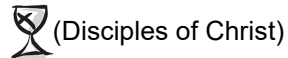


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# The Summit Messenger

December 2023



Dear Church,  
During worship each Sunday we read Scripture together and I finish by saying "This is the word of the Lord." Everyone is called to respond with the words "Thanks be to God." This is a new practice for our church, so I want to take this space to explain why we do this together.

By responding to God with thanks, we recognize that our reading and hearing of God's Word is an act of worship. We receive Scripture as a gift from God. We are grateful that God speaks his will and reveals himself to us. We accept that God gives us his Word to transform us.

Saying "Thanks be to God" also changes how we listen to Scripture. It is not something that we simply "get through" as part of Sunday worship. It is not a burden. It is not merely good advice. Instead, it is true, valuable, living, and formative for us. In giving thanks, we recognize God's Word is good news that brings us life and freedom.

The simple call and response of "This is the Word of the Lord" and "Thanks be to God" has been a very meaningful practice for me and I hope this also brings a new depth to your time with us Sunday mornings. Will you join me in giving thanks to God for his Word on Sunday mornings?

*"You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For 'All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever.' That word is the good news that was announced to you." (1 Peter 1:24-25)*

*"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Cor 9:15)*

Grace & Peace,  
Justin

## Christmas Cookie Exchange Dec. 3rd



Bring a plate of your favorite holiday treats.

At 11 a.m. we'll assemble cookie boxes to give to our local firefighters and everyone will go home with a variety of goodies to enjoy, as well! Invite your friends!



We've adopted a family for Christmas! Cards listing gifts needed have been placed on both Christmas trees in the Welcome Area. Please consider taking one and contributing a gift to this project. Cards must be attached to the outside of the wrapped gift and returned to the church by the 17th.



The Christmas card boxes have been placed in the Welcome Area.

Everyone can participate in giving cards, but we ask that you only place cards in the boxes for people who are regularly attending church.

You may also bring your cards to hand out at the Cookie Exchange on December 3rd.

Any cards that remain in the boxes on January 3rd will be recycled.

### “Bread & Soup” Home Group

Meeting at the Yoakum’s this month on the 3rd and 10th (Sundays) at 6 p.m. Then we’ll take a break for the holidays and resume meeting weekly on January 7th. RSVP to Terry (765-686-2422). Their address is 104 Maple St. in Mt. Summit.



The Worship Committee invites you to join us on Sunday, the 17th, to go Christmas caroling! The time and place is yet to be decided. We would appreciate input from you as to where we might sing - in one location or travel to a few houses. (Due to the current flu / COVID uptick, we'll likely stay away from nursing homes.) Updates will be forthcoming in the weekly announcements.

### Chords of Friendship Performing

The acoustic group that rehearses here on Tuesdays will be performing around the community in December:

- 12-11 Forest Ridge, 3 p.m.
- 12-12 Kroger (Ukes only), 1-2 p.m.
- 12-13 Glen Oaks, 2 p.m.
- 12-18 Glen Oaks (Ukes only), 2 p.m.
- 12-29 Forest Ridge (Ukes only), 3 p.m.



## ADULT New Study

Sunday School

The adult Sunday school class has begun a new 8 week study entitled “Song of Songs”, written by James Reapsome. This book covers the Old Testament book of Song of Songs (or Song of Solomon). “We live in a world which people feel increasingly disconnected. At the same time we often feel emotionally and spiritually cut off from God. God wants us to experience the fulfillment found in rich and enduring intimacy. Find out what scripture’s most passionate passages have to teach you about achieving such intimacy in your marriage relationship.” Whether you’re married, divorced, or widowed, there’s something for us to learn as adults in a loving relationship. Please join us in the library Sundays at 9 a.m. as together we delve into this overlooked book. Led by Jim Smith.

## Birthdays

Larry Brayton	6th
Terry Matney	8th
Christin Siewert	8th
Grace Stack	9th
Nikki Smith	11th
Bentley Gillespie	13th
Ryan Thomas	13th
Malachi Locke	14th
Cheryl May	14th
Mavis Locke	15th
John Hall	16th
Jim Smith	19th
John Hutson	20th
Austin Shelton	21st
Jill Howe	22nd
Judy Galloway	29th
Andrew Hutson	29th
Angela Duncan	30th
Jaxon Cole	31st

## Anniversaries

Jim & Rhonda Stokes	20th
Terry & Jere Yoakum	22nd
Ben & Pat French	27th
Justin & Julia Schwartz	30th
Gene & Connie Kaboski	31st



## Prayer List

### IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

- Vada Collins (Glen Oaks)
- Mary Lou Dye (Forest Ridge)
- Marilyn Fellers (Glen Oaks - Legacy Wing)
- Bud Shelton (Glen Oaks - Room 511)

### HEALTH CONCERNS

- Beau Brockman
- John & Mary Jane Dillman
- Jerry Garner
- Susan Waymire

**PLEASE NOTE:** Prayer requests remain on the list for one month. Let the office know if you'd like them to be on the list again after that time.



