

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER



DECEMBER 2019



The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. **Isaiah 11:6**

Way back in Isaiah's time, around 700 B.C., we are given this passage of hope of a future time when the meek and the bold will live together in peace. Mortal enemies will live and sleep and share this world without fear. Notice that on one side there are animals which are considered livestock while the other side includes predators.

The final one is a little different though. A child will reach for a deadly asp and experience no harm. Of all the animals on Isaiah's list, this one touches a nerve in many of us. Asps are generally considered to be one of the Middle East's most feared creatures. It is believed that Cleopatra was killed by one. Even queens weren't exempt from their poison.

Imagine the horror of finding a child, your child within striking range of one of these deadly animals. I know people who would shiver at the thought of it.

But the writer of Isaiah did not have the full context that we have. If so, they might have associated the story first with the story of the serpent in the garden. The serpent being estranged from other earthly animals and a cause of the fall from grace of the first couple, we automatically associate it with evil and sin.

But what about the child? Verse 6 says that a child shall lead them. And this child shall be safe from harm. While Isaiah had no clue who this might be, we know. It is Christ who would come 700 years later to establish His kingdom. Christ who has no need to fear the serpent (Satan?) and brings with Him peace.

While we watch and wait for this peace, we must prepare. We must live as those who are surrounded by violence and death. Like the Israelites in Isaiah's time who were captives and taken to a foreign land, we are to acknowledge that this world as we know it is not our home. That someday, maybe soon, we will enter Isaiah's peaceable kingdom... the Kingdom of God to live and rest without fear or anxiety. With the Christ at its center. Thanks be to God for a love that knows no limits and makes us His children!

Blessings, Pastor Scott





A PLACE FOR



YOU

THIS CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE-LIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

Come one and all to celebrate the coming birth of our Savior on Tuesday night, December 24th. Candle-light gives off that warm glow that makes you feel calm and comfortable. What better place to have this than our Sanctuary? And what better reason? Come as you are, bring a neighbor or friend. ALL are WELCOME!

Youth News

CAROL is BACK!!

Christmas projects are: Treat boxes for our shut-ins, assembled on Wed. Dec. 18th, at regular time. The baking date has yet to be set; watch the Sunday bulletin and bulletin boards.

Youth & Children Nativity Tableau set for Sunday Dec. 8th at 3:00. Pastor Scott will read the Nativity story. Christmas carols will follow by all, along with presentations by several of our own talented singers. Afterwards, Christmas treats and Fellowship. Practice will be on Wed. Dec. 4th, 6-6:30, and Sunday Dec. 8th 2:15-2:45. Come to enjoy this Christmas tradition and support our Youth and Children.

The Angel tree is full of "wishes" from local children that need our help. Take a "wish" and make it happen! Return your packages boxed but unwrapped, with hanging ornament included, Sunday Dec. 15th, to the Parlor. Questions? Contact Harper Maxwell or Carol Long.

It's almost time for Resurrection!

The rooms are reserved, the passes are purchased, the trip is planned! Now, are you going to go?

What is Resurrection????

Resurrection is an awesome annual event of worship and spiritual growth for youth and youth mentors. Each year over 12,000 come together in Pigeon Forge, TN, to celebrate the God of The Resurrection. Through inspirational words and music led by nationally-known speakers and musicians, young people encounter the Lord in new and deeper ways. more serious. **Dates:** January 24-26, 2020 @ LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge, TN **Registration Price:** \$100 per person Until January 22, then the price is \$110. Register now and pay in full or make payments OR just sign-up now and pay by January 19th. Special help is available for those who need it. Guests are Welcome!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Shut-ins, Our Pastor, Our Church and Church Families; Our Nation and our Service Men, Women, and families.



FLOWER DONORS FOR JANUARY 2020

January 5 Vickie Underwood
January 12 Mark Medley
January 19 Tyrone & Judy Foster
January 26 Bill & Alice Connell

GRACE CIRCLE

Meetings are 1st Thursday of the month. The December meeting, on the 5th, will be at 10:00, instead of our usual 11:30. We would love to see some new faces. Come join us, all are welcome!

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Our fundraiser (pecans) was a great success, we SOLD out! Thank you to all who supported us and our works.

Questions? Call JudyFoster at 457-8088 or ask any Circle member.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH:

Donna Wilks & Pastor Scott on the sudden passing of Donna's sister on December 3rd.



December 2019 CALENDAR

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| Wednesday Dec. 4 | 5:30p-6:00p Fellowship Dinner 6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study 6:00p-7:15p Youth & Children 7:15p Chancel Choir Practice |
| Thursday Dec. 5 | 10:00a Grace Circle Meeting 5:30-6:30 Food Pantry |
| Friday Dec. 6 | 5:00-8:00 Clinton Cookie Crawl. Boy Scouts will give out cookies, front sidewalk, for MUMC and BSA. |
| Saturday Dec. 7 | 7:00-7:00 Boy Scout Lock-in |
| Sunday Dec. 8 | 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Worship Service 11:00 Council meeting for Budget approval 2:15-2:45 Dress practice/Costumes- 3:00 Youth & Children Nativity Program |
| Monday Dec. 9 | 6:30p-8:00p Boy Scouts 7:00 Choir Practice |
| Tuesday Dec. 10 | 6:00-8:00 American Legion-Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday Dec. 11 | 5:30p-6:00p Fellowship Dinner 6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study 6:00p-7:15p Youth & Children |
| Sunday Dec. 15 | 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Worship Service |
| Monday Dec. 16 | 6:30p-8:00p Boy Scouts Meeting 6:45p-8:15p Final Choir Rehearsal-Lessons & Carols |
| Tuesday Dec. 17 | 6:00p-8:00p Girl Scouts Meeting 7:00 LESSONS & CAROLS with reception after in Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday Dec.18 | 5:30p-6:00p Fellowship Dinner 6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study 6:00p-7:15p Youth & Children |
| Thursday Dec. 19 | 5:30p-6:30p Food Pantry |
| Sunday Dec. 22 | 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Worship Service |
| Monday Dec. 23 | 6:30p-8:00p Boy Scouts Meeting |
| Tuesday Dec. 24 | 8:00 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE |
| Wednesday Dec. 25 | OUR SAVIOR IS BORN |
| Sunday Dec. 29 | 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Worship Service |
| Monday Dec. 30 | 6:30p-8:00p Boy Scout Meeting |
| Tuesday Dec. 31 | 6:00p-8:00p Girl Scout Meeting |

We Need YOU! Still!

Would you like to help "spruce" up our Church? If so, please contribute directly to one of the following funds. The funds are used exclusively for the item/s you have chosen.

- Property (Repairs, Improvements)
- Sanctuary Remodel
- Kitchen
- Grounds/Landscaping

If you have questions or would like more information , please contact Pat Stonecipher, Financial Secretary (457-4494 Home or 405-0824 cell)



Hello Friends,

It's amazing how quickly time flies when we're having fun! This has been a great fall season at our church! As we look at our Christmas calendars I would like us to remember the **Lessons & Carols** service on **Tuesday, December 17th @ 7pm**. There will be a reception following the service.

The service will include Christmas carol classics, our own wonderful musicians, and guest musicians from the Knoxville Symphony Orchestras.

Please tell your co-workers and friends that ALL ARE WELCOME to attend our FREE concert. This is a great opportunity to open our doors to our community and invite others to be a part of our congregation if only for a night.

We are still in need of volunteers to:

- read scripture lessons
- stand as greeters
- provide drinks and desserts for the reception

If you are interested in participating in any of these ways please contact me.

Merry Christmas!
Josh Allen



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