

**Flowers for December:** Pointsettias

**Communion Preparation:**

**Worship Team:** R Bennington/P Corbet/ W Lott/P Tidd

**Musicians:** L Burkholder/C Graf/J Dwyer/D Hays/

B Long/P Long/D Ritenour

**Attendance**

S.S.-

Worship

Offering

12/05/21

51

\$4,358.70

**Christmas Eve Services will be December 24 ☺ at 6 pm.** The Praise Team/Band will be performing, there will be a devotion and time to reflect the season

**It's Christmas Card time!** Bring in your cards and place them in the boxes in the foyer. The money you save on postage, you can give to Denise to go toward missions.

**This Christmas Season we would like** you to bring in your nativities to decorate the church. You can bring them starting this Sunday and take them home for the New Year. Thank you for decorating our sanctuary.

**The Kairos from November 27th is now available on YouTube and Facebook. Next Kairos will be December 11th.**

**If you would like to join in on the Zoom Prayer Meeting or Bible Study, email the church and Bill will send you an invitation.**

**Up & Coming Activities In Our Family...**

December 6 Zoom Prayer Meeting, 7 pm

December 9 Zoom Study Bible, 7 pm

December 11 Kairos

December 12 Youth Sunday School, 10 am

Adult Bible Study, 10 am

Morning Worship, 11 am

December 13 Zoom Prayer Meeting, 7 pm

December 24 Christmas Eve Service, 6 pm



**Serving the Table for December:**

12 – J Corbet

19 – B Lott

26 – J Kattine

**If you would like to purchase a poinsettia** in memory or in honor of someone, price to be announced, forms are in the foyer. Place both the form and the money an envelope and put in in the offering plate. The price is \$10. Please have your form in or let Marta know by the morning of Dec 19 so it can be printed in the bulletin and Trumpet.

**Our Annual Mitten Tree is up now.** Please donate mittens, hats, scarves, etc. If you would like to bring these items in and put them on the tree, it would be greatly appreciated. This helps the Greene County Health district to distribute these items to those children in need.

**December Birthdays:**

05 – E Sharpe

08 – M Corbet, BLong

09 – P Adams

11 – S Gibson

15 – J Mercer

16 – S Smith

31 – J Basinger, K Earley