

God is love and love lives here!



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Sunday, December 22, 2024, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Just One

Our family tradition growing up was to open one present on Christmas Eve. Like most children we struggled to stop at only one. We would beg and plead only to face a certain NO each and every Christmas. What we could not know, what I only know now as a father, is the work that went into providing gifts. There is a cost to each and every gift under the tree even though each child receives it freely. It would not be a gift if handed to a small boy and said "but what will you give me"; no, my parents offered the beautifully wrapped boxes with open arms. What I know now is that they enjoyed this practice more than they enjoyed receiving their own gifts. The blessing of giving was beyond just one present, it inhabited the whole house on those blessed Christmas mornings. The cost was worth it, the waiting was worth it, the true gift was worth it.

We draw closer to Christmas each day as our anticipation grows. I implore each of us to define what gifts we really desire. Those wrapped beautifully will be comforting but only for a moment. God offered his gift to us in Christ, but it was not without cost. It was priceless yet painful and deserving of our recognition. Whatever the cost, like a loving father, God offers us the gift of His love with open arms. Therefore, we should also ask what gift we should give? If we are believers, we should give what we truly desire; love to one another. Not a love that asks "but what will you give me" but one asking nothing in return. What more could we desire in this Advent season?

Keep the Faith,  
Pastor Tommy

A/C Fund News

The Finance Committee is excited to share with you that we now owe only \$9,061.78 on our \$42,500 a/c loan!! God, and you, have truly blessed us in this journey with your generosity both financially and prayerfully. Thank you!

Flowers on the Altar and Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- ✿ In loving memory of Woody Davis by Marie Davis (repeat post because the beautiful flowers weren't displayed last Sunday)
- ✿ In memory of Leon Hudson by Roy & Karen Carter
- ✿ In memory of Tom Gamble by Roy & Karen Carter



- ✓ 12-24-24 Christmas Eve Service 6p
- ✓ 12-24-24 through 01-02-25 Office Closed- **Christmas**
- ✓ 01-09-25 Blood Drive 1p-5p
- ✓ 01-13-25 Finance Committee Meeting 6p
- ✓ 01-13-25 Administrative Council Meeting 630p
- ✓ 01-17/18-25 Beth Moore Simulcast
- ✓ 01-20-25 Office Closed- MLK, Jr birthday
- ✓ 01-26-25 Mr Harry's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon 1130a
- ✓ 02-02-25 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 5p
- ✓ 02-10-25 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 02-17-25 Office Closed- President's Day
- ✓ 03-05-25 Ash Wednesday
- ✓ 03-10-25 Finance Committee Meeting 6p
- ✓ 03-10-25 Administrative Council Meeting 630p
- ✓ 03-30-25 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch 1130p

Poinsettias Still Available

We still have a few poinsettias available for sale til Christmas Eve, that's when everyone who purchased one are to take them home. Cost is \$12.50

Scripture and Sermon:

Luke 1:39-45  
"Leaping in the Womb"



New Concerns

Ann Wilson  
Sherrie Shell  
Jaxon Strozier  
Cheri' Cox

Continue Prayers for:

Michael Walston  
Brent Nelson  
Eric & Gloria Nelson  
Tommy Milner  
Carolyn Nettles  
Brenda Crow  
Kimberley Cochran  
Mariann Ellis  
  
Lamar Outz  
Paul Smith  
Phil & Betty Bailey  
Dianne Harrington  
Mac McCullough  
Kathy Blanchard  
Betty Bowen  
Michael & Jennie Walston  
Betty Byrd  
Mary Prater  
Jim & Mary Leary  
Virginia Eadie  
Bill Reedy  
Our Country, Leaders, Military and  
First Responders

Finance Report for

12-15-24

Operating Budget..... \$10,900.00  
Food Pantry..... 200.00  
Total..... \$11,100.00

Worship Attendance

143

Sunday School

55



Community Missions

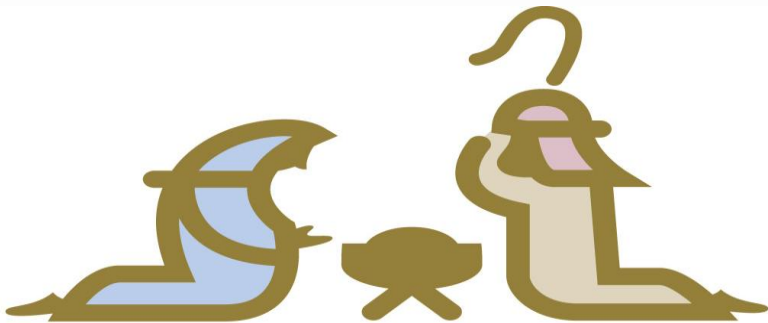
- The next Food Pantry will be January 22, 10a-1p, it will be the only one this month. Please see Cheri to help with this ministry. You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- Thank you so much to all for your time and donations to our recent 2024 Toy Giveaway. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide toys to many families enriching their lives in this wonderful Christmas season. We have distributed toys through the Christmas Festival, individual families who have reached out to us, Southern Santa of Houston County and through the Clothes Closet. Thanks to our youth who came out Saturday to assist with giving and all others who joined in this special giving mission. Love Lives at The Well, Brenda
- We will be open the second and fourth Wednesdays for shopping (9a-1p) and second and fourth Tuesdays for processing(9a-12p) as we resume our regular schedule in 2025.  
Donations can be dropped off in the white trailer in front of the Outreach Building. The door may need a hard tug to open; it is unlocked.
- Finally, we are collecting donations for our Indoor Yard Sale to be held January 31-February 1, 2025 beginning at 9am and ending 1pm on both days. Donations for the yard sale can be left in the white trailer.  
Thank you to all our Clothes Closet Volunteers. You are the Best! Brenda



