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*Taking Christ to
Our Community*

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study
10:30 am — Worship
5:00 pm — Small Group Discussions

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 pm — Bible Study

WORSHIP SERVICE Dec. 24, 2017

Children's Time

1005 "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

Shepherd's Prayer

1012 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Communion

Contribution

996 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

1028 "O Holy Night" (vs. 3)

Family News

Closing Prayer



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK
Sunday morning, December 24, 2017

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper: Jimmy Smith
Scripture Reading: Jamie Clark
Sermon: Ron Newberry
Closing Prayer: Jeff Nicks
Elder Available After Worship: Ron Newberry
Children's Church: taking a Christmas break!
Attended Nursery: Annette Dobbins
Nursery Next Week: Renee Ferguson
Greeters (side): Jim & Susan Robertson
(back): Jerry & Tammy Ross



PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Kenneth Scott, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Faye Tittle, Dawn Guy, Phil Green, Chris Gooch

OUR COMMUNITY: Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Hepler, Phyllis Weatherly, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey, Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss), Shawn Weaks

OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Erica Albritton, Alan Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry Grady, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley, Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Jason Elliott, Glen Rippee (Evan's grandfather), Velynda Cameron (Evan's aunt), Lohnya Rippee, Ruby Rogers, Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom), Pam Hughes

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Mark Reed, Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler (student of Nancy's, deployed to Korea).

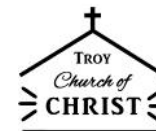
MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.

TROY Church of CHRIST
FAMILY NEWS



December 24, 2017



The oldie but goodie sentimental Christmas songs tend to be my preference. You know, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas," "Silent Night," "Do You Hear What I Hear," "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire," "The Little Drummer Boy," etc. However, in the past few years, I've heard some newer songs that have become my new favorites. For example, I love Amy Grant's version of "Breath of Heaven," Mark Lowry's "Mary Did You Know" and any Christmas music by Mannheim Steamroller.

I just heard one in the past few days that may become a favorite. It's titled, "Where Else Would a Lamb Be Born?" I take this opportunity to share the lyrics of this beautiful song.

Where Else Would a Lamb Be Born?
by Steve Amerson

*No proper place, no regal palace to receive a royal birth.
God's gift of love wrapped in a blanket would be His way to reach the earth.*

*A bed of straw became a cradle embracing God in human form.
One would expect more than a stable, but where else would a Lamb be born.
But where else would a Lamb be born.*

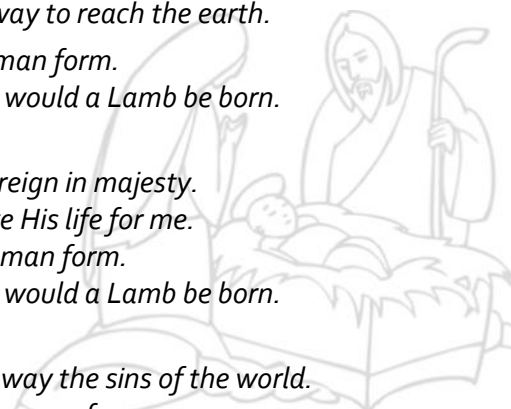
*No stately house, no noble mansion where He would reign in majesty.
The path He chose led to an alter where He would give His life for me.
A bed of straw became a cradle, embracing God in human form.
One would expect more than a stable, but where else would a Lamb be born.
But where else would a Lamb be born.*

*He is the great I AM. The sacrificial lamb who takes away the sins of the world.
A bed of straw became His cradle, embracing God in human form.
One would expect more than a stable, but where else would a Lamb be born.
But where else would a Lamb be born.*

We all know that this time of year has been commercialized beyond belief. I'm not suggesting that we boycott Christmas or develop a Scrooge or Grinch attitude. Just remember that the greatest gifts are often the intangible ones such as your very presence and time given to your loved ones.

Jenny and I wish for you and yours the best Christmas ever. Discover the joy of giving and not just receiving. But when you receive, remember the greatest gift was not wrapped in colorful paper, accented with a bow and placed under a tree; it was wrapped in strips of cloth and placed on a bundle of straw as a cradle. But where else would a Lamb be born?

- Ron



THOSE TO SERVE December 31, 2017

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks
 Scripture Reading: Brian Clark
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Ross
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Aaron Tittle Family
 (back): Greg & Renee Ferguson

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember the Nicks family this weekend. James' sister, Nancy Fitz, passed away Thursday. Some family members will be traveling a long distance to get here for the funeral so it will be conducted on Thursday December 28 at 1 pm at the White & Mahon Funeral Home in Troy. Visitation will be from 11 am until funeral time.

Hazel Cunningham writes, "Thanks so much for the bag of Christmas goodies. I enjoyed the visit with the ladies. It was so good to see everyone!"

A little bit of kindness goes a long, long way!

UNPLANNED EXPENSES

Remember the information we shared about the furnace repairs that have to be done and the expense that we have incurred. If you are thinking about a year-end contribution above your normal giving and would like to help offset the cost of the furnace replacement and repairs, please give your gift to one of the elders.

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

December 24	John 16-18
December 25	John 19-21
December 26	1 John 1-5
December 27	2 John; 3 John
December 28	Revelations 1-5
December 29	Revelations 6-11
December 30	Revelations 12-18



CHRISTMAS EVE REMINDER

Our pre-worship brunch is at 9:30 am today. Let's celebrate Christmas and enjoy some food and fellowship!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

There will be no children's church today.

MESSAGES for Theresa Bumpus

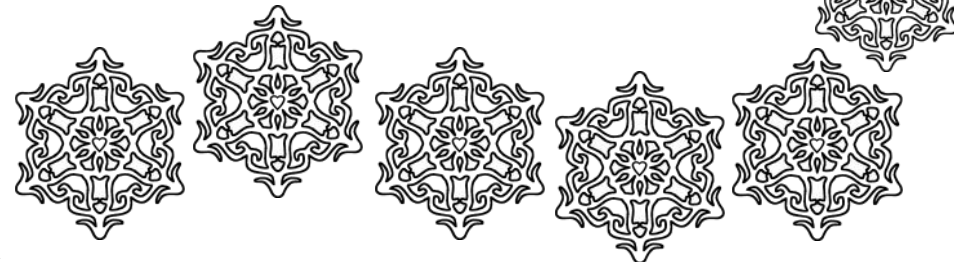
Can be sent to her at tbumpus29@bethelu.edu

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CHURCH CALENDARS 2018

If you have corrections, additions or questions about the church calendar for next year, please see Paula.



This time of year, we usually see "year in review" videos on the news, or a video of the famous people we've lost this year. But while those are all well and good, for me I'm looking back at what I've lived through this year, how God has blessed me immensely, and everything I've learned.

I've been to 2 different schools this year after I picked a new field of study to explore, was offered the ability to be the youth minister here, Allie lost her grandfather, and I was given another amazing opportunity to work for the Obion County Library as their IT coordinator, and now I won't even be going to school anymore. And I'm still adjusting to all of these changes, but without God none of this would be possible.

God works on us, through us, and around us every single day. And we all have dark days, but we cannot forget his very spirit lives inside of us. And we'll never be alone! So looking into this year's end, take some time to look back, and count your many blessings, even the hard ones. Because we all learn from difficult situations, and from easy ones too!

Merry Christmas! God loves you and we do too!

-Zach



