



# The VISITOR

A monthly publication of St. Luke's United Methodist Church - Kilgore, Texas

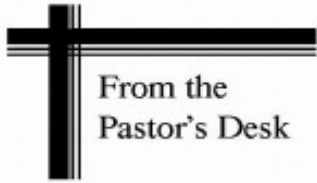
LOVE GOD

LIVE HIS WORD

SHARE HIS GRACE

DECEMBER 2017

ISSUE 12



We just celebrated Christ the King Sunday. Christ the King Sunday is the Sunday before Advent starts and it marks the beginning of the Christian Year. It is the Sunday in which we turn our gaze to the little baby born in a manger, as well as where that holy infant will lead us in the year that is to come.

Advent is now underway and I am moving into 2018 with a sense of excitement. Imagine how Mary and Joseph felt as they made their way to Bethlehem. They knew that huge things were in store for them! They knew their life would be different! They knew joy and excitement would abound; but, they didn't know exactly what it would look like!

2018 is shaping up to be a great and amazing year at St. Luke's UMC. *We haven't even started yet*, but I can still see God's fingerprints all over our upcoming year. I don't know exactly what it will look like; but I know that God will use us, because *God has already started!*

Our stewardship series wrapped up in October. Since then I have been praying for how God would use our faithful giving in 2018. There were several amazing numbers that came out of our pledges. For 2018 we have 127 pledging families. Out of those 127 families, 26% are pledging for the first time. This is amazing! 61% of our pledging families increased their pledge for the year. These numbers are not so much about more money for the church. They really are about how we are responding to God's call in our lives.

These numbers give me great hope. We are *feeling God move* as a congregation and we are *following God's faithfulness*. I don't know exactly what it looks like, but I know that God is faithful to us and God will lead us in an exciting direction.

*Looking  
at  
2018*

*Travel the year with me,*

*Rev. Ben Bagley*

# Urgent! CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY 2 NEW SIGN-UP DATES

We have been able to schedule two more days for Photo Sittings

**Friday, December 8:**  
**Hours:** 5:00pm thru 8:40pm  
**Saturday, December 9:**  
**Hours:** 10:00am thru 4:40pm

You may sign up on our website: [www.stluakeskilgore.com](http://www.stluakeskilgore.com). Click on the New Church Directory Photo that you will see on the homepage. Follow the prompts to sign up for a time to have your photo taken.

The "photography studio" is located in the Family Center. To sign in, have your photos taken and to view them will take about 45 min. to an hour.

We want all our families to be in this new Directory. It will help everyone to get to know each other. So, sign up as soon as you can. Every family will receive a free 8 x 10 photo and a copy of the Directory. Photos will be ready in time for Christmas gift giving if you choose to purchase extra pictures. Discounts are available to Veterans and Senior Citizens.

## Holy Huddlers

*Good Christian Fellowship - While We Eat*  
6:00 p.m. - Upcoming Dates & Locations

**Dec. 1: Val's, Kilgore**  
**Dec. 15: Jucy's Burgers, Eastman Rd. @ Hollybrook, Longview**

Come one. Come all. The meal is on you, but the fellowship is shared by all!!

*-Mikki Ellis*

## GAME NIGHT - FUN, FUN, FUN

*An evening to relax, have fun, and fellowship with other church family.*

**Saturday, 6:00 - 8:00pm, gym.**  
**December 16, 2017**  
Call Barbara Francisco for information, 903-918-6797.

## Thank You!

### Water For All International

Dear St. Luke's Family & Mission Team,

Greetings from Uganda. Our area has really struggled with drought, but the last few months we have been getting rain - praising God! Drilling is going great and very busy. Aaron helped baptize 16 people recently. God is so Good.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and financial gifts. We can't be here without them.

Many blessings, *Aaron & Hannah Mason*

(Brother and Wife of our David, Emily & Dalton Mason)

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## PAM BESSER EVENING CIRCLE

UMW Pam Besser Evening Circle met for our regular monthly meeting in November. A light supper was provided by Sally Holder. April Watson provided the devotional on David's Psalm of Thanks.

The business portion of the meeting was conducted. We assembled 12 Franklin Graham Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes.

The following were elected officers for 2018:

- President – Angela Thompson
- Vice President (Program Chairman) Jan Hattaway
- Secretary – Barbara Francisco
- Treasurer – Kathy Brown

Our next meeting and Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Anna Rohde's house. All women are invited and bring a friend with you.

