

DECEMBER 2025

# FIRSTNEWS

*Merry Christmas*

## Jesus Christ was Born for Us!

We have begun the advent season, as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. From our earliest days as children, we learn about the excitement of the Christmas season. We look forward to decorating our church and our homes for Christmas. Christmas is a time to see friends and family that we love. But most importantly, Christmas is about Jesus' birth for us. We can recall the words from the angel's announcement to the shepherds of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:10-11, "10 but the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'" Like the shepherds, we celebrate the birth of Jesus for us!

Many hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the birth of the Christ was a prophesy the Jewish people were looking forward to from their Old Testament Scriptures. As Isaiah 9:6 tells us, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Some seven hundred years after Isaiah's prophecy, Jesus was born. As the Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 4:4-5, "4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship." But Jesus did not just come for the Jews only, but for everyone that accepts Jesus by repenting of their sins will have the promise of eternal life. Or, perhaps most wonderfully put, John 3:16 tells us, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

During this Christmas season at our church, we have given each of you an opportunity to celebrate our Savior's birth during all of advent. Each of the first four Sunday morning services (10:30 am) before Christmas Day, we will be celebrating Jesus' birth in songs and with the sermons. The annual Christmas dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 30th after the morning service. On Sunday, December 7th at 3pm, we will have the Choir's Christmas Cantata. The Children and Youth Christmas Program will be at our church on Wednesday, December 10th at 5:30pm. On Sunday, December 24th at 6 pm, we will have our special Christmas Eve Service. Please see the announcements in your church bulletin for the full Christmas schedule at church. We hope to see you each of you for all these services and events!

Sorina and I love you and are thankful for each of you and we wish you a Merry Christmas! Blessings, Pastor Kenny



## BIRTHDAYS:

1 SHAY GREENFIELD  
1 MIKE HOBBS  
2 GERALD KING  
3 DON PELL  
4 BEVERLY STOVER  
5 ROGER FISHER  
6 JAMES PONDER  
6 MARYLIN DEYOUNG  
7 MARY ROBACKER  
9 SARA HOBBS  
16 BARRY ANTHIS  
16 TILLMAN EBY  
17 VIOLET CAMPBELL  
18 FRED MERTZ  
19 BOBBY STEADMAN  
20 RICHARD PERSONS  
21 NANCY ARCHER  
21 CAROL HILLER  
22 TERRY LATHAM  
22 LINDA SNYER  
22 EDWARD HARRISON  
23 JIM COVALT  
27 MARK BEEMAN  
28 IRENE SHEFFIELD  
28 BILL PETE  
29 MERLE FRYMYER  
29 VERNON WITTENBRINK

## ANNIVERSARYS:

3 BOB & MARY  
HETTMANSPERGER  
13 TOM & CAROLYN GRAY  
15 GERALD & LAREA KING

# DECEMBER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Joy Sunday School Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the church

The Choir's Christmas Cantata will be Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the church

The Children & Youth Christmas Program will be on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, before the church business meeting.

The yearly church business meeting will be in the church sanctuary on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Thank you to everyone that is participating in the Angel Tree, to give to needy children in Polk County gifts for Christmas. The Angel Tree items are due at the church by Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Ladies, you are invited to a Christmas Party in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Bring a dish and a small gift to share through a game, and be prepared to worship together.

CWC sponsored bake sale is on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

Our special Christmas Eve Service will be on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

Ladies Bible Study beginning in January. More information to come!

## CWC News

Merry Christmas Ladies!

As always, this month is filled with many activities and opportunities to send special messages and love in so many ways, not only to our family and loved ones, but to ones that have special needs, such as our Angel Tree, and a Bake Sale Fundraiser for Missions. Don't forget to take some time out to worship our Lord in our private moments and with others, like out time together with our sisters in Christ. We would love to have all ladies at our Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Bring a dish and a small gift to share through a game and be prepared to worship together. Thank you all for being great sisters to me throughout this year and many others!

And Good Night,  
Deborah Hepler



## Advent

11/30 The First Sunday: A Good  
**Hope** Heralded - Luke 1:26-38

12/7 The Second Sunday; A Good  
**Love** That Labors - Matthew 1:18-25

12/14 The Third Sunday of Advent:  
A Jumping Good **Joy** - Luke 1:39-45

12/21 The Fourth Sunday of Advent:  
A Good **Peace** Proclaimed  
Luke 2:8-14, Isaiah 9:6

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