

Faithful Workers

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| 12/01 | 12/08 | 12/15 | 12/22 | 12/29 |
| <u>Acolyte</u> Sophie Grant | <u>Acolyte</u> Olivia Garrison | <u>Acolyte</u> Sophie Grant | <u>Acolyte</u> Olivia Garrison | <u>Acolyte</u> Ashley Grant |
| <u>Ushers</u> Group 4 | <u>Ushers</u> Group 1 | <u>Ushers</u> Group 2 | <u>Ushers</u> Group 3 | <u>Ushers</u> Group 4 |
| <u>Altar Guild</u> Margo Hinsdale | <u>Altar Guild</u> Margo Hinsdale | <u>Altar Guild</u> Margo Hinsdale | <u>Altar Guild</u> Margo Hinsdale | <u>Altar Guild</u> Margo Hinsdale |



- 1 Andrea Cash
- 9 Meri Grant
- 12 Sam Hanson
- 13 Bobbie Grant
- 19 Sophie Grant
- 21 Andrea Cash
- 22 Ashley Grant
- 22 Cynthia Ross
- 29 Cheri Henderson
- 29 Madeline Rice
- 30 Harriet Southers

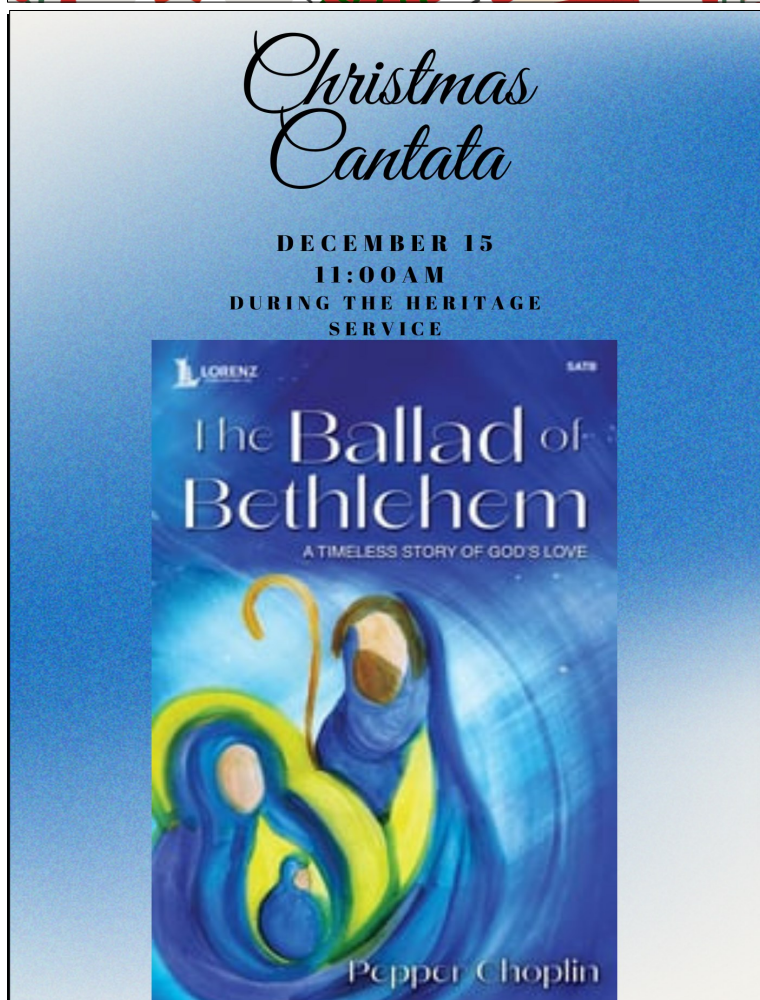


12/22
Mike and Angela Jackson

12/31
Steve and Stacey Kaye



The JR/SR High Sunday school class will have homemade fresh-baked cookies available on Sunday, December 1st, at both contemporary and Heritage service. They are seeking donations for their local mission projects. Let's support them!