*Kathy Brown, Secretary*

## WHAT IS MOPS?

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is about meeting the needs of every mom of a child from conception through 5th grade, offering discussion, mentoring, crafts, presentations, speakers, and FUN!

Our first event "Meet the Mops", **December 4, at 5:30 to 6:30pm** in the FAMILY CENTER at ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

Regular meetings will be on the 2nd & 4th Mondays, every month beginning in January, 2018. More information:

Facebook: MOPS OF ST. LUKE'S UMC KILGORE

Web Link: [WWW.MOPS.ORG/JOIN](http://WWW.MOPS.ORG/JOIN)

and input this code: NHCJ

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## UMW MORNING CIRCLE

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

**10:30am - Fireplace Room**

**11:45am - Christmas Luncheon**

*Everyone bring a dish to share. ALL ladies invited to join us to get acquainted with "what we do" as United Methodist Women!*

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# JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Hospice:** John McCloskey, Bruce Tindell's Dad

## Prayers for Members

|                                          |                            |                                  |                                   |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Margarette Allison, Briar Cliff in Tyler | George/Sue Jones           | Wilma Jones                      | Guy #309, Billie #404             |
| Charlotte Austin, Hospice in Denton, Tx. | Mary Jordan                | Yvonne Kennedy                   | Vivian Patton, Arabella           |
| Jerry Boone, Kilgore Rehab               | Gary Gray                  | Richard/Kathy Kimball            | Rita Peters, Arabella in Longview |
| Jack Christopher                         | Billie Hale, Arabella      | Nell King                        | Bill & Linda Ridder               |
| Barbara Cotten                           | Jacob Hankins              | Mary Lamb, Summer Meadows #416   | Pat Sage                          |
| Chris/Susan Crawford                     | Curtis & Sigrid Harvey     | Doris Leak                       | Fred/JoAnn Samford                |
| Lynne Cross, Arabella                    | Sally Holder               | Jerry Medford                    | Jo Stiles                         |
| Bill & Dot Denham                        | Sam Holley                 | Pat Morchat                      | Marilyn Summers                   |
| Tommy Dutschmann                         | Jacque/Todd Gibbs          | Pat Morchat                      | Bonnie Sistrunk                   |
| Laura Farnham                            | Billie Hale, Arabella #200 | Marie Murray                     | Samuel Thurston                   |
| Tommy Freeman                            | Curtis/Sigrid Harvey       | Nina Fern Nichols, Kilgore Rehab | Wendell/Glennys Travis            |
| Ronnie Jobe                              | Jo Hancock                 | Oliphints: @Arabella             | Edith Williams                    |
|                                          | Millard Harkrider          |                                  | Wilbur/Kay Yates                  |

## Prayers for Loved Ones

**Please keep us updated on your loved ones. People will remain on this list for one month.**

**Please let us know if they need to be on longer, 903-984-3576.**

|                      |                     |                      |                  |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Jana Castaneda's Mom | Modena Joiner       | Kari Lin Rousanvalle | Damon Weaver     |
| Jennifer & Ella Dot  | Derrel Kunkel       | Cathy Schlier        | Carter Wilbanks  |
| Edna Frazier         | Sharon Palmer       | Cristen Sistrunk     | Juanita Wilson   |
| Bob Hooks            | Greg Pruet          | Bill/Peggy Ann Start | Dorothy Williams |
| Jan Jaynes           | Angela Riely/Family | Ann Taylor           | Linda Woodley    |
| Loa Johnson          | Luke Ritter         | Daniel Terranova     |                  |

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## LETTER FROM REV. GUS & MRS. JACKIE BROWNING

*(former pastor and wife)*

Rev. Ben Bagley and Members of St. Luke's,

It is our pleasure to inform you that beginning in January, your church will receive 25% of the annual income from a new \$100,000.00 Gus and Jackie Browning Benevolence Fund we have endowed at our Texas Conference Heartspring Foundaton in Houston. This money will be sent automatically each year by the Foundation and, barring any unforeseen financial catastrophe, will continue as long as time and St. Luke's UMC - Kilgore endure.

It is our desire that the money be added to the church's own Benevolence Fund (whatever it may be called) and used to help members of the church and/or other people in the community who need a helping hand. Your own normal guidelines for benevolence funds distribution should be followed.

