


Mt. Summit Christian Church

 (Disciples of Christ)

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Feed the Found

Be the Kingdom

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 Mt. Summit Christian Church

The Summit Messenger

 2024 December



Join us in exchanging Christmas cards at church this month. Use the designated boxes in the Welcome Area to leave cards for each other. Please only place cards in the boxes for people who are regularly attending church. Mail cards for shut-ins via the postal service. Any cards that remain in the boxes on January 5th will be recycled.

Caroling in Mt. Summit

Join us on Sunday, December 15th, for Christmas caroling and lunch. We'll meet in the Welcome Area shortly after the worship service ends and head out into Mt. Summit to houses and businesses. If the weather is poor we'll carpool to the center of town. Afterwards, we'll meet at 1000° Pizza to warm-up and eat lunch together. Please join us for this festive event.



Plan to be here Christmas Eve!
Candlelight Service 8:30 p.m.
in the Family Center



Join us as we fellowship together with cookies and cocoa, sing carols, and celebrate the gift of Christ's birth.



Giving to Hagar House

As part of our church's local outreach you are invited to purchase Christmas gifts for the residents. Hagar House, in New Castle, is a house for women coming out of difficult circumstances, transitioning to a self-supported life. Watch for upcoming announcements on how you can participate!



Vote December 22nd

We will vote on the 2025 proposed budget and church officers at the end of the worship service that day. Please plan to be here and participate. Copies of both items will be available for you to pick up in the Welcome Area and review at least 2 weeks before that date.

Family Directory Pictures



Please continue to email or send us a picture of you/your family for a new in-house photo directory! (We can only accept nonprofessional images).

Email to mcc@mccdisciples.org.

THANKS!



Thank you to everyone who has participated in or donated to the kitchen remodeling this year! Your skills and generosity are appreciated!



Dave Lindley grouting the newly installed kitchen tile.

Serving Sundays in December



Elder: Jim Smith

Deacons: Karen Kramer & Debbie Masters

Acolytes: 1st Kyson Edington

8th Rylee Powell

15th & 22nd Bowen Stack

29th Kynnedi Edington

December Sermon Schedule

12/1 Jeremiah 33:14-16
"O Advent Tree, O Advent Tree"

12/8 Malachi 3:1-4
"The Gift of Presence"

12/15 Zepaniah 3:14-20
"Songs for the Season"

12/22 Micah 5:2-5a
"Give Me That Old Time Religion"

12/29 Pastor James will lead a casual service in the Fellowship Hall with singing of Christmas carols



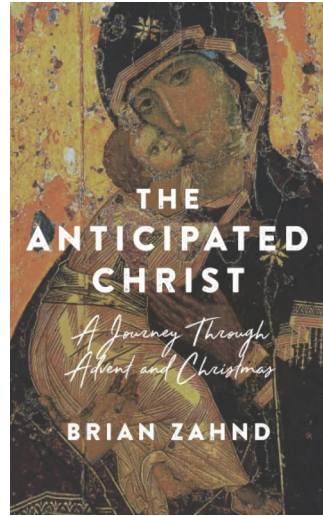
GIVING & ATTENDANCE

Give in person, by mail, auto pay via your bank, or on-line through [Givelify](#)

10/27	47	\$2,340
11/3	58	\$4,750
11/10	55	\$2,105
11/17	60	\$897

Book Recommendation by the Pastor:

Devotional for Advent and Christmas



Pastor Justin recommends that you read "The Anticipated Christ: A Journey Through Advent and Christmas" by Brian Zahnd. The book is a daily devotional that runs from December 1 - January 6. A few copies of the book are on the welcome table for you to pick up, or you can buy a copy from any bookseller.

"*The Anticipated Christ* is a six-week Advent and Christmas devotional that takes the reader from the first Sunday of Advent through Epiphany in a collection of daily meditations.

In the Christian calendar Christmas is anticipated by four weeks of waiting. This is Advent—a word derived from a Latin word meaning "arrival." During Advent we await the arrival of the Messiah of whom the Hebrew prophets spoke. During Advent we allow the messianic poems of the Hebrew prophets to seep deeply into our soul. With Isaiah and the great company of Hebrew prophets we wait for the one who will bruise the serpent's head. We wait for Immanuel—the one who is God with us. We wait for the ruler to arise in Bethlehem who will shepherd God's people. We wait for the child born unto us upon whose shoulders the government will rest; we wait for the Prince of Peace in whose kingdom the lion lays down with the lamb. Advent is about waiting—a practice most of us in our secular age struggle with, but a holy practice we would be wise to cultivate.

