



We love sharing the truth of God's Word!

December 11, 2022

Summit

Church of Christ

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*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,
Resurrected, & will Return*

Sunday 10am Bible Study

Sunday 11am Worship

Sun. 6pm Bible Study & Devotional

Wednesday 7pm Bible Study

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GROWING IN CHRIST

Billy Herald

But grow in grace and knowledge of our lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18

Today is December 11th, there's only 21 days left in 2022. It's time to think about your New Year's Resolutions; made any yet? Daryl and I have set the theme for 2023 as "Growing In Jesus." How can we do this? Let me give you three of my suggestions.

- 1) **To be rich in good works!** *Command them to do good, to be rich in good works, and to be generous and willing to share. 1 Timothy 6:18* Let us commit to be rich in good works for the new year. Let us continue to invite our friends and neighbors to worship with us. Let us be hospitable, invite a Brother or Sister to lunch with you after worship on Sunday morning. Bring plenty of food on our fellowship meals, so we can invite our guests to eat with us.
- 2) **Be joyful always.** *Pray continually. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18* Be an encourager, not someone who sees the bad in everything. Be the optimist, seeing the glass half full not half empty. Pray without ceasing! Give God all the glory!
- 3) **Shine like stars!** *Do everything without complaining or arguing. So that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you "Shine like stars." Philippians 2:14-15.* Be at Church, bring your children to Bible School, make sure they go to the youth activities planned for them! Be in God's word.

We have Coffee and Devo Time every weekday morning at 9am. The book for the new year will be My Family. This is a 15-minute time of prayer and meditation on God's word; put it on your calendar and start your day with encouragement and prayer. We have members joining us from Florida, the office, kitchens, rehab, and road trips.

Brothers and Sisters, 2022 has been a good year at Summit. The Lord has blessed us with baptisms. We have continued to make upgrades on our lighting and physical needs of the building. Let us be in prayer that the Lord will continue to open doors and bless us at Summit in the new year. Is there something on your heart that you would love to see us do next year? Write it down to share with us. Daryl and I have scheduled a 2023 planning meeting on a Saturday morning in January over coffee and doughnuts (or fruit for us on diets) to brainstorm ideas! Every suggestion will be recorded and considered! Let's make 2023 the best year for the Lord's church at Summit so that we can be the hands and feet of the Lord! God Bless!!



From Neville's Desk...

A MESSAGE FROM MOSES

In the only Psalm Moses wrote, this meek man gives a synopsis of the top four essentials to life [Psalm 90]:

GOD IS SUPREME. SO, FEAR, OBEY, & WORSHIP.

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

LIFE IS SHORT. SO, REFOCUS AND CONSTANTLY BE PREPARED TO DIE.

³ You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday

when it is past, or as a watch in the night. ⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.... ¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy.

SIN IS SERIOUS. SO, CONSTANTLY TURN AWAY FROM IT.

⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. ⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

SUCCESS IS ACHIEVABLE. SO, CONSTANTLY ASK GOD FOR FAVOR.

¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!



SHOULD CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS?

Robert Murphy

Almost every Christmas, I see blog posts and sermons about how Christians should not celebrate Christmas as Christ's birth. Some say it should not be celebrated because it has roots in paganism, others because it is not *actually* the day of Christ's birth. However, possibly the most convincing reason among our brethren is because *the Bible never commands us to keep Christmas*.

However, the Bible is more lenient on this subject than these reasons let on. In Romans 14, Paul encourages the congregations in Rome not to judge one another for things that are a matter of conscience, "One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in

honor of the Lord" (14:5-6a; ESV). Some people were arguing over whether the holidays (or "holy days") should be kept or if they should just regard all days as the same. He gives them liberty to celebrate holidays if their conscience allows it.

Therefore, we need to do the same thing. We should not bind laws upon our brethren that Christ did not bind himself. If people want to recognize December 25th as a time to celebrate Jesus coming into the world, they are permitted by God. Nevertheless, they need to keep the other commandments of God and make sure that this practice does not impede your relationship with God and others, "whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31b).

This is a reprint of my article from December 13, 2020 (with some revisions).

News, Notes & Announcements...



TEEN HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 17th, 4-7pm **at the Baloglou's**. All middle and high school students welcome. Games and pizza provided. Bring a snack or dessert to share if you want.

LADS TO LEADERS MENTORS

We are looking for a few mentors to help guide some of our students in different areas for lads to leaders. If you have any level of interest or expertise in the topics below, please consider! It makes a big difference for these kids to have adults outside of their parents in the church they know well and can relate to. The following areas are looking for mentors:

- *Songs of Praise (girls)
 - *Song Leading
 - *Centurion of Scriptures (listening to scriptures they've memorized)
 - *Mass Communication: Blogging, Podcast, Power Point
- Please let Cori Fuller know if you can help with any of the above.

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 1ST QUARTER

The new quarter begins Sunday, January 1st. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you are interested and/or have questions, please see Steve Proctor or one of the elders.

2023 COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

CHRISTMAS CARD FILE BOX

If you are planning to send out Christmas cards to other members, just place them in the hanging file labeled with the family name in the file box in the lobby— no postage necessary.

BIBLES TO SIGN

Please stop by the table in the lobby to sign the Bibles of those recently baptized.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

MEN'S 2023 PLANNING MEETING

Saturday, January 14.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, January 21. More details soon.