We have included St. Luke's as one of several churches to receive income from our Benevolence Fund because we still have a warm spot in our hearts for your church. We invested five years of our lives in ministry there from 1982-1987. We arrived just as the price of oil was falling to \$10 per barrel, but we felt we had a successful ministry along with you during those financially difficult years. One accomplishment was the publication of the church's award-winning history, "From Circuit to St. Luke's". Another was the creation of a Permanent Endowment Fund to help with maintenance of the church's beautiful, multi-building physical plant. The lovely parsonage was one of the most comfortable we enjoyed in 40 years of ministry. St. Luke's was the last of 8 churches we served. We have followed its continued success during the years since we left and we continue to pray for its present Kingdom ministry and its future.

Now at 91 and 90, warm memories about St. Luke's and Kilgore remain in our hearts and we will never forget this loving, mission-minded congregation. Though fewer and fewer are left there who might remember us, please somehow share this letter with the congregation. We hope it will inspire them, and others also, to give benevolent help to those in need, as our Lord Jesus Christ asked his follower to do.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Gus and Jackie Browning*

If you wish to correspond with Gus & Jackie, write to them at:

**1110 Tom Adams Drive, Apt. A-428, Austin, TX 78753-3526**

It would be a thoughtful way to "thank them" for this gift to St. Luke's.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2017**

*Praying for our St. Luke's Family.* Please say a prayer for our church family on their special birthday. **If we missed your date, please call the church office (903-984-3576).**

|                    |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>December 1</b>  | <b>December 12</b> | <b>December 21</b> |
| <b>December 2</b>  | Tenee Beets        | Rev. Gus Browning  |
| <b>December 3</b>  | Wilma Jones        | Glennys Travis     |
| Dr. Bob Baker      | Kathe Miller       | <b>December 22</b> |
| Scott Suydam       | James Mooney       | Loretta Ross       |
| <b>December 4</b>  | <b>December 13</b> | <b>December 23</b> |
| Jarrold Evans      | Janie Midkiff      | Karman Loyd        |
| <b>December 5</b>  | Scott Silvey       | <b>December 24</b> |
| Abby Eckert        | <b>December 14</b> | Sabrina Barnfield  |
| Alyx Hoberecht     | William Bagley     | Bobbie Smith       |
| Doris Leak         | Peggy Clarke       | <b>December 25</b> |
| Joshua Russ        | RoseAnna Howell    | Jimmie Burgess     |
| Chris Whetzel      | Alexis Jobe        | Jamie Haynes       |
| Shelby White       | Michael Medford    | <b>December 26</b> |
| <b>December 6</b>  | <b>December 15</b> | <b>December 27</b> |
| Jean Gray          | Dean Miller        | Kalynn Harrison    |
| <b>December 7</b>  | <b>December 16</b> | David Sage         |
| Wayne Fortson      | Cora Davis         | Daralyn Scobee     |
| Heaven Lee         | Mac Lee            | <b>December 28</b> |
| <b>December 8</b>  | Chuck Rheay        | Hannah Bell        |
| Cynthia Adams      | Jess Stephens      | <b>December 29</b> |
| Jason Goodwin      | <b>December 17</b> | Jathan Watson      |
| George Jones       | Lus Guzman         | <b>December 30</b> |
| Jack Sprayberry    | <b>December 18</b> | Dan Brown          |
| Les Thurston       | Dee Arbuckle       | Jasper Gaut        |
| <b>December 9</b>  | Josslyn Tapler     | <b>December 31</b> |
| Carol Brady        | <b>December 19</b> | Kayleigh Johnson   |
| Jan Duncan         | Creed Hamill       | Tucker Konczak     |
| Richard Ross       | Marie Murray       | Chuck Kunkel       |
| <b>December 10</b> | Jo Stiles          | Angel Ortiz        |
| Marcy Huey         | <b>December 20</b> | Ann Rosson         |
| <b>December 11</b> | Rilee Bennett      |                    |
| Rayce Tuck         | Payton Berger      |                    |
| Wade Wilson        | Elaine Tinkler     |                    |

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES  
DECEMBER 2017**

| <u>NAME</u>                | <u>DATE</u> | <u>YEARS</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Brent & Robbin Bullard     | 12/12/81    | 36           |
| Gary & Kelly Moore         | 12/12/92    | 25           |
| Jay & Tamara Dean          | 12/19/92    | 25           |
| Anthony & Lori Whitworth   | 12/20/92    | 25           |
| Daniel & Misty Shipman     | 12/23/95    | 22           |
| Joe & Barbara Johnson      | 12/24/58    | 59           |
| Wendell & Carolyn Holcombe | 12/26/70    | 47           |