December

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 First Dollar Sunday: Our Daily Bread 8:45 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Heritage Service 5:00 Cantata Practice 6:00 Bible Study 8:00 AA-FH | 2 | 3 8:30 PDO 5:30 Circle of Love | 4 10:00 Women's A.D. Grp. 11:30 Prayer Mtg. 3:00 Men's A.D. Group 5:00 SCM Kids 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Maddux A.D. | 5 8:30 PDO | 6 | 7 |
| 8 8:45 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Heritage Service 2:00 Boynton Baby Shower 5:00 Cantata Practice 6:00 Bible Study 8:00 AA-FH | 9 10:00 TLC | 10 8:30 PDO 5:30 Leadership Team meeting | 11 10:00 Women's A.D. Grp. 11:30 Prayer Mtg. 3:00 Men's A.D. Group 5:00 SCM Kids 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Maddux A.D. | 12 8:30 PDO | 13 | 14 10:00 Spring City Christmas at the Depot 2:00 Spring City Christmas Parade  |
| 15 8:45 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Heritage Service Christmas Cantata 6:00 Bible Study 8:00 AA-FH | 16 | 17 8:30 PDO | 18 10:00 Women's A.D. Grp. 11:30 Prayer Mtg. 3:00 Men's A.D. Group 5:00 SCM Kids 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Maddux A.D. | 19 8:30 PDO | 20 Dusk: Joy Group Movie and Dessert Night in the fellowship hall. | 21 |
| 22 8:45 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Heritage Service 6:00 Bible Study 8:00 AA-FH | 23 10:00 TLC | 24 Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm *Christmas Eve Offering |  | 26 Church Office Closed  | 27 Church Office Closed  | 28 |
| 29 8:45 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Heritage Service 6:00 Bible Study 8:00 AA-FH | 30 10:00 TLC | 31 | | | | |

OFFICE HOURS
 Mon. - Fri.: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
SUNDAY SCHEDULE
 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Heritage Worship
 6:00 p.m. SCM Youth

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Running the Race

A note from Pastor Dave

I don't know what it is that has attracted me so much to the Christmas hymn, "Once in Royal David's City." Maybe it was the time I went to Lessons and Carols at All Saints Chapel at the University of the South, and the darkness of the chapel combined with the low tones of the organ and the crisp clear voices of the choristers that really set the tone of Christmas for me. As we prepare for Christmas Eve worship at SCM, we will be going through the Nine Lessons and Carols adapted from E. W. Benson's composition in 1880 that will lead us through the Christmas message in scripture and song. The traditional processional hymn is "Once in Royal David's City." As I researched this carol, I found that it was originally written as a poem by Cecil Frances Alexander and then published in 1848 in the hymnbook, Hymns for Little Children. This book was a collection of poems aimed to explain the Apostles' Creed for use in Sunday schools, this carol in particular explaining the phrase, "born of the Virgin Mary." What a teaching tool!

That's the whole point of hymns, isn't it? To explain the story of scripture. We are embarking on the Advent season. Advent is a season of the church to help us prepare for the return of Christ, but we do so reflecting on the first coming of Christ. The coming of Jesus in Bethlehem is a familiar story, but a story that we need to hear over and over again. This Advent season, we will journey with Joseph, with Mary, with the shepherds and with the magi as we move toward Jesus and bow down and worship him. Any journey is worth telling stories about. There is a wonder in this journey - a wonder that the God who created the cosmos would come to a people who rejected him and redeem us back from the curse of Eden. There is wonder in our hope and a wonder that brings us to our knees before our Christ. This season, let's tell the story and tell it well - let's sing the story and sing it well.



