

Chapel | Chatter

December
2018

"He's Coming!"

In the morning news, a Colorado husband and father was sentenced to life in prison for murder. He wanted to start a new life with his new girlfriend, but his old life got in his way. So he strangled his pregnant wife, and he smothered his two little daughters. These are the stories that cause me to shutter at the depravity of which humans are capable. The rest of the news consisted of the lies and hypocrisy of public officials, wild fires and possible mud slides, blizzards, car wrecks, and a hospital shooting. Into this kind of world, we need a savior.

Twenty-six hundred years ago, things were bleak for God's people. They worked hard to eke out a living as they faced challenges with mortality - illness and death. Their officials were corrupt. They were besieged by the Assyrians and subsequently conquered by the Babylonians. Would they cease to exist as a people of God? Had God forgotten them?

Isaiah said, "No!" In dark times, he prophesied that Messiah would come. Dial back the despair; hope is on its way. He's coming! While the challenges of their day differ from ours, the human condition has not changed and neither has our need for a Savior. Isaiah has a word from the Lord to us: "He's coming!" Five of God's promises from Isaiah 40 will be our Advent teaching themes - November 25 through December 23.

He's coming to comfort His people. Recently, we have faced our share of issues. Some losses get stirred up during the holiday season. We need that comfort.

He's coming with a word of truth! Truth is hard to find in our day and age. Everyone seems to want to put their own spin on their words. We are thankful that we have the touchstone of His unchanging word.

He is coming with Good News! The Good News is that God cares for you enough to send His Son to give you hope and salvation. Besides you, who needs to hear that? Who will you share that with? The holiday season is a great time to invite your family and friends to come to church with you.

He is coming in power! The God who promises to come to us and care for us is the same God who spoke the universe into being! He is able.

He is coming to renew His people! Even young people get worn out, but those who wait on the Lord will find their strength to be renewed like an eagle's.

Our children's program will be Sunday, December 16 at 10:30 and our Cantata will be Sunday, December 23, at 10:30. Those will be awesome worship experiences. If you want to collect the set of all five promises from Isaiah 40, you will have to go to the early services on those Sundays, too.

Keep Jesus as the reason for your holiday season. Keep Christ as the center of your living every day.

See you Sunday,



Pastor Brad





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The year is coming to an end. 2018 has been a great year for me. From getting married, to traveling to Ireland, to leading a couple of great mission trips, 2018 has been extremely successful in my book! I look forward to spending time with family during Christmas and I look forward to another awesome year in 2019. In December, I'm looking forward to all of the different things we do as a youth group. With students out of school, it opens up the opportunity to do some extra events. We'll be volunteering at the Lutheran Home, going Christmas Caroling (let me know if you want carolers), having a Christmas party, a lock in, and an ice skating event! It should be a full, exciting month! I look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior with the youth group, our church, and my extended family.

One thing that I'm looking forward to in 2019 is taking the college group to the CROSS conference in Louisville, KY. We're going January 2-5 to hear some great speakers with a focus on missions. We just finished making reservations and have a group of 10 people going, and I'm super excited to have the opportunity to lead this trip!

I hope that Christmas is a time of renewed faith for you as we spend time reflecting on the birth of Jesus. I pray that those around you encourage you and draw you closer to Him.

Happy December!

Pastor Tom



To our Church Family,

By now you have changed the batteries in your smoke detectors, but what about your carbon monoxide detectors? Last winter we had the experience to see if ours worked. I had just finished helping Ken when the alarm went off. It is the scariest thing to hear. Your mind starts racing as to what you were told to do. I got Ken in the car and outside in the snow and called 911. The fire department came, put their mask on and went in. They opened all windows, used fans to clear the house. They found the problem and we were so grateful to them.

Ken & Arita Silveus



The work on the church directory has already started!!! If your address or phone number has changed, please let the office know.



Bountiful Blessings and the Caring Cupboard

Bountiful Blessings and the Caring Cupboard will be held December 17th from 6-7:30 pm and December 21st from 9-11 am. Starting January 2019, they will be held the third Monday of each month from 9-10:30 am and 6-7:30 pm. Please call the church office if you have any questions at 419-533-2881.



All ladies of Chapel are invited to join us in our exercise class happening on Monday mornings at 8:00 am. This class will run through December 17th. If you have any questions, please see Sue Krugh.

The Sr. High YF will be out spreading Christmas cheer as they go Christmas Caroling December 13th. If you would like some Christmas cheer from our youth, please contact Pastor Tom.



