

Countryside Baptist Church

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“Making disciples by reaching the lost for Jesus Christ so that all experience help, hope, and home”

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The Gift that Changed the World

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DECEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

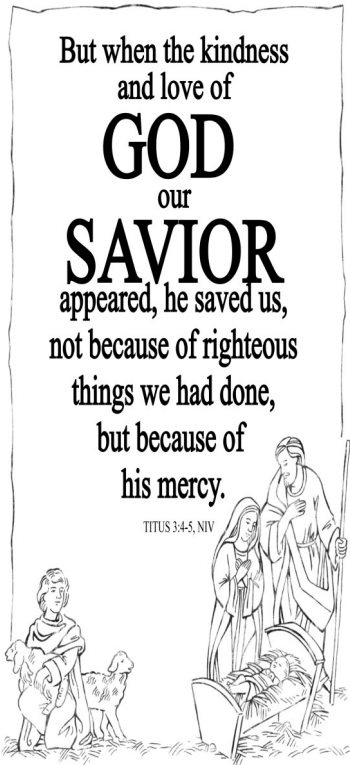


**From Pastor
Ron's Desk**

Happy Advent season! Advent is a period of anticipation for the return of Jesus Christ but this is the season where we also look forward to the celebration of His birth, His first Advent. Advent means coming. The King is coming!!!! Are you ready for His coming. Jesus is coming. The early church used to say Maranatha which means "Come Lord Jesus, Come!" Are you ready for His coming? The first answer is probably a resounding yes so let me ask the question a different way. In what area of my life and I not ready for His coming? Advent season is a great time to prepare our hearts for the Kings coming much as a town prepares for the arrival of an important dignitary, or Israel prepared for the Passover removing all leaven. Or the Lent season where some prepare 40 days prior to Easter to prepare for the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. As December 1st arrives what are some things that you can intentionally do to prepare for Jesus?

Maybe it is simply a daily centering upon the Christmas story or of focusing upon His first advent, perhaps it is a preparation for His second advent by reading about His coming back, perhaps like Lent it is a time of giving up and giving over. However you decide to prepare for His coming, let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. The King is coming!!!!

Blessings, Pastor Ron



Sun Mon Tue We Thu Fri Sat d

1 Communion	2	3 Trustee Mtg 7:00 pm	4 Worship Committee meeting 6pm	5	6	7
8	9	17 Missions 5:30pm Christian Ed 7:00 pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Church Council 7:00 pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28
29 Deacons 12:00 pm	30	31				

The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14



REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT COUNTRYSIDE

SUNDAY	Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
	Morning Worship	10:45 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	Disciples of Wisdom Youth Group	6:30 P.M.

KID'S COUNTRY VOLUNTEERS

December

- 1 TBA
- 8 Carol Kirk & Susie Ratzlaff
- 15 Dena Miller & Robin Lawrence
- 22 Gordon & Jane Warnken
- 29 Linda Cox & Shirley Sills

GREETERS

December

- 1 Sam Rinkel & Brittany McCullers
- 8 Sam Rinkel & Brittany McCullers
- 15 Sam Rinkel & Brittany McCullers
- 22 Sam Rinkel & Brittany McCullers
- 29

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

December

- 1 Jamie Standage
- 8 Adam Fortna
- 15 Gordon Standage
- 22 Judd McCullers
- 29 Melissa King

DECEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 5 Judd & Heidi McCullers | 25 Chrissy Hover |
| 9 Louise Lyon | Linda Barkman |
| 14 Mike DeWitt | 28 Richard & Linda Campbell |
| 18 Jamie Standage | Alanna King |
| 21 Allen Forkell | 31 Phyllis Krehbiel |

SOUND BOOTH

December

- 1 Jude McCullers
- 8 David Rodgers
- 15 Davie Rodgers
- 22 David Rodgers
- 29 Chris Moore



**ARISE,
SHINE;
FOR YOUR LIGHT
HAS COME,
AND THE GLORY
OF THE LORD
HAS RISEN
UPON YOU.**

ISAIAH 60:1, NRSV

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS COFFEE

All Ladies are invited to the Women's Christmas Coffee on Saturday, December 7th at 10:00 AM. Bring your favorite Christmas goodie to share. We are having an Ornament Gift exchange \$5.00 and under. Contact Sharon Breneman & Dena Miller

ADORATION

*Worship the Lord in the
splendor of His holiness.
Psalm 96:9*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim. With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness, Kneel and adore Him the Lord is His Name!

