

FOCUS 2017

Bible Conference January 8-10

Sunday
9:15 a.m. - LifeGroups
10:30 a.m. -
 Bro. Malcom Ellis
 Music by
 The Whisnants
5:15 p.m. - Meal
6:00 p.m. -
 Bro. David Rice
 Bro. Malcom Ellis
 Music by Combined
 Choir (Crossroads
 Baptist Church &
 Woodland Hills)
 The Whisnants

Monday
11:00 a.m. -
 Senior Adult Luncheon
 Bro. Malcom Ellis
 Music by
 The Whisnants
5:15 p.m. - Meal
6:00 p.m. -
 Bro. Malcom Ellis
 Dr. Herb Reavis
 Music by
 The Whisnants

Tuesday
5:15 p.m. - Meal
6:00 p.m. -
 Bro. Malcom Ellis
 Dr. Herb Reavis
 Music by
 Mark Trammell Quartet



Herb Reavis, Jr.



Malcom Ellis



David Rice



The Whisnants



Mark Trammell Quartet

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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2016

Collecting through December

Calendar of Events

Childcare is provided through age 4 for Sunday School and all Worship Services

Sunday December 25	10:30am	Worship Service
Monday December 26	5:30pm 6:15pm 6:30pm	Haiti Mission Trip Church Office Closed CR Meal Celebration Place Celebrate Recovery
Tuesday December 27	6:30pm	Haiti Mission Trip Church Office Closed Children of Issachar Bible Study
Wednesday December 28		Haiti Mission Trip No Mid-Week Services
Thursday December 29		Haiti Mission Trip
Friday December 30		Haiti Mission Trip Church Office Closed

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Charles Hunt, Senior Pastor

Kason Kuykendall, Executive Pastor

Aaron Perkins, Minister of Music

Clark Sexton, Minister of Outreach

Kim Hall, Day School/Preschool Ministry

Jason Hunt, Minister of Youth

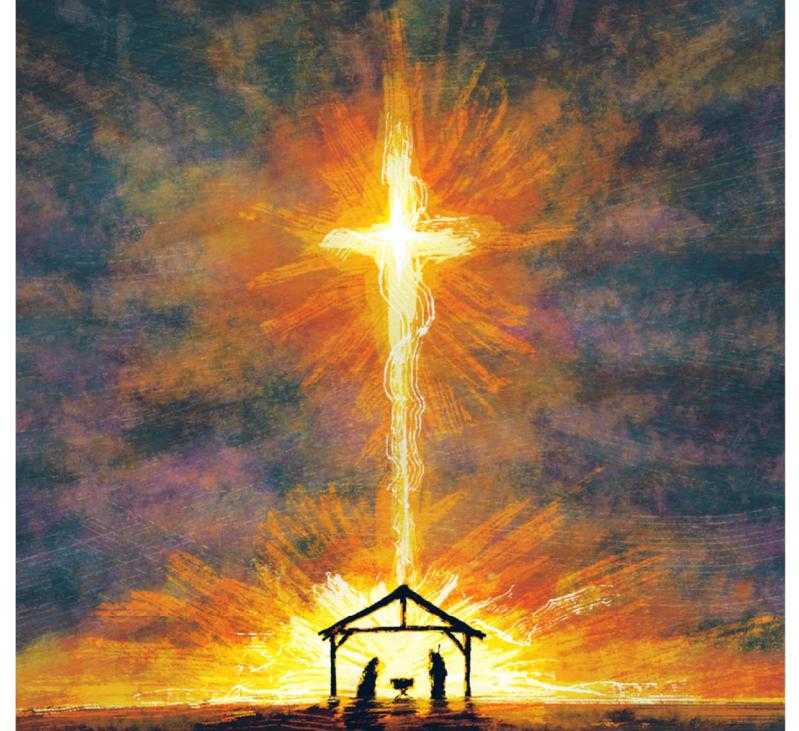
Christy Mayfield, Minister of Children

Paula McKinley, Pianist

Sue Childress, Organist

December 25, 2016

A Child is Born



ISAIAH 9:6A

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From My Heart...



In one of the All in the Family episodes that aired years ago, Edith and Archie are attending Edith's high school class reunion. Edith encounters an old classmate by the name of Buck who, unlike his earlier days, had now become excessively obese. Edith and Buck have a delightful conversation about old times and the things that they did together, but remarkably Edith doesn't seem to notice how extremely heavy Buck has become. Later, when Edith and Archie are talking, she says in her whiny voice "Archie, ain't Buck a beautiful person." Archie looks at her with a disgusted expression and says: "You're a pip, Edith. You know that. You and I look at the same guy and you see a beautiful person and I see a blimp. Edith gets a puzzled expression on her face and says something unknowingly profound, "Yeah, ain't it too bad."

What we see and hear in life not only depends on the actual sight of things, but also what is within our heart personally.

I wonder what I would have heard had I been there the night Jesus was born in Bethlehem. It is a question that annually haunts me.