Bible Reading Plan	
Week of December 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	
Sunday.....	Revelation 13
Monday.....	Revelation 14
Tuesday.....	Revelation 15
Wednesday-...	Revelation 16
Thursday.....	Revelation 17
Friday.....	Revelation 18
Saturday.....	Revelation 19



*In memory of William & Mary Reedy by Bill Reedy & Suzanne Smith*  
*In memory of Harry & Doris Wheeler by Bill Reedy & Suzanne Smith*  
*In memory of Woody Davis by Marie Davis*  
*In memory of Bert Craw by Brenda Craw*  
*In memory of Evelyn Hunnicutt by Brenda Craw*  
*In honor of Bill Reedy by Partners in Prayer*  
*In honor of The Well and your amazing love by Nancy Hudson*  
*In honor of Don Schall by Christian Fellowship SS Class*  
*In honor of Luis Morales by Christian Fellowship SS Class*  
*In memory of my wife, Teresa Rana Howdeshell by Dennis Howdeshell*  
*In memory of my parents, R.F & Genell B. Howdeshell by*  
*Dennis Howdeshell*  
*In memory of my brother, Johnny Lynn Howdeshell and honor of his wife, Susan*  
*Howdeshell by Dennis Howdeshell*  
*In memory of Cecil Colbert by Sara Colbert*  
*In honor of my family by Sara Colbert*  
*In memory of Tom Brechin by Nancy, Liz and Family*  
*In memory of my husband and parents by Carolyn Nettles*  
*In honor of the Choir by Carolyn Nettles*



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- December 22

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier  
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Lynn Mayfield  
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen  
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell, Roy Carter  
9:15a Sunday School  
10:30a Worship

Greeters

10:30a Lynn Mayfield, Cynthia Boutwell

Communion Servers

Jim & Linda Blanton  
Don & Sharron Schall

Prayer Teams

Nancy Hudson, Amber Gamble  
Thomas & Joy Fleming

Finance Stewards

Paula Williams, Sherrie Shell, Kelly Evans

Assisting with Children

Sunday- December 22  
Nursery- Lauren, Brittany, Sarah  
Children- Brenda Craw, Lynn Miller  
Sunday- December 29  
Nursery- Rosalyn, Lauren  
Children- Dawn Wilkins, Joy Fleming

Monday- December 23

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- December 24

Office Closed- Christmas

Wednesday- December 25

Office Closed- Christmas

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- December 26

Office Closed- Christmas

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- December 27

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- December 28

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday School at 9:15a

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class

Seekers  
Issues & Answers  
New Beginnings  
Christian Fellowship

Studies

Christmas Lessons  
Luke  
An Unlikely Advent  
1 Timothy

Teacher

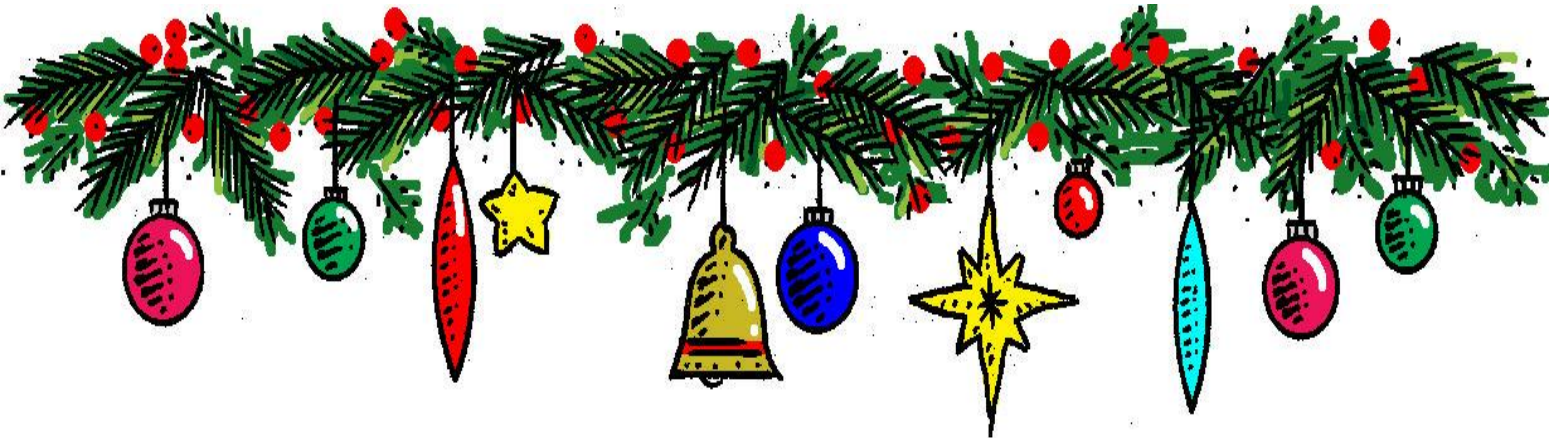
Kathy Rutke  
Joy Fleming  
Nancy Hudson  
Luis Morales



Women  
at the  
Well



Men  
at the  
Well





# **Blood Drive**

## **The Well at Centerville**

Fellowship Hall  
600 North Houston Lake Drive  
Centerville, GA 31028

**Thursday, January 9, 2025**  
**1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**



**American  
Red Cross**