

THE LORD'S DAY – December 16, 2018

Stir Up Love and Good Works!

Welcome Visitors

We are glad you are here! Please fill out the guest card.

Family Bible Classes – 9:30 am

For all ages! Nursery is available

Fellowship Time – 10:25 am

(coffee & snacks in the kitchen)

Morning Worship – 10:45 am

Nursery is available

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Prelude (prepare your heart)
- RCB #6, “How Great Our Joy”
- Prayer
- RCB #7, “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
- Announcements / Pastoral Prayer
- Worship with our gifts and offerings
- RCB #8, “O Holy Night!”
- Ministry of music
- Hymn #105, “O Come, All Ye Faithful”
- **Ministry of the Word: “Expect The Unexpected!” (Matthew 24:36-44)**
- Hymn #194, “Jesus Is Coming Again”

AWANA Ministry – 5:45 pm

Evening Celebration – 6:00 pm

- (Prelude begins at 5:45 pm) – “**Not So Silent Night**” - **Christmas Concert from Jessica Austin and friends**

CARES CHORUS (CB #23)

I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet. And any time that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.

*“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works”
(Hebrews 10:24)*

Please remember the **Open Door Mission shoebox ministry** for the homeless. The teens will be packing the boxes this Wed., Dec. 19th.

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” –**Isaiah 7:14**

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end....” – **Isaiah 9:6-7a**

OFFERING REPORT

Offering (12/09) \$ 1,815.25
Weekly budget need \$ 2,350.00
Faith Facility Stewardship Fund (FFS)
current balance \$ 18,416.16

Personal Listening Devices are available - request one at the sound booth.

THIS WEEK:

- Wed.** 7:00 pm – **Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** - II Kings 17
7:00 pm – **Teen Club** - packing Open Door shoeboxes
Fri. 1 - 6 pm – **Red Cross Blood Drive** in our gym (sign-up for a time)

COMING UP:

- Dec. 24** (Mon., 7:00 pm), **Christmas Eve Service**
Dec. 29 (Sat.), **Open Door Mission Ministry** (sign-up if you can participate)
Dec. 30 6:00 pm – **Nathan Burggraaf** in concert
Jan. 13 6:00 pm – **Fellowship Service** here with Bethel Baptist, Bergen

FAITH FOCUS ON PRAYER (“pray without ceasing...” - I Thess. 5:17):

- 1) To consider one another to stir up love and good works
- 2) Pray for the persecuted church in **Laos** – A village leader and his wife placed their faith in Christ recently after experiencing the love of some local Christians. The village leader had visited a local spirit priest seeking healing for his wife, who had been suffering from a serious illness. After doing everything he was told the spirits wanted him to do, including sacrificing a water buffalo worth about \$700, his wife's condition remained unchanged. During this time, some Christians in the village visited the leader's wife and prayed for her, simply wanting to show they cared for her. The village leader and his family later publicly declared that they had become Christians after experiencing the love of these believers. The leader said the Christians cared for his wife and family when the spirits and the rest of the village did not. His declaration of faith, in turn, encouraged others, and as a result 21 people have placed their faith in Jesus Christ. Pray that these new believers will continue to grow in faith and stand firm in the face of persecution.
- 3) For our country: revival; believers being salt and light
- 4) For the first responders of our community
- 5) For our young families with babies and young children
- 6) George Glasow & Jim Todd - encouragement
- 7) Laura Miller - neuromuscular disease
- 8) Ed Frattare - half done with 6-month chemo regimen
- 9) Elyse's dad (Warren Howard) - has chosen surgery to have his bladder removed, he is waiting on a date to be set
- 10) Elijah Botsford doing well after surgery for a herniated umbilical cord
- 11) Sharon Kinney's sister, Katie - has stage 3 breast cancer

Nursery

- 12/16 SS - Kendall B; Sun AM - Cathy H (Elijah)
12/23 SS - Bonnie C; Sun AM - Elyse R (Bella)

Out of respect for others and to minimize distractions, please turn cell phones off, or set them to silent mode during the services.

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS:

10 - Mike Bellandi
22 - Donna Lawrence
28 - George Forest
31 - Elyse Richard

ANNIVERSARIES:

18 - Figuerola