






December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Children choir rehearsal - 2:30PM 	2 Amelia Lee	3	4 Paulette Eastman Fellowship Supper & Men's Cake Auction @ 5:45 Children choir rehearsal - 6:15PM Handbell rehearsal - 5PM Celebration choir rehearsal - 7PM	5	6 DANNY & LISA YOUNG	7 Henry Hatcher
8 Chris Cook Billy Shiver CHRISTMAS CANTATA 6PM YOUTH- CFI'S JOURNEY 	9 Tim Pust CHRIS & LYDIA COOK	10 Cody Griffin	11 JOHN & AMANDA FLENER YOUTH - CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:30-8:00 PB&JAM & Children's Choir at 5:00	12 Tom Mann	13 Jane Floyd	14 Abby Holt
15 CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM @ 11AM YOUTH-GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER 	16 Kelsey Johnson GILL & SHAW BRADDY LADIES CIRCLE #1, Sherry Massee home @ 10AM CIRCLES # 3&4 MEET FOR LUNCH @ J&D IN DOUGLAS	17	18 Rachel Peavey AL & JOANNA JOHNSON CHILDRENS CHRISITMAS PARTY	19	20 FOOD MINISTRY DISTRIBUTION 	21
22	23	24 Melissa Massey CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE AT 6PM OFFICE CLOSED	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!! NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES	26 JoAnna Johnson OFFICE CLOSED	27	28 JAY & AMY DAILEY
29 ONE SERVICE @ 10AM IN SANCTUARY 	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 Blaine Layfield JASON & ABBY HOLT	JANUARY 1ST OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES			

December Children's Sermons

- December 1: Joyce Ashley
- December 8: Ellen Burke
- December 15: Abby Holt
- December 22: Mary Claire Giddens
- December 29: Neesa Williams

9:00 Service Breakfast Volunteers:

- December 1: Abby & Jason Holt
- December 8: Holley Lee
- December 15: Lydia Cook
- December 22: Melissa Massey



- December's fellowship supper will be held December 4 at 5:45. The Holts' small group will provide dinner, and the Men of Central will host their annual cake auction. We hope to see you there!
- We will not have supper club or coffee club in December. These will resume in January

Food Pantry Distribution will be December 20, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Claire.



Our Children's department is in need of volunteers (Sunday school, children's church, PB&JAM, etc). Whether you can help once a week, once a month, or even just once, we need you! Please contact Candy Lokey to volunteer.



There are a limited number of poinsettias available this year. If you would like to purchase one in honor of a friend or family member please call the church office.

Poinsettias are \$20 each

THESE WILL BE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.

Calendar

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
CHILDRENS SUNDAY**

- Central @ 9 9:00 AM
- Sunday School for all ages 9:45 AM
- Morning Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00 AM
- Celebration Choir rehearsal 1:15 PM
- Children choir rehearsal 2:30 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

- Al-Anon (BAC) 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- Fellowship Supper/Men's Cake Auction 5:45PM
- J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM
- Children Choir Rehearsal 6:15PM
- Celebration Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

NO WOW TODAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

- Narcotics Anon (BAC) 6:00 PM

SUNDAY, December 8

- Central @ 9 9:00 AM
- Sunday School for all ages 9:45 AM
- Morning Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00 AM
- Christmas Cantata 6:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- Al-Anon (BAC) 7:00 PM

Wednesday, DECEMBER 11

- Youth Christmas Party 6:30-8:00PM
- Children's Choir rehearsal / PB&JAM 5:00PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- Narcotics Anon (BAC) 6:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- Central @ 9 9:00 AM
- Sunday School for all ages 9:45 AM
- Morning Worship/Children's Christmas Program 11:00 AM
- Youth Gift Wrapping Fundraiser 12-2:00PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

- Ladies Circle #1 Sherry Massee home 10:00AM
- Ladies Circle #3&4 J&D in Douglas 11:00AM
- Al-Anon (BAC) 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- Children's Christmas Party 5:45PM

****No Wednesday Night Activities****

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

- Food Ministry preparation 9:00AM-11:00AM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

