



Christmas Musical

Sunday,
December 15th
at 6 PM.

Snack fellowship
to follow in the
Fellowship Hall.

Please bring
a finger food
to share!



December 15, 2024

And she gave birth to
her firstborn Son and wrapped
Him in swaddling cloths
and laid Him in a manger,
because there was no place
for them in the inn.
Luke 2:7

**The
Montgomery
Family**

Sunday,
December 29th
at 10 AM.

The Montgomery
Family will lead
the worship
service!



Christmas Cards

There are tables in the hallway near
the church offices for Christmas cards for
active church members.

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Looking Forward to Joy

Luke 2:4-14

The Point: Jesus has come, giving us much cause for joy.

The Bible Meets Life: Billy Bray was a poor miner from across the pond in Cornwall, England. He became a Christ-follower at the age of 29 in the 1800s, after years of drunkenness and wild living. He became such a figure of joy, Billy was called, "God's glad man." Billy's life personified boundless joy, which often presented itself in some peculiar ways. Whether he was mining or preaching, people said he would often spontaneously dance, shout, and jump. Sounds weird to our conservative sensibilities, doesn't it? He was saved radically, and he celebrated it radically for over forty years from the time of his conversion until his death. The source of his joy was Jesus and only Jesus. As we walk through Advent together, we encounter joy at every turn. If we consider the great gift of salvation and don't react with great joy, we'd have to ask ourselves, "Who's the odd person—Billy Bray or us?"

Live It Out: Reflect. Spend a moment reflecting on the time you received God's gift of salvation. If you haven't received salvation, you'll never have a better time than now. **Celebrate.** If you want to experience a simple taste of joy, celebrate someone. Write a note, give a gift, and share a story with someone you know. In so doing, you'll bring joy through an encouraging act of kindness. **Give.** Second Corinthians 9:7 reminds us that God loves a cheerful giver. So many research studies claim that the most joyful people on earth are the givers. This year, make plans to give more than you've ever given to missions work. A great place to start is the IMB's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for world missions (imb.org).

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Looking Forward to Christmas

Sunday, December 22 Looking Forward to Love
(John 1:14-18; 3:14-18)

Sunday, December 29 Looking Forward in Worship
The Montgomery Family
(Matthew 2:1-11, 16-18)

BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE

Opportunities for Ministry & Service & Fellowship

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Indoor Worship
10:00 AM Online Worship
6:00 PM Choir Musical &
Snack Fellowship 12/15

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship
6:30 PM Youth

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, December 8

Indoor: 52

Online: 100



Wednesday, December 11

Online: 58

Youth: 12

Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:
\$17,623.26

December
Offering
To Date:
\$5,940.00



Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
2024 Goal: \$2,000.00

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump

Peggy Dean

John Efird

Cindy French

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Ray Greene

Rodney Johnson

Zack Little (MMS Counselor)

Richard Lovingood

Pam Majewski

Lorraine McClellan

Debbie McKnight

Richie Raines

Carolyn Street

David Welch (Irene's Son)



Christmas Eve Service

Mark your calendars for 6 PM on Tuesday, December 24th for our Christmas Eve Service. Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

