

December

2024

COMMUNITY CHURCHES

The Miracle of Christmas

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Valley Chapel Preaching Service 10:00 am.	2	3	4 Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 7:00 pm.	5	6	7
8 Waldeck Preaching Service 10:00 am.	9	10	11 Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 7:00 pm.	12	13	14
15 Valley Chapel Preaching Service 10:00 am.	16	17	18 Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 7:00 pm.	19	20	21
22 Waldeck Preaching Service 10:00 am.	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 7 PM Valley Chapel	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				
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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." *Isaiah 9:6*

“Pastoral Perspectives”

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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For a small church in the hills of North Central West Virginia, this truth holds a power that transcends time and place. Though the world around us may seem dark at times, and though our years may add up to decades of faithful service, the miracle of Christmas reminds us that God's light cannot be extinguished.

To our cherished congregation, many of whom have seen a lifetime of God's faithfulness, hear this: *your work in the Lord is not in vain*. Each prayer you offer, each kind word you share, each moment you spend in His presence is a testimony to the living hope we have in Jesus Christ. As the Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 4:16-17, "Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."

The Christmas story calls us to tarry on, to press forward in the light of Christ, for He is not finished with us yet. Your years of wisdom, your quiet faithfulness, and your fervent prayers are a beacon of hope to our community. Just as the shepherds hurried to see the Christ child and left rejoicing, so too can we carry this joy to those around us, sharing the good news of His love and salvation.

As we step into 2025, let us do so with hearts full of hope. The same God who brought light to the darkness on that first Christmas night is the same God who walks with us today. He sees you, He loves you, and He has a purpose for you. Whether it is through a smile, a listening ear, or an encouraging word, He is still working through you to bring His kingdom closer to earth.

May the miracle of Christmas fill your hearts with peace, joy, and an abiding hope for the days ahead. Remember, we are a people of the promise, and our Savior is faithful. Let us walk together in the light of His glory, sharing His love until the day He calls us home.

Merry Christmas and God bless you all,

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

“For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvelous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well”. - **Psalm 139:13-14 (KJV)**

Levi Marshall	12/07
Janette Byrd	12/26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Gary & Jean Stalnaker 12/21

THE WORD OF GOD



"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11

OUR NEIGHBOR

ITEMS OF THE MONTH
FOR

December

Bath / Bar Soap



“God Loves a Cheerful Giver”