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Announcements for December 3, 2023

“Advent” is derived from the Latin word for “coming” and designates the season before Christmas during which Christians anticipate the coming of the Savior. Advent begins on the 4th Sunday before Christmas Day and extends through Christmas Eve. Advent is a time of spiritual renewal and preparation for the coming of the Messiah. We look forward to Christmas Day and the joyful commemoration of Christ’s birth. We also reflect on and remember Christ’s presence in our daily lives.

The Advent Wreath symbolizes this period of waiting for Jesus’ coming. The circle means eternity, the continuing presence of God. The evergreens symbolize everlasting life. The 4 candles represent Advent’s 4 weeks. Three purple candles for a time of preparation and 1 rose candle for joy.

This morning we light the candle representing ANTICIPATION AND LONGING. As we reflect on Christ’s presence through the Holy Spirit in our daily lives, we also look forward to the soon return of our Lord Jesus in bodily form as He returns to earth to fully redeem that which He created long ago.

“Take head, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time is.” Mark 13:33

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 9:00 a.m. – Bible Study
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
11:30 a.m. – Junior Fellowship
Tues. 10:00 a.m. – Yoga
Wed. 6:30 a.m. – Elders’ Prayer Meeting
Thurs. 6:00 p.m. – Yoga
Fri. 7:00 p.m. – South/East Small Group

Next Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. Our focus will be on Anticipation and our speaker will be Paul B.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, December 16, Youth Group Lock-in
- Sunday, December 17, Christmas Celebration

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Our annual Christmas Celebration will be Sunday, December 17., at 6:00 p.m. We will have a sing-along after which we will have a time of fellowship, so please bring a finger-food or dessert to share. Come and be blessed! Come and be a blessing!

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

...our “in the field” missionaries: Barry & Desma A. (Cameroon), Andrew A. (London, England), Fawzy & Linda A. (Jordan), Mark & Caryl B. (Central Asia), John & Marilyn G. (Mission Aviation Fellowship), David & Susan P., Roland & Jinni S. (Canada), Andrew & Anne S. (Indonesia)
...the elders and their families.
...our service men and women.
...our country and the leaders of our country.
...the protection of all Christians in the Middle East.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

As Christmas Eve falls on Sunday this year, we will **NOT** have a Christmas Eve Service.

ADULT ADVENT CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE INFORMATION CENTERS. CHILDRENS ADVENT CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE NEAR THE INFORMATION CENTER IN THE ENTRY FOYER.

I HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST

Write your request here, tear it off and put it in the offering box. The elders will pray for you at the Wednesday morning prayer meeting.

Name (optional)

I need someone to call me. My phone number is _____

BIRTHDAYS IN OUR MIDST

The following members of our church family celebrate their birthday this week.

Ethan L.	Dec. 3
Timberlie E.	Dec. 4
Dale S.	Dec. 4

If we missed your birthday, please call the church office (865-525-7413).

DECEMBER MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY

The following missionary family member has a birthday during the month of December.

John G.	Dec. 8
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PRAY UT

A 30-day Prayer Guide for The University of Tennessee written by College Pastors from Thirty Campus Ministries and Churches is located in the Information Centers. Pick up a copy and find out how you can personally use the Pray UT Guide to pray for The University of Tennessee daily. Also, you can unite with others to pray for The University of Tennessee for one hour a week with your church or campus ministry, with your roommates, with your small group or with your missional community.

OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL

Copies of Our Daily Bread for the months of December, January and February are located in the Information Centers.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

This Sunday's volunteers are Kasi C. and Josh D. Next Sunday's volunteers are Deborah A. and Emily E. Thank you for your ministry to the youngest among us!

THE NATIVITY PAGEANT

The Nativity Pageant is an hour long, professionally produced drama with a cast of over 300, choir with orchestra, and live animals. The Pageant will be performed at the Civic Coliseum on the following dates and times:

Saturday, December 9, 3:00 PM

Sunday, December 10, 3:00 PM

Monday, December 11, 7:00 PM

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house in charge of his servants, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. So you also must keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, don't let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

Mark 13:32-37 (NIV)