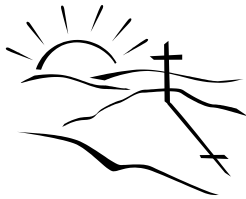


SUNDAY AM	December 17, 2023	December 24, 2023
ANNOUNCE	Ed O'Dell	Ed O'Dell
SONGLEADER	Mark Vaughan	Tyler Vaughan
READING	JR Flinn	Jarritt Flinn
PRAYER	Roy Clark	Ed O'Dell
COMMUNION	Ed O'Dell	Roy Clark
USHER	Adam Carpenter	Jarritt Flinn
Sound Room	JR Flinn	
SUNDAY PM		
SONGLEADER	Josiah Clark	Mike Carpenter
READING	John Carter	Tyler Vaughan
PRAYER	Ed O'Dell	Mike Vaughan
COMMUNION	Mark Vaughan	Tyler Vaughan
Wednesday	December 20, 2023	December 27, 2023
Invitation	Mike Carpenter	Mark Vaughan
Song Leader	Roy Clark	Tyler Vaughan

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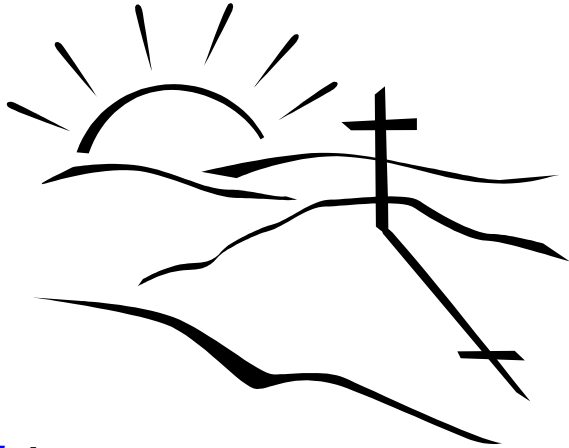
Hear: Romans 10:14
Believe: Hebrews 11:6
Repent: Acts 17:30
Confess Jesus as Savior: Acts 8:36-37
Be Baptized: Acts 2:38

Sunday December 10, 2023

Bible Study	28
Morning Worship	45
Evening Worship	19
Offering	\$1514.00
Wednesday	18
Attendance Goal	60
2023 Baptisms	0
2023 Restorations	2

Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Class	9:30AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30AM
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00PM
Wednesday Bible Class	7:00PM



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Welcome to Our Worship

Sunday Morning Message: The God of Creation
Sunday Evening Message: The God of Creation, continued

What Is Christmas?

By Gus Nichols, deceased

Here are some undeniable facts about Christmas:

- There is no proof that Christ was born on December 25. But the glorious good news is in the fact that HE WAS BORN as our Savior, that He came down from heaven to seek and save the lost (Luke 2:8-12).
- Another fact worthy of consideration is the fact that we can rejoice in Christ, as Christians, on December 25, just the same as the other 364 days of the year. We do not have to cease to be happy in Jesus at “Christmas” just to be different from others. Paul says, “Rejoice in the Lord always” (Philippians 4:4). This would take in Christmas along with all other days of the year.
- Instead of revealing the date of the birth of Christ, God has revealed the day on which He was raised from the dead — the first day of the week (Mark 16:8-9; Luke 24:1-47). God does want us to observe this day. It is a day called the “Lord’s day” (Revelation 1:10; I Corinthians 16:2; Acts 20:7). In it we are especially rejoiceful and glad.
- We should show our faith in Christ, in His birth, in His life, in all that He did for us, and is doing for us in every proper way; but we should not deceive others into thinking we are celebrating December 25 as the birthday of Christ, for there is no reason to believe it is the date of His birth.
- But when all the facts are considered, there is nothing to prevent our enjoying the holiday season just ahead called “Christmas.” We may give and receive gifts in this season, or at any other season of the year, on December 25, or on any other day of the year that we wish — on our birthday, or that of others. In fact, we should “rejoice with them that do rejoice” at Christmas or any other time. There is not enough happiness in the world anyway. We can, however, do all this without celebrating Christmas as the birthday of Christ.