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

February 24-26, 2023 in Pigeon Forge. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Summit's Prayer List

Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs – Encourage someone today!

Caleb Robbins In the hospital with a virus
Carson Herald His wrist is in a cast
Colleen Menetrey (**Greg Sr's sister**) In the hospital with pneumonia, started chemo
Edward (**Mariville's brother**) Cancer
Evie Smith (**Sheryl's mom**) In Carmel Manor for rehab, hopes to go home this week
Jerry Gorman Surgery to remove blockages in his neck scheduled on 12/15
Lynn Clark (**Ann Young's friend**) Shingles
Sam (Douwene) Lost full term baby before delivery

Cancer

- Dave Hammer Jr.
- Ethan Judy (Friend of Fullers)
- Jazairy (Friend of Rieras)
- Julie Harlow
- Kandi Horn (Friend of Candy Proctor)
- Marva Herald (Friend of Buchanans)
- Rob Feldman (friend of Heralds) Radiation and chemo
- Vielka Bonaga (Dalys' sister) Getting better

Long-term Needs

- Evon Herald— Onset of dementia
- Joey Adams- Needs a suitable group home

- Kerri Herald- Pray for her ability to be independent as an adult
- Lon Schindler (**Hammer family friend**) Second liver transplant
- Parker Webster— Juvenile diabetes, sugars finally stabilized
- Raye Arroyos (Melissa Denham's mom)
- Ruthann Taylor
- Stephanie Gilliam (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure

Shut-In Members

- Billie Rogers
- Dana Fuller
- Lloyd Eastham
- Peggy Holt
- Thelma Rachford— Carmel Manor, room 1015

Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission
Neville Buchanan-counseling work
For our country and our leaders
For our members to grow in the Word

Our Community's lost souls

Summit's planning efforts for the future

Summit Family-greater love for one another
Summit's Deacons-encouragement in service
Summit's Elders-wisdom & love for the flock
Summit's Seniors-faithfulness & mentoring
Summit's Teachers-thankful for our teachers



~ Order of Worship ~

Song Leader: Robert Murphy
Call to Worship #869 *We're Marching to Zion*
Hymn #625 *Zion's Call*
Opening Prayer: Kyle Proctor
Hymn #860 *There is a Habitation*
Hymn #431 *Break Thou The Bread*
Lord's Supper: George Reagan
Offering: Deuteronomy 16:17
Hymn #745 *Humble Yourself*
Scripture Reading: Roy Gentry
Message: Neville Buchanan
Invitation Hymn #791 *On Bended Knee*
Closing Prayer Daryl Denham

SERMON NOTES:

WHAT CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE DOING JAMES 1:22

1. IF I R_____ THE WORD, WHAT WOULD I BE DOING? 1:19-21
 - A. WHAT SHOULD I MAKE QUICK & SLOW? JAMES 1:19
 - B. WHAT SHOULD I PRODUCE? JAMES 1:20
 - C. WHAT WILL BE MY REWARD? JAMES 1:21
2. IF I R_____ TO THE WORD, WHAT WOULD I BE DOING? 1:22-25
 - A. BE ACTING D_____, JAMES 1:22
 - B. BE EXAMINING I_____, JAMES 1:23
 - C. BE MEMORIZING R_____, JAMES 1:24-25
 - D. WHAT WILL BE MY REWARD?
3. IF I R_____ TO THE WORD, WHAT WOULD I BE DOING? 1:26-27
 - A. BY A RELIGIOUS B_____ TONGUE, JAMES 1:26
 - B. BY RELIGIOUS B_____ TASKS, JAMES 1:27

~ For the Record ~

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Dec. 11 Dayton HS Gifts Due
 Saturday, Dec. 17 Teen Holiday Party, 4-7pm

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, January 1 Monthly Fellowship Meal
 Wednesday, Jan. 4 Seniors Lunch, 12:30pm
 Saturday, January 14 2023 Planning Meeting
 Saturday, January 21 Chili Cook-off
 February 24-26 CYC in Pigeon Forge

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>Wed</u>
Nov. 13, 2022	77	128	41
Nov. 20, 2022	83	133	25
Nov. 27, 2022	89	131	40
Dec. 04, 2022	76	143	52

YTD AVG Attendance 129

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,876.00 YTD AVG - \$4,982.00
 Over/Under: +\$5,177.00
 Nov. 13, 2022-\$6,295.00 Nov. 20, 2022-\$2,820.00
 Nov. 27, 2022-\$5,539.00 Dec. 04, 2022-\$3,721.00

Serving the Nursery

12/11—Nancy and Ashley Brown
 12/18—Stephanie and Aubri, Alexa Painter
 12/25—Bettie Courtney and Deb Martin
 01/01—Emma Guin and Emma Doerr

Communion Preparation

December—Sharon Hammer



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER 11TH—17TH

CAMDEN JONES	11TH
BRAD HERALD	12TH
EVON HERALD	13TH
BELLA MENETREY	13TH
MELANIE SCHAEFER	14TH
SOFIA DALTON	17TH
LANDON MADDEN	17TH
LILY MADDEN	17TH

~ Wed., Dec. 14th Service Leaders ~

Song Leader - Daryl Denham
Opening Prayer - Josiah Fuller
Speaker - Adam Fuller