

INCREASE CHRIST IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
EPIPHANY SUNDAY
JANUARY 1, 2012

PRELUDE **“Hymn Medley”** **(Shackley & Burger)**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Dwight Smith**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

HYMN **“We Three Kings”** **Pg. 254**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *Arise, shine, for your light has come.*

People: *The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!*

Leader: *Behold, the nations have come to witness God’s light.*

People: *Kings have come to behold Christ’s brightness.*

Leader: *Lift up your eyes and look around.*

All: *The glory of the Lord has come! AMEN.*

PRAYER FOR A NEW YEAR

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses. Because you are a God of hope, we know that you create all the possibilities of the future. Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past. Because you are the God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise, and we serve and bless you. AMEN.

THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“A Holy Blessing”** **(Landau)**

DOXOLOGY **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** **Pg. 95**

HYMN **“There’s a Song in the Air”** **Pg. 249**

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM **“Born ’Neath A Star”** **(C. Gray)**
Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON **Matthew 2:1-12** **See Insert**

SERMON **“It’s a New Day!”**
Rev. Betty Batey

A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION **Pg. 607**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION **Pg. 12**
Hymns during Communion: Pg. 245, Stanzas 2-5, 618 and 641

HYMN **“Hymn of Promise”** **Pg. 707**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **“The Opening Year”** **(Smith)**

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of my father, Earl Jack Bates, Sr., from his son, Earl Jack Bates, Jr., remembering his passing the week of December 25th

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO:

*Cheryl Swartsel and her family
in the loss of her Grandmother, Mae Taylor*

PRAYER CONCERNS for those in need of compassion and mercy.

Neighbors Near and Far: Lauren Moore and the returning military and their families.

Please help to keep us aware of our church family and how we may best serve their needs. Thank you. The Office phone number is 727-842-7674.

THANK YOU – Thank you to the wonderful musicians we heard on Christmas Eve. We experienced all kinds of music that filled our souls. Thank you to the youth who shared the news of the Christ Child.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNERS – Come and join us for dinner on Wednesday evenings and enjoy the fellowship along with a tasty meal. Dinner will be served from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The menu for this week is Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread and Cake for Dessert. The cost for adults is \$5.00. Children and youth eat free.

NEW WEDNESDAY STUDIES – On Wednesday mornings and evenings, the study will be an Immersion Bible Study that will take us into the Gospel of Mark, the Gospel for this year. Come be a part of one of these groups at 10:30 am or 6:00 pm at the parsonage. If you have not been part of a group, you are welcome to be part of this 8 week study beginning January 4.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – The Wesley Adult Sunday school class will be studying in the Old Testament to see how God's Promise to Abraham is passed on from generation to generation and is carried with Abraham's descendants into Egypt. God's Protection is visible throughout the studies of Genesis and into Exodus which leads us to Moses and his journey through the wilderness. This is just a glimpse of January 2012's lesson material. Come join us at 9:45 am in the Wesley Classroom.

The Change the World Class will begin a new study by Adam Hamilton called "When Christians Get it Wrong" which looks at controversial issues, the views

of young adults, the culture and the church's response. Come be part of this class' 6 week study meeting in Room 1 at 9:45 am beginning on January 8.

YOUTH FOCUS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER CONCERNS offered up by the Youth this week are for:

I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. Ephesians: 3:17

April's Grandpa; Stacey's friend, Nadine is sick; Kim, Josh & Brooke Davis are moving to Goldsboro NC this week; Kali's brother is sick; Mehgan's Mom is sick; Nathan's family; April's nephew; Lesamarie's great Uncle Harold and Mom's ankle; Stacey needs a job and a friend's Grandma is sick, too; Becky Radivoy; Nathan with a knee injury; Lesamarie's brother in the Marines; Stop Bullying at School; Brittney's friend, Wally, in the hospital; Gerardo's grandmother is very sick and going blind; Tori, Amber & Trenton's math teacher is pregnant; Kayla et Elle famille, Kayla's Momma; Brittney's step sister, Jenn, is pregnant; James nephew; Becky, Crystal, Amber & John's Dad's back; James' Aunt's mother – cancer; Susie, Don & Kyle McDowell, Kim's uncle – heart surgery; Amanda Willet; Josh/Brook's Mom; Kim's friend, Madyson – leukemia; Karen Timony; Armed Forces overseas; Emmi's older sister is pregnant; Yasmine's therapy; opportunities for work for Jacob, Emmi and others; Kim color guard Captain; Trenton & Jacob moving and mom's migraines

“This is our prayer O' Lord.”

END OF YEAR GIVING – Thank you for your generous spirits.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS – On January 8, we will welcome our new leaders for 2012 and say thank you to the ones who have served so faithfully.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS – Get ready for FROSTBITE. On Sunday, January 15, at 12:00 Noon, we will “Welcome our Snowbirds Back to Sunny Florida” with a “Frostbite Luncheon” in Henderson Hall after the 11:00 am Service. The cost is \$5.00.



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WORSHIP – Pick up a new Upper Room. Covenant to pray for the church daily and to attend worship weekly. It is for your soul! May the light of the Christ Child illumine your heart.

STUDY – Become part of a study group on Sunday mornings or Wednesdays. The lessons for next Sunday are: Genesis 1:1-5, the Creation Story; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7, Paul baptizing new disciples; Mark 1:4-11, the Baptism of Jesus.

ACTION – Resolve to serve others in the New Year.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY (1/2) 10:00 am Food Pantry
CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

WEDNESDAY (1/4) 10:30 am Bible Study at Parsonage
5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner and Youth Activities
6:00 pm Bible Study at Parsonage
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (1/5) 10:00 am Staff Meeting
7:30 pm Gamblers Anonymous in Room 1

SATURDAY (1/7) 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Game Night

SERVING THIS WEEK

Liturgist: Dwight Smith
Organist/Pianist: Peg Davis

Greeters

Selma Marlowe & Marianne Myatt

Ushers

Rupert Bethel, Bob Morong,
Vance Faulkenberg, Dana Zukunft

Sound Coordinator: Andy Zukunft

SPECIAL REQUEST BY THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

WE NEED LOTS OF HELP IN DISASSEMBLING, PACKING AND STORING THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN THE SANCTUARY AND INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CHURCH ON SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 7, 2012, AT 9:00 AM. PLEASE LET PAT MCDOWELL, IRENE PATTERSON OR MARTIE, IN THE OFFICE, KNOW IF YOU WILL BE AVAILABLE.

INFORMATION UPDATE

In an effort to keep up with the times, we are updating our files to include the email addresses of all those wishing to share theirs with us. We are also inputting the cell numbers as some are using cell phones only and no longer have a home phone or land line. Do we have the date of your birthday and/or anniversary?

Please fill in your information below, tear it off and place it in the collection plate. OR, you can call Martie in the office at 842-7674 during the week.

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