And when Christmas does arrive, it's not a one-day celebration—the birth of Messiah is far too big an event to celebrate for a mere day. No, Christmas is a twelve-day feast during which we meditate on all the marvelous stories surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ that help us explore the meaning of the Incarnation. And after the twelve days of Christmas have run their course, we arrive at Epiphany where we celebrate and contemplate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, as the Magi come with their gifts to pay homage to the child born King of the Jews. This is what the six-week journey from the first Sunday in Advent to Epiphany is about. It's a journey out of secular banality and into the sacred mystery of the Incarnation."



**Thanksgiving
Potluck
Lunch**

November
17th



Birthdays

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

Prayer



HEALTH CONCERNS

Kennedi Allen	Joe Lamberson
Lyssa Allen	Mark Miltenberger
Susan Brown	Frank Myers
Linda Clauson	Justin Myers
Steve Cloud	Mark O'Brien
Brent Crockett	Bill Pracht
John Dillman	Cary Pyke
Barb Fye-Johnson	Jenna Reynolds
Asher Hall	Julie Reynolds
Jessica Hall	Dale Schwartz
Mary Hall	Vern Snyder
Shelby Hall	Susan Waymire
Don Hoopingarner	Tom & Ruth Ann Wimmer
Kacie Houser	
Gene Kaboski	

IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Mary Lou Dye (Forest Ridge)
Marilyn Fellers (Glen Oaks-Legacy Wing)
Diane Veritas (The Willows)

**Christian
Community
Youth Rally**



November
17th

At First
Christian
Church,
New Castle



Anniversaries

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

THANKS!



Thank you to those who baked cookies and decorated the church for Advent & Christmas.

Cookie boxes are part of our local outreach. They will be given to the local firefighters and other leaders in Mt. Summit as signs of our appreciation for their work in our community.




Hanging of The Greens



November 24th, 2024

Contacting Your Elders:

Pat Adams		765-465-7404
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Jim Smith		317-697-2521
Rob Stevenson		765-524-1101
Terry Yoakum		765-686-2422



SUNDAY MORNINGS:

Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 10 a.m.



DECEMBER 2024

FC:	Family Center
FH:	Fellowship Hall
WA:	Welcome Area



December: 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd
6-7:30 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Bell Choir Rhrls 11 am Dungeons & Dragons 11:30 am-2:30 pm FH MS/HS Youth 6-7:30 pm Soup & Bread Home Group 6 pm @ Yoakum's	2 Office Closed <i>Pastor James-vacation</i>	3 Chords of Friendship Practice and Christmas Pitch-In 1:30-4 pm WA & FH	4 Pickleball 9-11 am FC Christian Adult Fellowship Noon-3 pm FH	5 FH reserved 9 am-1 pm	6	7 FC reserved 11 am-7 pm
8 Elders Mtg. 8 am FH reserved 12-5 pm Soup & Bread Home Group 6 pm @ Yoakum's <i>Pastor James-vacation</i>	9	10 EMPCRS Mtg 6:30 pm Board Mtg 7 pm	11 Pickleball 9-11 am FC Christian Adult Fellowship Noon-3 pm FH	12	13	14 FH reserved 4-8 pm
15 Bell Choir Rhrls 11 am Caroling in Mt. Summit after worship Dungeons & Dragons 11:30 am-2:30 pm FH MS/HS Youth 6-7:30 pm Soup & Bread Home Group 6 pm @ Yoakum's	16	17 Worship Cmte Mtg 6:30 pm (ZOOM)	18 Pickleball 9-11 am FC Christian Adult Fellowship Noon-3 pm FH	19	20	21
22 Vote on Budget & Officers after service Bell Choir Rhrls 11 am MS/HS Youth 6-7:30 pm	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 8:30 pm Candlelight SERVICE	25 <i>Christmas</i> 	26	27	28 <i>Pastor Justin-vacation</i>
29 <i>Pastor Justin-vacation</i>	30	31 New Year's Eve				

December Office Schedule

Office closed the 2nd, 24th & 25th.

Pastor James will be on vacation the 2nd through 8th.

Pastor Justin will be on vacation the 28th through January 4th.

Gail will be out of the office the 2nd, 9th, 24th and 31st.

**Any changes to schedule will be announced in weekly congregational email.*

2025 Winter Your Retreat

WE CALL OURSELVES...

DISCIPLES

February 14-16
For Youth in
Grades 6-12



Bedford Camp &
Conference Center

Contact Pastor James if your youth is interested in attending.