Finally, it is proof of the divinity of Christ to find Him so popular in the world two thousand years after His birth that the civilized world wants to celebrate His birth, whether it knows the date or not.

Thank God for our Lord and His coming into the world, regardless of the exact date of His arrival by the virgin birth. We shall, therefore, go on preaching the truth, whatever is proper and fitting, regardless of “Christmas.”



Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25: Merry Christmas

Sunday, December 31: Evening Song Service

Sunday, December 31: Traveling Youth Group @ Barlow-Vincent church of Christ 5:00pm

Monday, January 1: Happy New Year



- † Danny Carpenter Sr. is having therapy in a Belmont Rehab Canter.
- † Helen McIntyre is recovering at home and doing pretty good.
- † Connie Lynch had a heart Cath Tuesday to correct a blockage and was released from the hospital Thursday.
- † Wes McIntyre is now at Elison Assisted Living & Memory Care of Marietta Room D-11 150 Browns Road, Marietta, OH 45750. Visits are appreciated.
- † Joyce Parsons is starting to feel better after being sick with covid.
- † Pat Anderson, Anne's aunt, is having some heart problems.
- † Lawney Kupfner has been sick with Covid and is not feeling well.
- † Karen Metz is still not feeling well and is dizzy.
- † David Lipe is still recovering from back surgery.
- † Irene Chumbly, Gina's sister Rita' mother-in-law asked for prayers as she has medical testing.
- † Nancy VanMeter came home from the hospital. She is very tired, weak, and can not eat. Please pray for strength and healing.
- † Kathy Simmons is recovering from an outpatient procedure.

Please remember to encourage our shut-ins

Evelyn Duckworth
Carol Johnson
Ruth Ann Lemon
Kathy Simmons
Doug Stephens

Charlotte Eckhart
Lawney Kupfner
Wes & Helen McIntyre
Bill Spears

Birthdays

Adam Carpenter 12/22

Anniversaries

None



Good News!

House to House Heart to Heart has again reported more conversion in the last year than ever before in House to House's existence. They said that in 2020 and 2021 and 2022—and now they have surpassed it again in 2023! 1000 baptism have been reported from HTH churches so far in 2023. that is more than three conversions a day! People are looking for the truth, and they need God's people to help the find it.

Gifts for the Soul

WVBS.org

Great tools for getting "Back to the Bible"

Please take some time to look at the book, video, and all the tools available.



Thank You so much to al those who donated money, items, and the hope with delivering the gift baskets. Many people said they apricated them.

Address Corrections for Christmas mailing labels.

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Kathy Simmons
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There are some new individual labels in back for those who need them.
Sorry, Elvis

The God of Creation

The writer of _____ wrote that just as one should know the every _____ must have had a _____, one should also realize that the _____ must have had a _____.

Hebrews 3:4

Psalms 19:1-3

I. **Who is the God of _____**

2 Timothy 3:16

Acts 17:23-27

Romans 10:17

1 Corinthians 2:10

Genesis 1:1

Genesis 1:26

Jeremiah 10:10-12

John 1:1-3

Colossians 1:16-17

II. **How did the God of _____ create?**

Psalms 33:6-9

The _____ reminds his readers that all of _____ should praise God, because He commanded them all into _____.

Psalms 148:1-5

Genesis 1:3

Genesis 1:6

Genesis 1:9

Hebrews 11:3

1.

2.

3.

Exodus 20:11

4.

Jeremiah Pleads

_____ has been called the _____ prophet. His ministry lasted some _____ years.

I. **God uses the _____**

Jeremiah 27:5-8

The _____ king was an _____ of God.

II. _____ warns of lies

Jeremiah 27:9-11

Instead of _____ and turning to God when the city fell, some of the _____ breathed a sigh of _____.

_____ by it all, the _____ wept and _____ with God.

III. **Captivity _____**

Jeremiah 27:16-20

The people of _____ should serve God _____, put away their idols, deal _____ with the poor, and submit to the king of _____.

Acts 27:37-38