

DECEMBER

WORKERS FOR DECEMBER

SOUND Tracy Snowden Jesse Likens	DECEMBER birthdays 1 st Jesse Likens 2 nd Judy Lewis 3 rd Randy Kiser 6 th Joseph Crawford 9 th Linda Williams 10 th Wanda Wilson 15 th W. J. Noland 16 th Jim McIntosh 17 th Jimmy Kiser 21 st Dalon Ingram 22 nd Loyd Flynn 28 th Phyllis Noland 29 th Kay Daugherty 30 th Keith Birchfield Erin Fox Brooks
COMMUNION Deacons are taking care of this	
MUSIC 12/7—Praise T. 12/14 - Ann S. 12/21—Praise Tm. 12/28 - Becky S.	
DEACONS Suzanne Waite Jimmy Kiser Judy Schnittker Bee Williams	DECEMBER anniversaries 3 rd John & Rebecca Reece 17 th Dalon & Heather Ingram
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ELDERS 12/7—Steve G. 12/14- Phyllis R. 12/21- 12/28 - Elmer A.	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
GREETERS 12/7 - Bryan & Donna Whorley 12/14 - Jayne C/Kathy T 12/21- Brenda H/ Janie O 12/28 - Judy L/Liz R	SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 5:45p - Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 7:00p - Choir
NURSERY	

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Our mission is "To Glorify God as Disciples of Jesus Christ by reaching up, reaching in, reaching out."

Prayers Are Being Sent To:



As I write this newsletter article, just a couple days before Thanksgiving, the world's Christmas celebration is already underway with Christmas sales, decorations and you can't miss the Christmas lights. These are things that I enjoy, but they're really not Christmas.

Of course there is often the mention of Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. That's the one part of the Christmas story that people will hear about at some point in the Christmas season.

There is, however so much of the Christmas story that goes Untold. God's plan to send Jesus into the world was decided before the creation of the world. We were saved by His precious blood and 1 Peter 1:20 says "He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake." God knew the world would need a savior even before the sin in the garden. The whole Old Testament reveals God's plan to bring the Messiah. Galatians 4:4 reveals "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman..."

God always knows what is ahead for He stands outside time and the beautiful Christmas story that is Untold to most people comes from God's plan to save us.

This month we're going to look at some uncommon, mostly Untold Stories of Christmas to strengthen our faith, remind us of God's care and to deepen our celebration of our Savior coming to our world. I encourage you to read ahead these passages in preparation for these messages.

12/7 Luke 1:26-38
12/14 Luke 1:39-55
12/21 Luke 2:1-20

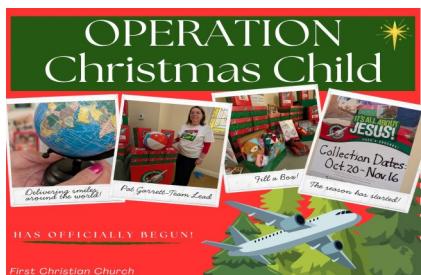
I'm looking forward to celebrating Christmas with all of you. We will experience lots of fun just being together for our country ham breakfast, the Christmas Cantata and our candlelight service. I know this month is extremely busy so make sure you plan to be with us!

Come let us adore Him!

Bro. Matt

P.S. Help is available on Sundays to transport you into the church with a scooter or to help you park your car. Look for those wearing safety vests.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

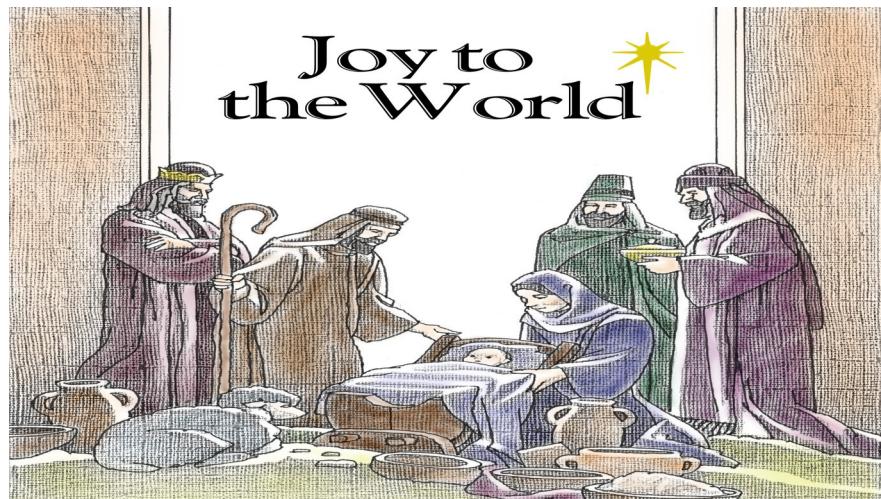


Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes was a huge success. We collected 120 shoeboxes filled with simple gifts, love and prayer. Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry is a wonderful opportunity for our church to bless a child, share the love and gospel of Jesus Christ and give hope to a child who desperately needs it. Thank you so much for your participation.



The second annual Chili Cook-off was held on Saturday November 15th. We had 17 pots of chili in 3 categories: Specialty, Spicy and Signature. The judges were Irvine Mayor James Gross, Irvine Police Chief Brian Brooks and Firefighter Austin Plowman.

The Winners were Specialty - Donna Whorley; Spicy - Drake Ingram and Signature - Brady Anthony. The overall winner was Donna Whorley.



The Church Staff wishes each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Matt and Trish Higle
Kay Scrivner
Margaret and Stevie LeMaster*

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

November's CWF devotion was two parts. First, how we should consistently thank God in ALL circumstances, believing that all things will work out for good to those who love Him. (Romans 8:28) And then, how God's grace and love is so abundant that we can receive all we need and there will always be plenty of leftovers. (Matthew 14:19-20)

The **Estill County Community Food Bank** is an on-going project and is always grateful for donations. Demand continues to grow. **December collection will be anything and everything, as long as it is in cans for the time being. Monetary contributions are also accepted. Please make checks to the Estill County Community Food Bank.** You can give the contributions to Steve Garrett.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT -- Elmer Adams' class is on Preparing for the Lord to Come. What the Bible says about such topics as -- the rapture, tribulation and the glory of Heaven. There will be lots of discussion about the questions Christians have grappled with for 2,000 years. This class meets downstairs in the fellowship hall.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE -- Phyllis Rucker's class is on questions about Spiritual Warfare. She will be doing a study on such questions as -- does Satan have a kingdom; are demons real; and what armor has God given us for warfare? This class meets upstairs behind the sanctuary.

BIBLE STUDY & SURVEY -- Steve Garrett continues his class on what the Bible teaches about various topics and how to live the Christian life. His class meets downstairs in the chapel.



THE CWF Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday, December 12th at 6:00p. The meal will be catered and we will be having an ornament exchange. Cost is \$16.00. We will have chauffeur service if you do not drive at night and would like to attend. Just let us know.



There will be a Children's Christmas party on Saturday, December 13th at 4:00p. You never know who might make an appearance.

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Please pull up this website on your smart phone or go to: <https://irvine-first-christian-church.square.site/> When you go to this web site you will see this. There will be a block where you can select the amount you want to send. The block says Tithe/Offerings