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

| <u>DATE</u>       | <u>SUN. SCH.</u> | <u>WORSHIP</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| November 5 .....  | 132 .....        | 221            |
| November 12 ..... | 117 .....        | 246            |
| November 19 ..... | 122 .....        | 184            |
| November 26 ..... | 194 .....        | 194            |

**REMEMBER OUR MILITARY**

- \***Spec. Drew Bryant**  
US Navy - nephew of Bill & Carolina Bryant
- \***Derek Chamness** (Loretta Ross's "adopted" son)
- \***Captain Chris Conte**, Army - Sandra Holley's grandson
- \***Staff Sgt. Joel Crenshaw**, son of Mike Crenshaw, step-son of Ronnie Jobe, brother of Shanna Burgess
- \***Shawn Decker**, National Guard, Kilgore
- \***Airman Daniel Ellis**, Air Force - son of Dennis & Mikki Ellis **NOTE:** Daniel will be leaving the Airforce the end of November. *Thank you, Daniel for your service!!*
- \***2nd Lt Jack France**, Air Force -nephew of Jan Hattaway
- \***Major Stanton Gardenhire**, son of Terry & Christine Gardenhire. **Congratulations to Stanton on his promotion to Major!!**
- \***Cameron Chase Grimes**, Army - Grandson of Carol Grimes
- \***PO1 Brian Holcombe** Spec. US Navy  
Wendell & Carolyn Holcombe's son
- \***Lt. Col. Chad McAdams**, nephew of Loretta Ross
- \***Kenny Montross** - USAF, "**Bubba**" **McKinley** - USMC  
great nephews of Kay McKinley
- \***Jake Pierce**, Navy - son of Debra Sanders & J.B. Pierce
- \* **Chief Robbie Reinert**, US Navy -  
son of Ray/Denise Reinert
- \***Ryan Reinert**, Army-Private 1st Class - son of Ray & Denise Reinert, Courtney (wife), Emma (daughter)
- \***MSgt. Shane Shugart**, brother of Misty Shipman
- \***Jacob Whitworth**, Army - son of Anthony & Lori Whitworth, Grandmother is Barbara Cotten

*If you have a family member serving in the military and want to include him/her on our prayer concerns, please call the office, 903-984-3576.*



- Dec. 3rd-** Ice Skating in Marshall. Leave the gym at 4:30, return around 8:30. Cost-\$20
- Dec. 10th-** Children's Choir Christmas Program  
6-7pm
- Dec. 17th-** Christmas Parties
- Dec. 24th-** Youth Live Nativity @ the 11pm service
- Dec. 31st-** No Youth Activities

**THE RISE - Jan 25-28**  
Information coming soon



Christmas  
All  
Around!

**Cherub Choir  
Program  
presented  
Sunday, Dec. 10  
in the 10:30  
Service**



**Hope and Angel  
Tones Choirs  
Program  
presented  
Sunday, Dec. 10  
at 6:00 pm  
in the gym**



**Parents' Night Out**  
Friday, December 1  
6:00pm - 10:00pm \$10 per child  
Call Niki Chowdhury 903-235-9401  
for more information.

**Birthday Party for Jesus**  
Sunday, December 24  
9:30-10:15am

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Family Center for brunch. There will be crafts and the story of Jesus' birth for the children.

**Methodist Youth Moving Up (MYMU)**  
4th-5th graders  
Sunday, December 17  
2:00-3:30pm  
Christmas games and fun in gym

A  
Contemporary  
Christmas  
Worship

**Arise Band  
brings a  
Contemporary  
Christmas  
Worship on  
Sunday, Dec. 17,  
at 8:30 service**



## MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Our Thanksgiving Feast was a wonderful success! Thank you to the MDO Board of Directors and to the staff of St. Luke's for all of your help!

I would also like to give a big thank you to Mack Monday and Robert Ellis for taking the cans to the recycling center in Longview for me. Your help was very appreciated!

MDO will be closed for Christmas Dec. 20th-Jan.3rd. Classes resume Jan.5th.