Fear not to enter His presence in poverty, Bearing no gifts to present as your own. Bring truth in its beauty and love in its purity These are the offerings to lay at His throne. Words by John S. B. Monsell, music by Tom Fette.

**CHRIST
THE SAVIOR
is BORN!**

BIBLE BUDDIES

All Kid's ages K-5th grades come to Bible Buddies on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM for a Bible story, Bible memory, music, crafts and games. Contact Jamie Standage

DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST Youth Group

The Youth group will be meeting Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All men are invited to the Men's Fellowship on Wednesdays at 8:00 AM at Scuttlebutts Coffee.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study has been meeting Wednesdays at 9:30—11:00 AM. Our next study will start next spring 2025. Look for announcements in the bulletin. Thank you Becky Craft for leading the study this year.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT
"GIFTS THAT WE BRING TO CHRIST"

"And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11b. (NKJV))

"As the wise men of old presented precious gifts to the manger King in an act of worship, so we today must bring our gifts to lay at the feet of the Christ of Christmas. Our giving must be no hollow gesture of custom, but a thoughtful act of Christian worship. The gifts we bring are not to be laid by a manger in Bethlehem, but placed in active service to do his work of bringing peace on earth and good will to men." (from *At The Lord's Treasury*, the Bethany Press, 1959)

In October, the Unified Budget giving of \$16,752 exceeded the actual expenditures by \$627 and the amount that giving has exceeded the expenditures for 2024 is \$22,650.

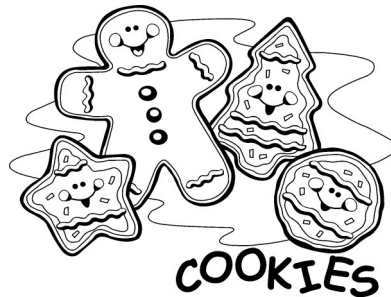
The 2024 World Mission Offering was \$580 and \$525 was raised for Samaritan's Purse to help victims of hurricanes. We have helped people with offerings and donations for Benevolence, Convoy of Hope, Open Door Pregnancy, Christian Soup Kitchen, SaltHawk Community Support, and other special offerings throughout 2024. As we bring our gifts this month for the Salvation Army Food boxes and fill the mitten tree for needy children in the community,

let us always remember those less fortunate than ourselves.

This devotional still rings true as it has the last several years. As we celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior this month, may we never forget that He is the greatest gift that we have ever received! May we continue to worship Him the rest of this year and throughout the New Year with our gifts of sacrifice and active service! Let us thank the Lord for his blessings this past year and pray that brings us just the right pastor to lead us into the future. – Rich McCullum

COOKIES & CAROLS

Come and enjoy an evening of singing Christmas carols and having some yummy Christmas cookies on December 8th at 6:00 PM in the parlor.



FINANCIAL REPORT
MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>Unified Budget</u>	<u>October 2024</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Budget Goals	17,033.08	170,330.80
Tithes & Offerings	16,752.83	180,683.24
Actual Expenditures	16,126.07	158,033.67
Overage (Shortfall)	626.76	22,649.57

MITTEN TREE

The Mission Committee will have a Mitten tree in the foyer for collecting children's socks, mittens/gloves, hats and scarfs. The items will need to be given by December 15th. The Salvation Army will be giving out the donations to needy children in the community.

SALVATION ARMY

The Missions Committee is asking for monetary donations for the Salvation Army in December. The Salvation Army red donation bucket is in the foyer.

CHRISMAS PROGRAM

Come to a Special Christmas Program on December 22nd at 10:45 AM for the morning worship service. There will be singing and the Christmas Story of Baby Jesus.

PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pulpit Search Committee has been meeting regularly to discuss appointing an Interim Minister. The Executive Minister from the Central Region Gregg Hemmen is our point of contact. Those serving on the committee are Jerry Maxfield, Adam Fortna, Vince Herriman, Julie Magyar, Heidi McCullers, Carolyn Moore, Roger Sills and Carol Kirk. The committee thanks you for your prayers and support in this important decision.

A RETIREMENT CARD SHOWER

There will be a Retirement Card Shower for Pastor Ron and Deanna in the month of December starting December 1st through December 25th. There will be a basket on the table in the foyer. Contact Personnel Committee

God  *Answers*
Prayers