Weekly Attendance

| | 10/27 | 11/03 | 11/10 | 11/17 |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Contemporary Worship | 20 | 22 | 22 | 30 |
| Heritage Worship | 92 | 99 | 74 | 90 |
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Christmas Eve

Our Christmas Eve candlelight worship will be at 5:00 pm:
A Service of Lessons and Carols with communion. Bring your family and invite your neighbors!

The 2024 Book of Doctrines and Disciplines is now available in the library!

The church office will be closed December 25-27th!

The Longest Night

A Service of Remembrance

Saturday, December 21st 7 PM

Not everyone feels joyous in this season of celebrations and joy. Loss during the year can be felt even more dramatically during the holiday season. Losses can include the death of a loved one, the death of a beloved pet, the loss of a job or even relationship. The longest night service gives voice to these losses. All are welcome to come and hear how much God loves and cares for you during your season of grief.

New Beginning Church, EPC

170 Church Street, Spring City
Corner of Church Street and Piccadilly Street

In Loving Memory...

Carolyn Reid gave to the General Budget Fund in memory of **Marjorie Grant**.

Joe Lisa gave to the General Budget Fund in memory of **Marjorie Grant**.

Mr. and Mrs. David O. Woods gave to the General Budget Fund in memory of **Imogene Robbins**.

Max and Pat Douglas gave to the designated Morgan Scott Project in memory of **Bob Distad**.

Patty Crowder gave to the designated Memorial Fund in memory of **Imogene Robbins**.

Judy Ezell gave to the designated Music Memorial Fund in memory of **Bob Distad**.

Judy Ezell gave to the General Budget Fund in memory of **Marjorie Grant**.

An anonymous donor gave to the music memorial fund in memory of **Bob Distad**.



CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Our Christmas Eve offering will go to Isaiah 117 House. Isaiah 117 House provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting foster care. As they are building their new home, they cannot begin using it until it is paid for, so here is an opportunity to help children of Rhea County this Christmas.



MEET

MICHELE HOWARD



SCM EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

MICHELE HOWARD BEGAN WORKING WITH SCM AS OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN NOVEMBER. SHE COMES TO US AS A SPEAKER AND AUTHOR, WHO SHARES HER EMPOWERING STORY OF HOPE AND RESTORATION. READ ABOUT MICHELE IN HER OWN WORDS:

"I LOVE MUSIC AND SINGING, TRAVEL AND EXPLORATION, FIREFLIES ON A SUMMER EVENING, AND A CRACKLING FIRE ON A COLD MORNING--THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE LIFE FULL OF WONDER. AND LAUGHING. I LOVE LAUGHING--ESPECIALLY AT MYSELF. I LOVE SPARKLE AND I BELIEVE IN LEAVING A LITTLE OF IT EVERYWHERE I GO."

BREAKING FREE FROM AN ABUSIVE 30-YEAR MARRIAGE TO A MINISTER, MICHELE HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED FROM VICTIM TO VICTOR THROUGH THE AMAZING GRACE, UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, AND HEALING POWER OF JESUS. AS PART OF HER COMMISSION FROM GOD SHE HELPS HEAL THE BROKEN THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF HOPE GLIMMERING, AND SHE ENCOURAGES WOMEN TO DISCOVER THEIR UNIQUE AND MAGNIFICENT IDENTITY THROUGH THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS. MICHELE IS THE BLESSED MOTHER OF TWO SONS, "MOTHER-IN-LOVE" TO THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, AND ADORES BEING MIMI TO HER BEAUTIFUL GRANDCHILDREN. IN 2013, MICHELE WAS INCREDIBLY BLESSED TO MARRY JEFF, WHO THEN PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY A FEW YEARS INTO THEIR MARRIAGE. FOLLOWING THAT, MICHELE MARRIED CASEY HOWARD IN 2021. THEY LIVE HAPPILY IN GRANDVIEW, TENNESSEE.

JOY GROUP

Movie & Dessert Night

DECEMBER 20TH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
AT DUSK