**Please keep the cans and cartridges coming!**  
In His Service, *Misty Shipman*

*John Rutter*  
CAROLS

JOY TO THE WORLD!  
Fifteen sacred carols and  
Christmas hymns for mixed voices

**Chancel Choir  
brings a service  
of Christmas  
Carols on  
Sunday, Dec. 17  
in the  
10:30 service**

## DECEMBER CALENDAR 2017

\* Nursery provided for this event.

\*\* Nursery can be arranged for this event. Call Niki Chowdhury, 903-984-3576

### Friday, Dec. 1

9:00am-2:00pm MDO  
 9:00am Exercise Class, Family Center  
 6:00-10:00pm Parent's Night Out, Gym  
 6:00pm Holy Huddlers, Val's Italian Rest., Kilgore

### Saturday, Dec. 2 NO ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, Dec. 3

8:30am Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary\*  
 9:30am Sunday School\*  
 10:30am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary\*  
 11:30 Handbell Choir Rhr. Myrtle Andrews Rm.  
 4:30pm Youth ice skating in Marshall  
 5:00pm Parsonage Open House

### Monday, Dec. 4 DEADLINE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

9:00-9:45am Exercise Class, Family Center  
 5:30-6:30pm MOPS "Meet The MOPS", Family Center  
*(Mothers of Preschoolers)*

**Dec. 4 thru 9:** Set Building for Christmas Musical, Gym

### Tuesday, Dec. 5

10:30am Morning United Methodist Women,  
 Fireplace Room

### Wednesday, Dec. 6

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center  
 9:00am-2:00pm MDO  
 11:30am Hilltoppers, Family Center  
 3:15pm Wonderful Wednesday Activities:  
 3:15-5:30pm Children & Junior Choirs  
 3:30-7:00pm Jr./Sr. Hi. Youth Activities, Gym  
 5:15pm Dinner (\$5/adults; \$2/children),  
 Hot Dogs/Chilli Dogs, Macaroni &  
 Cheese, Cheesy Potatoes, Salad  
 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center  
 6:00pm Adult Bible Study, Parlor  
 6:00-8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Dec. 7

6:30pm Arise Band Rehearsal

### Friday, Dec. 8

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center  
 9:00am-2:00pm MDO

### Saturday, Dec. 9

9:00-10:00am Musical Principal Character  
 Rehearsal, Gym  
 10am-12pm Hope & Angel Tones Musical Rehearsal

### Sunday, Dec. 10

8:30am Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary\*  
 9:30am Sunday School\*  
 9:30am Cherub Choir Rehearsal for Service  
 10:30am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary\*  
 Cherub Choir singing  
 11:30am Handbells Rehearse, M. Andrews Rm.  
 3:00pm Musical Principal Characters Rhr., Gym  
 3:30pm Hope & Angel Tones Prgm. Rhr., Gym  
 6:00pm Youth to attend Christmas Program  
 6:00pm Children's Christmas Program, Gym

### Monday, Dec. 11

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center

### Wednesday, Dec. 13

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center  
 9:00am-2:00pm MDO  
 11:45am Bible Study, Family Center  
 3:15-5:15 Wonderful Wednesday Christmas Party  
 6:00pm NO M&Ms  
 6:00-8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting, Family Center

### Thursday, Dec. 14

6:00pm Mission Team Mtg., Conference Rm.  
 6:30pm Arise Band Rehearsal

### Friday, Dec. 15

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center  
 9:00am-2:00pm MDO  
 6:00pm Holy Huddlers, Jucy's Burgers,  
 2701 N. Eastman Rd., Longview

### Saturday, Dec. 16

9:00am-12:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Gym  
 10:00am United Methodist Men's Christmas Brunch  
 Family Center  
 10:00-11:00am Cantata Instrumentalists Rehearsal  
 11:00am-1:00pm Cantata Full Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
 6:00pm Game Night, Gym

### Sunday, Dec. 17

8:30am Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary\*  
**Contemporary Christmas Cantata**  
 9:30am Sunday School\*  
 9:30am Cantata Rehearsal  
 10:30am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary\*  
**Christmas Cantata**  
 2:00-3:30pm MYMU (4th & 5th graders) Christmas fun  
 in gym

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**DECEMBER CALENDAR CONTINUED**

**Sunday, Dec. 17, *continued***

4:00pm Piano Recital (Laura Vermillion Studio),  
Sanctuary  
4:30pm Youth Christmas Parties (see Niki and  
Misty for details)