We’re seeking updates to our church directory. A copy of the 2023 issue is in the Welcome Area for so you can make any updates. If you’re new to MSCC, or if you haven’t submitted your contact information for the directory previously, we’d like to include you now! Please add it to the blank pages provided. Or you can email it to the church office (mscc@msccdiscal.org). We’ll publish the updated directory after the first of the year—let us know if you’d like a print copy or and emailed copy when it’s issued.



### Vote December 10th

Following the worship service that Sunday we’ll have a short meeting to vote on the proposed 2024 budget and slate of officers. All church members are eligible to participate in the voting. We hope you’ll plan to attend.



... to Terry Matney & Rob Stevenson for cleaning up the round flower bed!

... to the E.M.PR.CS team for the thanksgiving lunch: Nick (ham & gravy), Shawn (turkey), Katy (potatoes), James & Stefanie (rolls), Debbie Masters (set-up & drinks), all the team who did behind the scenes work and all of you who brought side dishes!

... to Karan & Shawn Kramer for cleaning the carpet in the children's church room!

... the Worship Committee thanks everyone who helped with the church decorations— with bringing boxes down from the loft, and during Hanging of the Greens. After a quick meal of sliders and potato rounds prepared by Nikki Smith, at least 25 people helped prepare the church for the Advent season. And, nearly half that number were teenagers or younger. Their enthusiasm enabled us to finish the job quickly, so thanks to everyone for your help!



**Middle & High School Youth**  
6-7:30 p.m.  
3rd, 10th and 17th



**Board Meeting**  
December 11th - 6:30 p.m.

*Chairs: please submit reports to the office the Friday before the meeting.*

### Serving Sundays in December

**Elder:** Pat Adams

**Deacons:** Debbie Masters & Karen Kramer



**Acolytes:** 3rd & 10th Eli Mortin  
17th & 24th Rylee Powell  
31st Alex Homuth

### December Sermon Schedule

- 12-3 HOPE "Apocalypse When?"  
Isaiah 64:1-9
- 12-10 PEACE "Way Maker"  
Isaiah 40:1-11
- 12-17 JOY "A Beautiful Exchange"  
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
- 12-24 LOVE "Promise Keeper"  
Luke 1:26-38
- 12-31 In Fellowship Hall  
(casual service w/ light brunch)



### Attendance & Offering



10/29	59	\$1,845
11/5	61	\$3,705
11/12	65	\$3,273
11/19	65	\$1,560
11/26	52	\$1,850

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# December 2023

**SUNDAY MORNINGS:**  
*Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.*  
*Coffee & Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.*  
*Worship Service: 10 a.m.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				CAF: Christian Adult Fellowship FC: Family Center FH: Fellowship Hall WA: Welcome Area	1	2
<b>3</b> FH in use 2-3 pm  <b>Christmas Cookie Exchange 11 am</b> MS/HS Youth 6-7:30 pm Home Group @ Yoakums 6 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Chords of Friendship 12-3 pm	<b>6</b> Pickleball 9 am-Noon FC CAF Noon-3 pm FH EMPRCS Mtg. 6 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> FH in use 4-10 pm
<b>10</b> Elders Mtg 8 am Voting Mtg 11 am MS/HS Youth 6-7:30 pm Home Group @ Yoakums 6 pm	<b>11</b> Board Mtg 6:30 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Pickleball 9 am-Noon FC CAF Noon-3 pm FH	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Christmas Caroling (time TBA) MS/HS Youth 6-7:30 pm	<b>18</b> Worship Cmte Mtg 6:30 pm (ZOOM)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Pickleball 9 am-Noon FC CAF Noon-3 pm FH	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> FH in use 3-9 pm	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve Svc 8:30 pm</b> 	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> 	<b>26</b> Office Closed	<b>27</b> Pickleball 9 am-Noon FC CAF Noon-3 pm FH	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> New Year's Eve -- Justin—Vacation--					<b>No Euchre This Month!</b> Play will resume on the last Saturday of January, the 27th	



# Church Life



The Halloween Spooktacular was on October 31st.

Kids enjoyed treats, refreshments and a bounce house!



Christian Community Youth Rally at Mooreland First Christian Church on November 19th.  
*(There will be no rally in December)*



The Full Nesters met on October 29th for lunch & fun.



The children got creative with pumpkin painting.



The Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch was on November 19th.



Everyone was treated to food, fellowship and a sing-along that day.



Ryan & Shawn had a game of "Kramer vs. Kramer" at Pickleball one Wednesday morning in November.

Open play Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-Noon.

## Hanging of the Greens



On November 26th a nice group stayed after worship to decorate the church.