- Food Ministry Distribution 9:00AM-11:00AM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- Narcotics Anon (BAC) 6:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

- Central @ 9 9:00 AM
- Sunday School for all ages 9:45 AM
- Morning Worship/Children's Christmas Program 11:00 AM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

- Al-Anon (BAC) 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

- Narcotics Anon 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 29

****No Sunday School or Early Morning Worship Service****

- ONE SERVICE IN SANCTUARY 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve Communion

Come as you are, from work or shopping and join us at 6PM on Christmas Eve for a communion service with Michael Heitzman officiating. There will be no nursery provided but all children are welcome.

All year- end contributions must be turned in by 10AM on December 31st in order to receive credit for the 2024 year.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

DECEMBER 8, 2024

6:00 pm





Music Ministry



Celebration Choir

- Celebration Choir rehearsal will be held on December 4 in preparation for our cantata, "All Is Well" to be presented on December 8 at 6PM.
- No choir rehearsals will be held on December 11, 18, 25 or January 1. We will resume rehearsals on January 8. Merry Christmas and thank you for all that you do for our church each Sunday!

JJ Pryor Handbell Choir

- Handbells will rehearse on December 4 at 5PM in the sanctuary. We will also meet on December 8 at 9AM for rehearsal and preparation for playing for the 11AM service and the 6PM services that day.
- No handbell practice will be held on December 11, 18, 25 or January 1. We will resume rehearsals on January 8. Enjoy your holidays and thank you for all that you do to enhance our worship services throughout the year.

Children

- The children will participate in the December 8 cantata, "All is Well" as well as a children's program on December 15 at 11AM. An information sheet was sent home with your child during November. If you need another copy of this, please contact Karla.
- Rehearsals for children will be held as follows: December 1 @ 2:30PM; December 4 at 6:15PM (during fellowship supper program time); December 11 @ 5PM. Please make sure that your child can attend all of these rehearsals in order to be prepared for our two programs in December.
- No P,B and JaM will be held December 25 or January 1. We will resume on January 8. Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas season with these precious children!

Praise Team

December 1: Abby Holt, Mary Claire Giddens, Landon Sinyard, Will Reaves, Christina Robitzsch, Jay Reaves, Karla Foster

December 8: Abby Holt, Mary Claire Giddens, Will Reaves, Lorelee Alexander, Christian Alexander, Christina Robitzsch, Jay Reaves, Karla Foster

December 15: Abby Holt, Mary Claire Giddens, Landon Sinyard, Will Reaves, Lorelee Alexander, Christian Alexander, Jay Reaves, Karla Foster

December 22: Abby Holt, Landon Sinyard, Mary Claire Giddens, Lorelee Alexander, Christian Alexander, Jay Reaves, Will Reaves, Karla Foster

December 29: No 9AM service

Thanks so much to everyone who volunteered for our annual Thanksgiving meal. We were able to serve 700 people in our community because of your time, donations, and food contributions



Our children's department would like to welcome your children to our nursery, Children's Sunday school, and Children's church. Our nursery is available during Sunday school, 9 AM service, 11 AM service and during Family Night on Wednesday. Our nursery ages range from newborn to 3

years of age. Our Children's department is for children ages 4 to the 5th grade. Our acolytes begin training in the 3rd grade. Under the direction of Candy Lokey, the children are taught to light up our 11 AM worship service by lighting our altar candles and they learn how to help during Communion. Communion is usually every 1st Sunday of the month. Children's Sunday School starts at 10:00 AM and ends around 10:50 AM. During the 11 AM service the children will be called to the front and will be sent to Children's Church with their leaders. Please contact Candy Lokey at 229-392-4079 for any questions or a tour of our Children's department.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Please let Candy know if you are interested in volunteering in the children's department during Sunday school, children's church or Wednesday night PBandJaM.

December 1st: Children's Sunday School at 10 AM. Children's church will begin after our children's blessing during the 11 AM service.

December 4th: Family Night in fellowship hall. Please come to family night with your children. No PBandJaM, but children will have a short rehearsal at 6:15 in the sanctuary.

