

### WELCOME GUESTS

*We hope that you feel warmly welcomed and, even more important, that you experience the power and presence of God as we praise God's name, pray for God's world, and listen to God's voice together. Please let us know if there is anything we as a church can do for you! A Nursery is provided downstairs for children, infant – 3 years old. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. Weekly Sunday worship times are 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.*

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are placed by Bill & Sandra Patterson.  
Let's not forget the reason for the season:  
Thank you, Father, for the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ.

### COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Come and Go Communion** - this afternoon, from 3:00 - 4:30 pm  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service** - this evening at 5:00 pm  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** December 31 - ONE SERVICE at 10:00 am! Sunday School at 9:00 am.

*The church office will be closed on December 25 & 26, in observance of Christmas.*

### CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

Come join us this evening for a **Candlelight Communion Service**, held at **5:00 pm**. In this special worship service, we celebrate the everlasting light our Savior brought to this world, and remember His light which shines in our hearts throughout the year.

For those who are unable to attend the Candlelight Service, a **Come-and-Go Communion** will be offered earlier in the day, from **3:00 - 4:30 pm**, in the Sanctuary.

### YEAR-END GIVING

This is a reminder that your year-end gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to be considered a contribution in the 2017 tax year. Thank you for your continued support of our church!

### FELLOWSHIP TIME SNACKS

Once again, it is time to sign up to provide Sunday morning 9:30 snacks. A new sign-up poster is now on the wall outside the kitchen door. If you enjoy snacking and fellowshiping, please consider taking a turn to provide the snack and juice for others. All types of snacks are enjoyed and appreciated! Men, women, and children are welcome to sign up; easy-to-follow instructions are provided for your convenience. Thank you to all those who have helped!

### BLUE LAKE WINTER RETREAT

Blue Lake Winter Retreat takes place February 2 - 4, for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades. If your child is interested in attending, you can register and pay online at Blue Lake's website: [www.bluelakecamp.com](http://www.bluelakecamp.com). The cost is \$125 per camper; scholarships are available. Please contact Hillary to let her know if your child is planning on attending, or for more information about the available scholarships.

### PRAYER LIST

Charles Reed, Mina Jeffers, Laura Sanders, Susan Dragone, unspoken, Butch Ransom family, Lamar Godwin, David Sanders, Tom Jackson, Sebastian Dykes, John Dykes, Jeanette Boles, Brittney Brooks, Bill Elkins family, Lydia Ledbetter, Louanne Moore, Brooke Sayers, unspoken, Ann & Andy Owen, Laura Owen, Jimmy Speake, Ashleigh Hughes, Joey Miller, Rodney Aldridge, Christine Lacy, Linda Mitchell, all who will be celebrating Christmas without family or who are missing loved ones, Linda Mitcheal, Tommy Causey, Reba Langford, Ray Baker, peace, love, Janet Watts, Helen Hamm, Tammy Rich, John Papenlehr

*The prayer list above was created by prayer requests written down on the attendance sheets during last Sunday morning's worship services.*

### STEWARDSHIP FOR DECEMBER 17

Sunday School – 64		Worship Attendance – 155+
Wkly Budget Income 8,627	Mthly Budget Inc 37,386	Ytd Budget Inc 431,369
Wkly Actual Income 5,338	Mthly Actual Inc 34,622	Ytd Actual Inc 414,283
Wkly Budget Expenses 8,867	Mthly Budget Exp 38,425	Ytd Budget Exp 443,350
Wkly Actual Expenses 12,588	Mthly Actual Exp 26,721	Ytd Actual Exp 405,937