December Servant Schedule

	December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 30
8:15 Door Greeters	Barnes Family		Terry Shafer Family	S. Tedrow Family	
8:15 Nursery			S. Tedrow Family		N. Carter Family
S. S. Door Greeters	Barnes Family	Gillen Family	J. Hartford Family	Nash Family	Bare Family
S.S. Nursery	Oberhaus Family	Eloise Griteman		Shadday Family	Oberhaus Family
10:30 Door Greeters		Gillen Family	J. Hartford Family		Bare Family
10:30 Nursery	Graber Family	Estelle Family	Davis Family	Barnes Family	Miller Family
Greeters Welcome Center	Case Family	Young Family	K. Mohler Family	Howe Family	Martin Family

Prayer
 *Changes things*
Let us pray for you with Faith
Believing
 HE WILL LIFT YOU UP

Greyson Tramm & family (Boyd & April Mozingo's grandson) - Broken left leg.

Long-Term Needs: Bonnie Mohler—Health Concerns; DeeAnn Shafer—Cancer; Family and friends of Nathan Soto; Courtney Patton—Health Concerns; Isaac Seagrave (Steve & Mary Seagrave's son) - Health concerns; Margaret Bollman—Health Concerns; Rebecca Liven-good (Vicky Leatherman's mother) - Health concerns; Ken Silveus; Morris Myers—Lung Cancer; Leo "Bud" Zenz, Kent Spiess, Braden Kramer - (Fetterman extended family) - Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia; Brady Chapa—Cancer; Connie Cramer (Christy Myers' mother) - Lymphoma. Also, members of the military and their families, our missionary families.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Cheryl Falor Morris & Mary Lou Myers
2	3	4 Kenzy Kern Zeb & Rachel Orr	5	6 Jordan Keller	7	8 <i>Happy Anniversary!</i>
9 Pat Fetterman	10 	11 Brenda Saneholtz	12 Scott See Darcie Mohler Rick & Cheryl Shadday Terry & Sherri Shafer	13 Stephen Seagrave	14 Allan Starkey Ken Silveus Sara Atkinson	15 Tom Tedrow
16 Lucas Young	17	18 Ken Fetterman Jim & Linda Vollmar	19	20 	21 Zach Bowers	22 Marin Gerberich
23 Ninfa Starkey Mike & Cheri Collier	24 Mike Myers Cathy Leatherman	25 Logan Case	26	27	28 Linnea Short Hannah Kershner Ted Mohler Tahir Masood & Fouzia Tahir	29 Ken & Arita Silveus Ken & Robin Carpenter
30 Lydia Mack Logan Mack Bill Quigley	31 Alayna Jones Chelsea Howe Alice Leatherman Caroline Booth					

Christmas Schedule

Holiday Dinner—December 2nd at 11:30 am

Children's Christmas Program—December 16th at 10:30 am service

Choir Christmas Cantata—December 23rd - at 10:30 am service

Christmas Eve Service—December 24th at 7:00 pm



AGAPE MISSIONS SILENT AUCTION – The silent auction is happening now until December 2nd until 12:30pm. At that time we will copy down the bids and mark the winner on each bid sheet. We will leave the bid sheets by the individual items. If you see you are top bidder you can pick up your item(s) at that time. Make your check payable to **Agape Missions Worldwide** (NOT to the church) and give it to April Mozingo or Joe Gillen.

Also, for those not bidding who wish to donate to the Christmas fund for the Agape kids, there is a donation box on the table. Thank you for your support!

The We Care tree is up! Please write your name next to the child you have taken on the papers that are on the table beside the tree. Gifts are due at the church December 9th. Please attach the tag to the unwrapped gifts and place them under the tree. If you have any questions, please see Cindy Overmier.






Sunday Worship Times: 8:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)
 10:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided)
 9:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)

Classic Worship
 Praise Celebration
 Classes for All Ages

Sunday School:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7 am Men's Prayer Time
2 Agape Missions Silent Auction 11:30 am Holiday Dinner 1 pm Dr. Hong Yang 2 pm Jr. & Sr. High Service Project 6-7 pm Boy Scouts 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts	3 6 pm Trustees 7 pm Finance 8pm Ad. Council	4 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	5 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7-8:45 pm Sr. High YF 7:30 pm Choir	6 3-5 pm ROCK	7	8 7 am Men's Prayer Time
9 6-7 pm Boy Scouts	10 6 pm UMM 8 pm Worship	11 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm SPRC	12 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7-8:45 pm Sr. High YF 7:30 pm Choir	13 3-5 pm ROCK	14	15 7 am Men's Prayer Time
16 10:30 am Children's Christmas Program 6-7 pm Boy Scouts 6-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	17 6-7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings & Caring Cupboard 7:30 pm Evangelism	18 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	19 12:00 Senior Luncheon 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's Study 7-8:45 pm Sr. High YF 7:30 pm Choir	20 3-5 pm ROCK	21 9-11 am Bountiful Blessings & Caring Cupboard	22 7 am Men's Prayer Time
23 10:30 am Christmas Cantata	24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Office Closed 	26	27	28	29 7 am Men's Prayer Time
30	31					

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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS – 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 A.M.

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*“A body knowing and growing in Christ so deeply that He is
overflowing to others.”*

Return Service Requested

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Merry Christmas