**Monday, Dec. 18**

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center

**Tuesday, Dec.19 NO ACTIVITIES**

**Wednesday, Dec. 20**

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center  
9:00-2:00pm **NO MDO**  
11:45am Bible Study, Family Center  
3:15pm **NO Wonderful Wednesday Activities**  
6:00-7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thur., Dec. 21 6:30pm Arise Band Rehearsal**

**Friday, Dec. 22**

9:00am Exercise Class, Family Center  
9:00-6:00pm **NO MDO**

**Saturday, Dec. 23 NO ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, Dec. 24**

8:30am Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary\*  
9:30am Sunday School\*  
9:30am Birthday Party for JESUS, Family Center  
10:30am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary\*  
4:30pm **NO Youth**  
6:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Youth Live Nativity Scene

**SCOUTS SCHEDULE**

(All meetings held in Laird Hall unless otherwise noted.)

|           |             |        |
|-----------|-------------|--------|
| MONDAY    | DECEMBER 4  | 6:30pm |
| TUESDAY   | DECEMBER 5  | 6:30pm |
| WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 6  | 6:30pm |
| TUESDAY   | DECEMBER 12 | 6:30pm |
| THURSDAY  | DECEMBER 14 | 7:00pm |

**(Scout Pack Meeting, Family Center)**

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**St. Luke's United Methodist Men**

**Special Program:**

**December 16, 10:00am, Family Center**  
**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

**ALL MEN ARE INVITED to JOIN US!**

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**Monday, Dec. 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Tuesday, Dec. 26 NO ACTIVITIES**

**Wednesday, Dec. 27**

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center  
11:45am **NO Bible Study**  
3:15pm **NO Wonderful Wednesday Activities**

**Thursday, Dec. 28 NO ACTIVITIES**

**Friday, Dec. 29**

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center

**Saturday, Dec. 30 NO ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, Dec. 31**

9:30am Sunday School\*  
10:30am One Worship, Sanctuary\*  
4:30pm **NO Youth**

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**POINSETTIA ORDER DATE EXTENDED**

If you want to purchase a Poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one for the Advent Season Altar, we have extended the **Deadline to Monday, December 4.** Order cards available on tables at either Sanctuary Entrance/Exit or in the Church Office. Please include payment with your order - \$13.50 each. Thank You.

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**BIRTH JOY:**

Sydney Lynne Hooks, Born Nov. 2, 2017  
Parents Ryan & Brittany Hooks  
Big Brother, Jackson  
Proud Grandparents, Keith & Paula Hooks

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**CONDOLENCES**

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of:  
**Mary Jane Puckett**, long time member, passed away on November 22, and  
**Mary Nell Zahn**, former member, passed away on November 23

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**SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar Flowers for the Worship Service are a nice way to honor a loved one.  
**Call Kalynn Harrison to Schedule Your Gift**  
**903-985-1562 or 903-984-4267**

Office: 903-984-3576

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**SUNDAY SERVICES:**

Arise Service ..... 8:30 AM  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 AM  
Traditional Service ..... 10:30 AM

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Kilgore, Texas  
Permit No. 202

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**UPDATE & STRAIGHT TO THE POINT!**

Renovation-Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ

**PHASE 1**

\$135,000  
\$121,500  
\$ 99,112  
\$ 97,247  
\$ 87,515  
\$ 71,500  
\$ 51,500

**RENOVATIONS**

will be accomplished  
in 2 phases

Phase 1: \$135,000

Currently Available

**\$99,112.34**

**OUR GOAL**

Balance of \$35,888



**HILLTOPPERS**

**DECEMBER 6, 2017**

Family Center at 11:30am

Meal (\$6.00)

Catered by Richelle Rathbun

**Menu:**

Cranberry Chicken, White Rice, Steamed Broccoli

Dessert/Drinks - Cost \$6.00

**Program**

"MDO Singers"

Directed by James Vermillion

**UPDATE:** We have signed a contract with Emery Bros. to repair the organ. They will begin the process in the fall of 2018. Our \$\$ goal is in sight! Thank you all for helping!

**A MOST HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THE SOUP & PIE LUNCHEON**

Another Successful Event, raising funds that will be used to help in our focus of supporting missions - locally, across the nation and around the world. You have Blessed the Mission of God's call to Serve!!