

BETHEL FRIENDS CHURCH

December 27, 2015

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Pianist: Janelle Keith

Organist: Karen Carter

Opening Song

"Emmanuel"

Divonna Thornburg

Hands of Fellowship

Prayer

Randy Thornburg

Announcements

Art Hanes

Carol # 176, vs. 1,2,3 "Go Tell It On The Mountain" Divonna Thornburg

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Art Hanes

Offertory

Janelle Keith

Children's Sermon

Randy Thornburg

- Nursery dismissal

- Children's Church dismissed, grades K-5th

Special Reading

Donna Robison

Choruses "He Who Began A Good Work In You" Divonna Thornburg

"Amazing Grace-My Chains Are Gone"

Centering Scripture

1 John 4:7-12

Art Hanes

Open Worship

Congregation

These several minutes of our service are unplanned. This is an opportunity for God to have your focused attention through prayer, a hymn or Scripture. He may have a message just for you, or one He wants you to share with others. Be faithful in your response.

Morning Message

"Christmas Miracles- Part 3"

Randy Thornburg

Carol # 170, vs. 1,4

"Joy To The World"

Divonna Thornburg

Closing Prayer

Randy Thornburg

WELCOME GUESTS! Your presence is a blessing for us. We hope you feel at home as we celebrate the Lord's love together. Please sign our guest book at the foot of the stairs before you leave. Thank you!

PRAYER & PRAISE

- **Rosemary Matchette** is having her medications adjusted and needs our prayers
- Please continue to keep **Steve Wilhite**, Tom Wimmer's cousin, in your prayers. He is still at MGH for rehab, following his stroke, and this is a difficult time for his family.
- **Mark Harvey** is still having some difficulty with his roof

THIS WEEK - December 20 - 27, 2015

Today: Sunday, Dec. 27 9:30 a.m. -Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 a.m. -Worship Service- 3rd Sunday of Advent
Next Sunday, Jan. 3 9:30 a.m. -Sunday School classes for all ages
10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
-No Evening Youth meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERVICES: Our nursery is available every Sunday for pre-school & younger children. Our attendant today is Rodney Craig. *Children's Church for K-5th grade is offered the 2nd & 4th Sundays, by Suzanne Smith.*

CALENDARS STILL AVAILABLE

Wall calendars-\$8, pocket calendars-\$6, and magnetic note pads-\$3 are available in our foyer! A suggested bundle donation for all three is \$15. Thank you!

THE GOSPEL PROJECT HAS ARRIVED

Teachers, you can pick up your materials for the Gospel Project in our photo-copy room. Beginning Jan. 10, our whole church will embark on "The Gospel Project"! The Young Adults need to download your materials.

COFFEE IN JANUARY

C.E. will be trying something different with coffee starting on January 10. We will have coffee in thermal air pots in our foyer, along with hot water for tea. We hope this will make our visiting time before and after church even better! If you have a particular kind of coffee- or specialty coffee you'd like to have served, consider donating some! If you could come early to make the coffee one or more Sundays in January, please let Jessica Craig know!

DECEMBER FOOD COLLECTION

Groceries donated this month will go to the Salvation Army. Thank you!

THANKS

Many thanks to Shannon Craig for planning our Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service, and *thanks* to all of you who were involved in making it a beautiful worship service!

PASTORS SCHEDULE

Randy is on vacation, beginning tomorrow, Dec. 28, through Sunday, Jan 3. If you have need of pastoral help during this time, please contact **Greg Thompson**, 765-860-1569, or **Mike Brown**, 465-661-1425

CALENDAR COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Pastor Randy will chair a meeting of our Committee Chairs plus our M&O Committee on Jan. 10, after worship, with sandwiches, to coordinate the events of the next few months here at Bethel. Please come with your committee's upcoming events in mind. If you can help bring a food item to help with lunch, please email Randy.

NEXT SUNDAY'S BULLETIN

Kay Wimmer will be preparing next Sunday's bulletin (Jan. 3). Please email her at bkwimmer@frontiernet.net with items you have for the bulletin.

SPOTLIGHT ON BOB AND HOPE CARTER

From the Carter's Christmas newsletter, Kijabe, Kenya: Hope is pursuing a master's degree in Intercultural Studies. Bob is wearing a new hat, guiding the hospital's efforts to introduce chemotherapy services. Also, Bob is now the Team Leader for all SIM missionaries at Kijabe. Dec. 7 marked the opening of the "Upward Bound" camp for HIV-positive teens, many of whom have parents who have already died. Please pray for Bob and Hope to have strength and guidance!

LOOKING AHEAD...

- Dec. 28 Pastor Randy is on vacation, through Jan. 3.
- Jan. 6: C.E. at 6:00 p.m.; M&O at 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 10: "The Gospel Project!" begins.
- Jan. 10: Calendar Coordinating Committee lunch meeting at noon.
- Jan. 14: Men's Bible Study resumes – 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 17: Loose Change Sunday & Monthly Meeting.
- Jan. 29 Thornburgs attending the IYM Pastors' Retreat thru the 31st
- Feb. 5-7: Winter Sneak for our Youth at Camp Quaker Haven.
- Feb. 6: Bethel Friends hosting Everence Seminar
- Feb. 7: Missions Committee Skyping Mtg after Morning Worship

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Thru Worship, Encouragement, and Service!**