- Would I have heard the choirs of angels singing or simply the sounds of barnyard animals shifting around
- Would I have seen the star in the sky that night or simply two poor and very frightened kids
- Would I have understood the hushed silence of the divine presence, or simply the chill of a cold east wind
- Would I have understood the message of Emmanuel, God with us, or would the cosmic implications of that evening have passed me by

God never presents himself in revelation in a manner in which we are forced to believe. We are always left with an option, for that is God's way. Thus, one person can say "Its a miracle, while another says "It's coincidence."

That night in Palestine, few understood what took place. The choirs of angels singing were drowned out by the haggling and trading going on in the streets. There was a bright star in the sky but the only ones apparently to pay any attention to it were pagan astrologers from the East. If anyone did see Mary and Joseph on that most fateful night, they were too preoccupied with their own problems to offer any assistance.

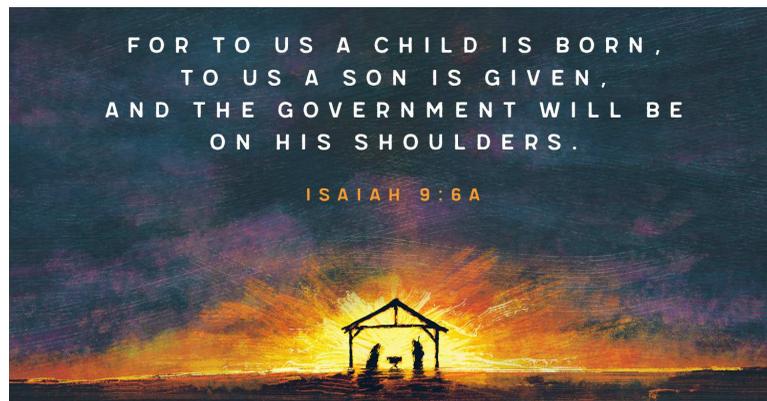
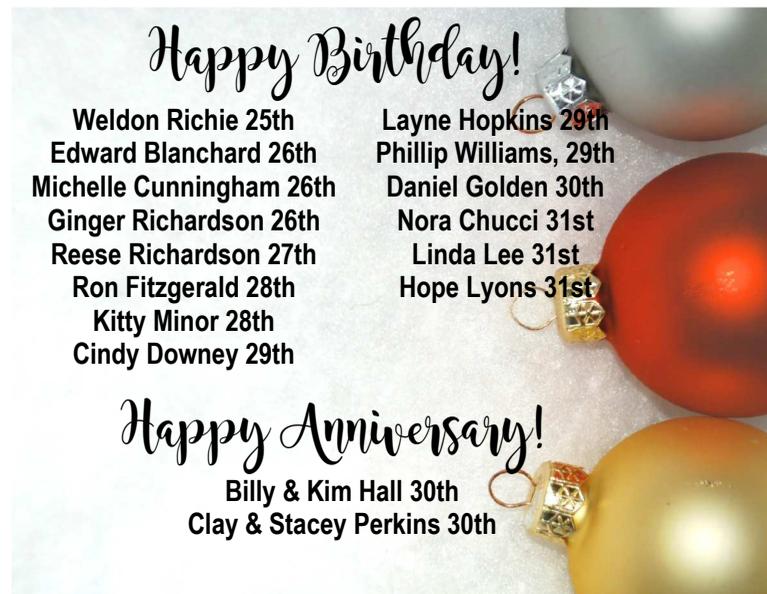
What are you seeing this Christmas...the worldly hustle and bustle or the fact that we're celebrating the birthday of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Merry Christmas!!!

Preparing People For The Coming Lord,
Bro. Charles

Scripture of the Month

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

John 10:10



For Your Information

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

We will be having Christmas lunch today following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be open Wednesday and Thursday of this week, 9am - 4pm.

HAITI MISSION TRIP

Please be praying for those going to Haiti this week. They will be leaving tonight and will be back next Sunday, January 1. Thanks for all you have done financially and prayerfully to make this mission possible!

SPECIAL END OF YEAR OFFERING

Please pray and give as God leads you to finish out 2016 strong and begin 2017 stronger! God bless you!

CLOTHES CLOSET

The Clothes Closet has been **closed**. Please do not bring clothes.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thanks you for partnering with Operation Christmas Child. The gift-filled shoebox you packed will share God's love in a tangible way and can impact not only the child who receives it, but also their family friends, and community.

Most importantly, please remember to pray for the child who will receive your gift.

Your shoebox gift(s) shipped to: the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and a hard to reach area (Country names have been removed for security reasons).

PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET

The proposed 2017 Budgets are in the Connection Center. We will be having a Town Hall Meeting next Sunday night, January 1 in the Fellowship Hall to discuss, ask questions, and take comments. The budget will be voted on Sunday morning, January 8, 2017 during the Morning Worship Service.

**No Mid-Week Services this week only
January 1st Services are regular times**