



Fairfield Good News

KNOWING HIM AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

December 2019

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Dec. 1
Coffee Hr.
Communion Service

Sunday, Dec. 8
Worship Service
Carol Sing

Monday, Dec. 9
Consistory Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 15
Coffee Hr.
Worship Service

Sunday, Dec. 22
Coffee Hr.
Worship Service

Tuesday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Serv.

Tuesday, Dec. 25
Christmas Day

Sunday, Dec. 29
Coffee Hr.
Worship Service

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From the desk of Pastor Scott:

“But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.”
Luke 2:19

The following is an excerpt from a story shared by a friend of mine from college, Todd Thompson. He asks a very important question not only for this season but also for the coming New Year.

“Around Thanksgiving, we were setting up our nativity scene. Everything was just right. We had just placed baby Jesus in the manger when seconds later Sadie the Boxer jumped up, snatched baby Jesus and ran out the dog door. As of this writing, baby Jesus is still MIA.

We’ve been talking to the dog since then. *“Sadie, what have you done with baby Jesus?”*

So far, the dog’s not saying.

It’s a good question, really. Not just for Sadie the Boxer, but for you and for me.

What have we done with baby Jesus?

That baby in the manger became the central figure in human history. We can’t ignore Him. He is, among other perfections, the question that requires an answer.

What have you done with Jesus?

We can look at Him in our nativity scene, laying in the manger. And, come the New Year, we can box Him up with all the other Christmas figures. But we can’t put away the question.

What have you done with Jesus?

The baby in the manger came that you and I might, in Jesus’ own words, have life and have it more abundantly (**John 10:10**). Jesus came to offer Himself as the solution to a problematic truth; the truth that you and I are sinners in need of God’s forgiveness.

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We were and are in desperate need of good news. Or as the angel said to the shepherds, ***“Do not be afraid! For I bring you good news of great joy which will be to all people. Unto you this day in the city of David is born a Savior, which is Christ the Lord!”***

So... What will you do with Jesus?”

As we continue our journey to the manger bed this Christmas, let us think about that question. On the answer to this question hangs everything.

Merry Christmas!



December

- 11 Gene Favatella
- 19 Jeremy Boling
- 22 Sarah Basile



Prayer Meetings December Schedule



Tuesday, Dec. 3 & Tuesday, Dec. 10
Meets in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 17, Dec. 24 & Dec. 31
No meeting in F.H.
Pray at home

Prayer Meeting resumes meeting in F.H.
on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020

Monday, December 9

Consistory Meeting

- 6:30 Elders and Deacons' meetings
- 7:00 Full Consistory Meeting

Sunday, December 8

1:00 Worship Service





2:00 Hymn/Carol Sing

Hot chocolate and Christmas
cookies served

Fill out "favorite hymn or carol" slip
and we will sing your favorite

(Coffee Hour is canceled this Sunday)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Coffee Hr. Communion Worship Service</p> <p>1st Sunday Advent</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Prayer Meeting F.H.</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>No Coffee Hr. Worship Service</p> <p>Carol Sing</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Consistory Meeting</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Prayer Meeting F.H.</p> 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Coffee Hr. Worship Service</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pray at home</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Coffee Hr. Worship Service</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve Service</p> <p>Pray at home</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Coffee Hr. Worship Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Years Eve</p> <p>Pray at home</p>				

Sunday, December 1 is the First Sunday of Advent: HOPE

We celebrate with a communion service

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

Sunday, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

Sunday, December 15 is the Third Sunday of Advent: JOY

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Sunday, December 22 is the Fourth Sunday of Advent: LOVE

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Wednesday, December 25 = Christmas Day

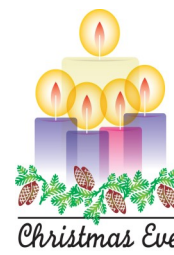
"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5).

Tuesday, Dec. 24 7:00

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Worship Service

Rev. Joe Cusack leading the worship



Q. What does the Gingerbread Man use to make his bed?

A. Cookie sheets!

Q. Why do Dasher and Dancer love coffee?

A. Because they're Santa's star bucks!

Q: Where do you find reindeer?

A: It depends on where you leave them!

Q. How is the alphabet different on Christmas from every other day?

A. There's Noel!

Consistory is looking into garden centers to purchase poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas this year. Once that is determined you may order one in memory or to honor a family member, loved one or anyone you wish.



The Eveready Ladies are planning a special luncheon to celebrate Christmas, date/location TBD. Watch for details soon!



Operation Christmas Child—our shoeboxes are on their way to Samaritans Purse headquarters in N.C. to be shipped around the world and the U.S. The cost of shipping them has been covered. THANK YOU to all who have participated this year. IF...you didn't get a chance to participate and would like to, it's not too late. The children who receive shoeboxes are also offered the course, "The Greatest Journey". That cost is \$6/child. Any further donations for OCC would be designated for this.

In winter weather, we again think of the homeless in our area and the agencies that serve them. We will be accepting offerings of warm gently used or new: men's clothing and blankets for Good Shepherd Mission, women's and children's clothing for Eva's Village.

Good Shepherd Mission could also use food items such as: coffee, sugar, oatmeal, rice, pasta and sauce, paper products such as paper plates, paper towels, toilet tissue, trash bags. If you see any of these on sale, pick them up and bring them in.

There are large containers in the Fellowship Hall pantry to place these items to be delivered to the agencies. Anything you bring will help someone in need.



Wednesday, December 25



CHRISTMAS DAY

For unto us a Child shall be born, to us a Son shall be given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Christmas hymns/carols ... do you know the next line?

<i>Song</i>	<i>Clue</i>	<i>Next line</i>
Away in a Manger	The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head	
Joy to the World	Joy to the world, the Lord is come	
Do You Hear What I Hear?	Said the night wind to the little lamb	
Little Drummer Boy	Come they told me Pa Rum Pum Pum Pum	
Oh Holy Night	A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices	
The Twelve Days of Christmas	On the 5th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me	
Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow	When we finally kiss goodnight	
Jingle Bell Rock	Snowin' and blowin' up bushels of fun	
White Christmas	And children listen to hear	

It was just before Christmas and the magistrate was in a happy mood. He asked the prisoner who was in the dock, 'What are you charged with?'

The prisoner replied, 'Doing my Christmas shopping too early.'

'That's no crime', said the magistrate. 'Just how early were you doing this shopping?'

'Before the shop opened', answered the prisoner.