December 8th: Children's Sunday School at 10 AM. Children's church will begin after our children's blessing during the 11 AM service.

December 11th: Children's rehearsal at 5pm followed by P&B&JaM

December 15th: No Children's Sunday School. Please meet in Sanctuary at 10 to practice for Children's Sunday. No Children's Church. Today is our Children's Sunday.

December 18th: Christmas Party! P&B&JaM starts at 5:45 PM in the Brown Activity Room and ends at 7:00 PM.

December 22nd: Children's Sunday School at 10 AM. Children's church will begin after our children's blessing during the 11 AM service.

December 25th: No P&B&JaM **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!!**

December 29th: One service only at 10AM. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Please understand: These dates are tentative. Stay safe and God Bless. Thank you so much. Candy Lokey, 229-392-4079, candylokey@icloud.com

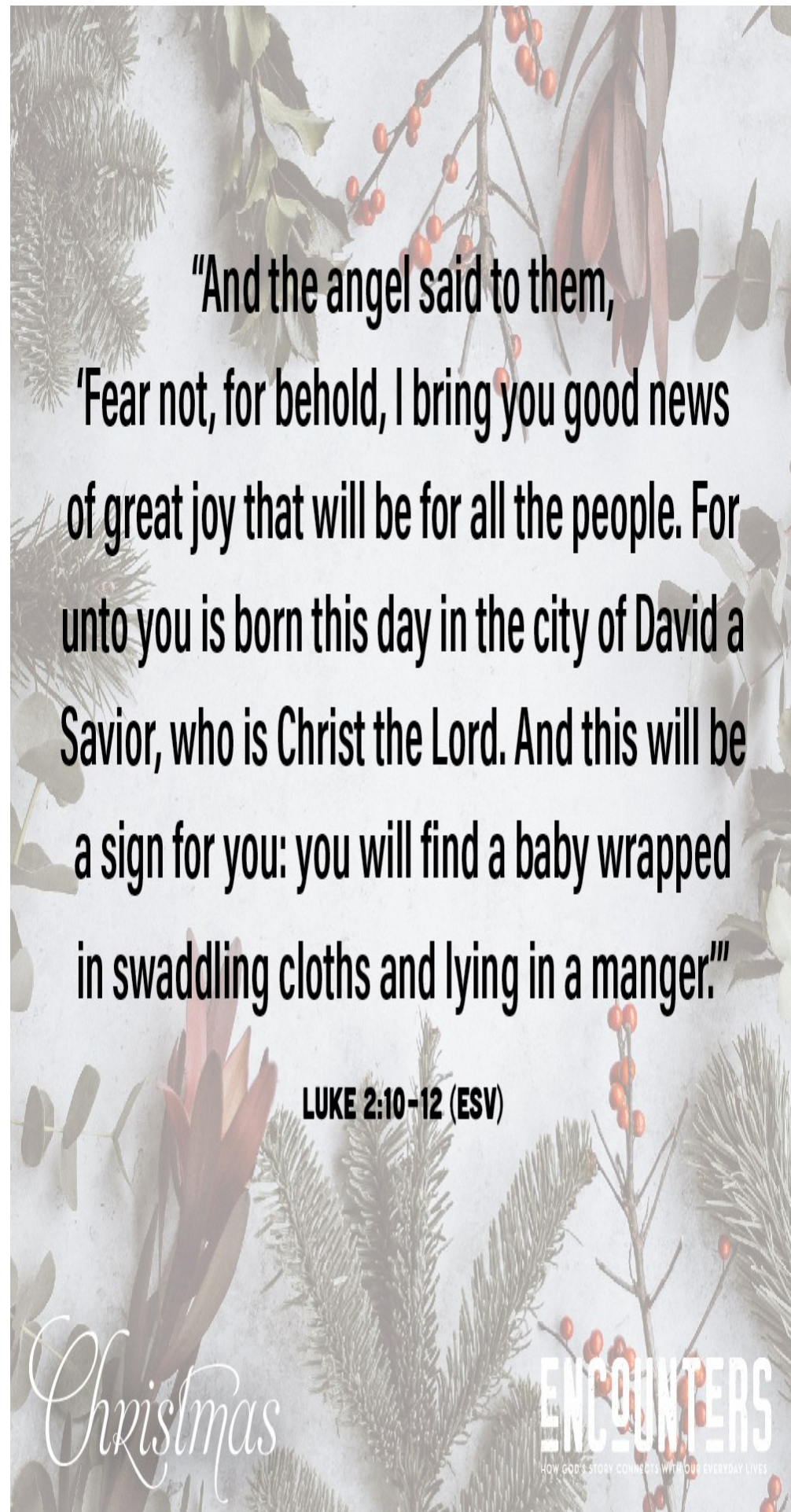


- We will have Sunday school in the youth room December 1, 8, 15, and 22. December 29, there is just one service at 10 am, so we won't have Sunday school that day.
- Wednesday, December 4, we will not have WOW since there is a fellowship supper at 5:45. I hope to see you there! Be sure to sign up ahead of time.
- Sunday, December 8: After the choir's Christmas cantata at 6 pm, stay for dinner and then we'll go see CFI's Journey together.
- Wednesday, December 11, we will have our Christmas party from 6:30-8:00. Location is TBD, but we will have dinner, a tacky Christmas attire contest, and games.
- Sunday, December 15: Plan on staying after church until 2 pm for lunch and a gift wrapping fundraiser! Anyone who participates will receive a reduced price on their Rock the Universe trip.

Women's Ministry News

- Ladies' circle groups will meet on December 16. Circle # 1 meets at 11AM (this month's meeting is at the home of Sherry Masee). The afternoon group will meet for lunch on December 16 and travel to Douglas for lunch at J & D. We also have a circle that doesn't meet monthly. However, they assist with Women's Ministry projects. If you are interested in becoming involved in Women's Ministry, please contact the church office for further information.
