Christmas Musical

Thank you to everyone who came out to worship with the choir last Sunday! Thank you to the choir for leading everyone in worship through music! You can rewatch the Christmas Musical on our public Facebook page.





Communion Sunday

This morning, let us prepare our hearts for communion and remember Jesus's birth, life, and sacrifice.

Just Married

Congratulations to Howard & Lela! They got married on Monday, December 15th!





Christmas Cards

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

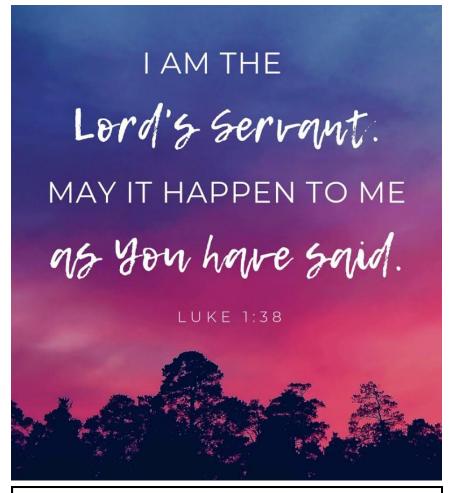
Online Worship

Thank you for sharing the live-streamed Christmas Musical through social media! We had an increase in viewership. Keep sharing our Sunday morning services & Wednesday night messages to further reach more people for Christ!





December 21, 2025



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Sunday, December 21 2025

When Your Understanding Falls Short

Luke 1:26-38

The Point: God can do great things through you.

The Bible Meets Life: "I can't do everything. But I can do something to help somebody. And what I can do I will do." These are the simple words of a humble servant by the name of Oseola McCarty from Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She lived her entire life in poverty. She spent most of her life doing laundry by hand. Despite earning very little, she lived frugally, saving all she could. In 1995, after her retirement at age eighty-six, Oseola shocked her community when she donated \$150,000 of her life savings to the University of Southern Mississippi. Her gift was aimed at providing scholarships for deserving African American students in need. Oseola, who never set foot in a college class, gave her best so that others could succeed.

As we celebrate Christmas every year, we are reminded of another woman. She, too, grew up in obscurity, but because she was willing to put her life on the altar of God's sovereignty, she found herself in the middle of God's greatest brushstroke of grace. Mary's life reminds us once again that God will use anyone who surrenders completely to Him, no matter how small or insignificant they might see themselves.

Live It Out: Pray. Ask God to strengthen the faith of a discouraged friend. Journal. Write your testimony of how God has surprised you through unique circumstances that strengthened your faith. Share your gratefulness to God and His mercy with a friend or post your story on social media. Retreat. Mary's encounter with God happened in solitude. Plan a retreat where you get away from the noise and spend time with God. Read the first two chapters of Luke. Listen closely for God's guidance.

Limited Resources, Limitless God

Sunday, December 28 When Your Provisions Fall Short

(1 Kings 17:5-16)

Sunday, January 4 When Your Finances Fall Short

(Luke 12:13-21; 21:1-4)



Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Indoor Worship 10:00 AM Online Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams Worship Center

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship Resumes 1/7 6:30 PM Youth Resumes 1/7 **Thursday**

Jail Ministry

Prayer Requests

Eddie & Candy Anderson Dianne Avery Sue Bruce Gary Clontz Marlene Crider Sam & Wanda Goodwin Mike & Renee Helms & Family Lillian Lewis Pam Majewski Debbie McKnight Jennifer Price (Jeremy's Mom) Kenny & Carolyn Street Wanda Thomas

Service Attendance

Sunday, December 14



Indoor: 54 Online: 338

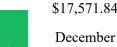
Musical Online: 643

Monday, December 15 Wedding Online: 521 Wednesday, December 17

> Online: 71 Youth: 10

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:



Offering

Office Closed

Irene Welch

The Church Office will be closed on December 25th & 26th. Merry Christmas!

Bible App



Follow along in today's Scripture on the Bible app! Scan this QR code with



Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series



To Date:

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