

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

We are glad you chose to worship with us today! There's an infant nursery up the stairs, first door on the left. Toddlers up through fifth graders will be dismissed from worship at about 10:10 a.m. for Children's Church.

TODAY Join us today for hot chocolate and Christmas cookies after worship service.

Thank you to all who contributed to the **Christmas Memory Garden** of poinsettias! Please be sure to take your poinsettia home after service today.

WAYS TO HELP **Eby Klein Family and Youth Center** needs volunteers on Tuesday to help with their Christmas dinner. See Paul Alger with any questions.

Family in Need -- There is a list in the lobby of clothing sizes for the family of six who lost their home in a fire last week. See Amy Bryant with any questions.

Family Promise -- we will be hosting January 6 - 13, 2019. Please use the sign up sheets in the lobby to indicate where you can help.

2019 Schedules -- there are sign up sheets in the fellowship hall for *greeting and providing altar flowers* for next year. Thank you to all who helped this past year!

COMING UP **Steak Out** -- January 12, 2019 at the Dearth Center in Coldwater. Guys, see Pastor Jim about tickets.

PLEASE NOTE **Inclement weather** -- in case of snowy or icy conditions on Sunday morning, cancellations will be announced on 16TVB (AM) radio or you will receive a text message. Decision to cancel will be made by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

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DECEMBER 23, 2018

SERVICE: 9:30 AM



THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS
JOHN 1:5

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SERVING TODAY

NURSERY Kristi Long and Laura Jury
SOUND ROOM..... Matt Siefken and Frank Cabrera
GREETERS.....Al and Bonnie Miller

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... David Minard
OPENING PRAYERDavid Minard
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Donna Green
OPENING WORSHIP..... Women's Trio
Joy to the World (verses 1,2,4)Hymn 125
Angels, from the Realms of Glory (verses 1,2)Hymn 131
O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1,2)..... Hymn 145
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (verses 1,3) Hymn 133
OFFERING Brandon Carpenter
SPECIAL MUSIC Melissa Houtz
MESSAGE Jim Erwin
O, Come, Let Us Adore Him (verse 1) Hymn 82

Next week's worship service responsibilities:

Nursery..... Anna Mae Wickey and Sherry McNees
Greeters..... Youth
Sound RoomMatt Siefken and Scott Carpenter
Offering Prayer..... Melissa Houtz

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Introduction

Christmas: "The Season of Light"

I. FIRST CENTURY DARKNESS

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.....([Isaiah 9:1-2](#))

The path of the wicked is like deep darkness ([Proverbs 4:19](#))

II. JESUS. "THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

The light shines in the darkness....([John 1:5](#))

I am the light of the world ([John 8:12](#))

III. 21ST CENTURY DARKNESS

The Spirit clearly says that in the later times, some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons ([1 Timothy 4:1](#))

But mark this, there will be terrible times in the last days. Evil men will go from bad to worse.... ([2 Timothy 3:1,13](#))

First of all you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come following their own evil desires ([2 Peter 3:1](#))

OUR ASSIGNMENT

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. ([Matthew 5:16](#))

Do not be overcome by evil. Overcome evil with good. ([Romans 12:21](#))



A Call to Prayer



Recent additions

- *The Family of Donald Hollister*
- *Bob Green* - in tree cutting accident
- *Lisa Frank's cousin, Hannah* -- recovering from car accident
- *Jamie and Sabrina and kids* -- lost everything in house fire last week
- *Tom Schoenherr (Pastor Jim's dad)* - moved to Ft. Wayne
- *Russ Heckathorn* -- recurrence of lung cancer
- *Brandon Carpenter's mother, Joann* - surgery on 12/28.
- *Shanda Carpenter's dad, Bob Molton* -- trying to save leg.
- Safe travels for snowbirds.
- *Pat Rigg* -- biopsy on lip
- *Spectrum Ministries* -- ministering in Tijuana
- *Carmel Roberts* -- home recuperating from perforated stomach
- *Sharon McMeen* -- esophagus issues
- *Sara Slone* -- breast cancer
- *Eric Smotherman* -- in hospital with pneumonia.
- *Jo Mayer* -- recovering from back surgery
- *Blake Schlueter* -- recently diagnosed with Crohn's Disease
- *Bob Mayer* -- ongoing health concerns
- *Bronson Youth* -- leading prayer on Tuesdays at lunch
- *Annette Miller* -- tests and medication concerns
- *Craig and Shelly Schafer* -- missionaries in Indonesia - lost house in fire.
- *Arwan Mallay* -- ten year old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma -- recuperating from surgery to remove tumor.
- *Eddie Miller* -- nine year old from Quincy being treated for ITP.
- *Jeff Craft, Sue Craft's son*, soft palate cancer
- *Shanda Carpenter's mother* - gall bladder and blood pressure issues.

Continue to remember those in need

Danielle Howe's father-in-law, Tom -- stage 4 liver cancer

Praises

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