- Our women's ministry raised over \$2000 at our annual Odds and Ends Sale. Thanks to the congregation for your support and donations. We have given money to the following local organizations: Jackie's Helping Hands; Ben Hill Primary School (for Christmas gifts for needy children); Central Thanksgiving meal and Called to Care. We also made funds available for some of our church members who may have extra needs at this time.





Worship Notes

December 1

Prelude/postlude: Sujette Giddens
Advent readers: Princess Van Sickle and Patty Stoltenberg
Offertory: Maddox Holt and Stella Grace Holt
Special music: Celebration Choir
Hymns: Patricia Walker

December 8

Prelude/postlude: Sujette Giddens
Advent readers: Wes Griffin family
Offertory: JJ Pryor Handbell Choir
Special music: JJ Pryor Handbell Choir
Hymns: Donna Owens

December 8 evening service

Prelude/postlude: Sujette Giddens
Call to worship: JJ Pryor Handbell Choir
Program: Celebration Choir and children

December 15

Prelude/postlude: Dewey Tucker
Advent readers: Children
Offertory : Dewey Tucker
Special program by Central's Children
Hymns: Dewey Tucker

Worship Schedule

Central @ 9
Fellowship Hall

Sunday School
9:45 –10:45 AM
Classes for all ages

Traditional Worship
11:00—12:00 PM
Sanctuary

December 22

Prelude/Postlude: Dewey Tucker
Advent readers: Philip Ford family
Offertory: Masee McKinley
Special music: Masee McKinley
Hymns: Dewey Tucker

December 24 (Christmas Eve service)

Prelude/postlude: Dewey Tucker
Special music: Trio, Will Reaves, Mary Claire Giddens, Karla Foster

December 29 (one service at 10AM in sanctuary)

Prelude/postlude: Dewey Tucker
Call to worship: Congregation
Offertory: Dewey Tucker
Hymns: Dewey Tucker

We have several available dates on our flower calendar from now through January. If you are interested in filling a date, please call or text Melissa Massey at 229-457-7181



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Church Office Hours Monday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Tuesday—Thursday 9:00 AM—5:00 PM
Friday—Office Closed
Closed for Lunch Daily From 12:00—1:00 PM

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