

Suffering and Preparation
Luke 1:5-25

January 1, 2017

Happy New Year!

Pianist: Geoffrey Zimmerly • Organist: Phyllis Snyder

The suffering _____ . Luke 1:5-7

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *The Heavens are Telling* - piano/organ

Invitation to Worship:

Shout to the LORD your praises

Sing to the LORD the joy of this day.

For God's might and power are established in the universe

God's transforming love calls us.

Worship God whose Light bursts into our darkness.

Praise the God of salvation who brings us home.

***Hymn:** *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him* pg. 82

Scripture: Luke 1:5-25 (pew Bible pg. 1587)

Ministry in Music: *All is Well* - Bell Choir

Prayer

Our Worship in Giving: *Emmanuel* - piano/organ

(First-time guests, please do not feel obligated to give.

Your presence with us today is gift enough.)

***Doxology** pg. 166

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Hymn:** *For the Beauty of the Earth* pg. 793

(Children ages 3-6 dismissed to the back of the sanctuary.)

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***Hymn:** *Another Year Is Dawning* pg. 811

***Closing Prayer & Response:**

Glory Be to the Father pg. 812

He will _____ the _____. Luke 1:11-17

Flowers on the communion table are given by Walter and Eileen Vincent in memory of their family.

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*If able, please stand

First Time @ Smithville Brethren?

Welcome, we are thrilled to have you as our guests today. Here is some information you will find helpful.

First, there is a gift waiting for you at our welcome center in the main lobby. Please stop by so we can give it to you.

Second, we would like you to know that we have two worship services here at Smithville Brethren. We have a 9:00 am service in the Sanctuary with a traditional feel and an 11:15 am service in the Upper Fellowship Hall with a contemporary feel.

Third, we believe that the responsibility to support the church financially rests upon the members and friends of this church and not on you, our guest. Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering today.

Fourth, we love children here at SBC so we have a nursery which is open for children from birth to two years old. You may bring your child to the lower level for either service and Sunday school. Our nursery is staffed by loving people who would enjoy caring for your child. If you desire to keep your child in the service, that is perfectly fine also.

Fifth, during both services we also have Jr. church for children ages 3-6. Jr. church begins partway through the service and allows your child a chance to learn about God in a more age appropriate environment. Jr. church is located in the lower level, room #117. You will see a slide on the screen that tells when to send your child out for Jr. church, if you desire to do so.

Volunteers for Today:

9:00 Children's Church: Amanda Cline
Nursery: Kate Smith, Jessie Dravenstott
11:15 Children's Church: Sue Dilyard, Diane Borah
Nursery: Jennifer Car, Steph Horst

Monday, January 2

Church Office closed

Wednesday, January 4

6:30 Blanket Ministry
6:30 Time of Prayer
7:00 Youth Hangout
7:30 Choir practice

Saturday, January 7

10:00-12:00 King Foods orders

Prayer

- Betsy West - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Bertha Rudy - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Walt & Gail Sniff
- Bill & Glenna Mast
- Charles & Edna Fleming

Combined Worship Service Installation of new officers for the 2017 year will be held next Sunday, January 8, during our *combined 10:30 am worship service*. A Soup and Sandwich Luncheon will follow the service. Bring soup or sandwiches to share. Sign-up at the Information table.



Times for January 8:

9:00 Fellowship time (coffee & donuts)
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship service
11:45 Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Cookies for Breakaway! We are still in need of more cookies. The cookies can be homemade or store bought. Sign up sheet is located at the Information table. Cookies can be left in the upper kitchen marked "Breakaway" by January 4.

Help Wanted! If you have a sewing machine and some spare time, the Blanket Ministry is in need of assistance in hemming receiving blankets. The serged flannel fabric is located in the music room on a table in the rear, in bags marked with a note that states "To Be Hemmed." The hem involves simply turning over the serged edge and straight-stitching it in place and the blankets can be returned to the music room by mid-May or when completed. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Carol Hochstetler 330-682-6121. Thank you in advance for your help!

Christmas Challenge! We are still accepting money for our Christmas Challenge. This year's money will go to *Flourish 44703*, a work of our Canton, OH church plant, Radial. Please mark your checks "Christmas Challenge."

Friends' Club Last month Friends Club met at CAMO headquarters to help sort and count donations for school supplies, dental kits and baby bundles. This month we will continue to help CAMO as we assemble those kits for shipment to Honduras. Join us Sunday, January 15th from 2:00-4:00 pm at the church. After we finish assembling the kits, we will play some fun games and enjoy a snack. Call Jennifer Carr 330-262-3358 or Melissa Underwood 216-387-4802 for more information.

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Forward Look newsletter The January *Forward Look* newsletter if available on the Information wall and our website, smithvillebrethren.org.

Our Daily Bread Feel free to pick up a free copy of the December-February devotional, *Our Daily Bread*, found on the Information wall and by the downstairs door.

A ring was found at the church. Please contact the church office if you lost one.

Last Call! If you would like to be part of the Supper Clubs, please sign up at the Information table. Please indicate if you want to stay in the same group, change, or either. New groups will be starting the first of the year.

Church Mailboxes Please check your mailboxes for any Christmas cards or other information.

The 2017 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up and are in the upper fellowship hall on the table against the north wall. If anyone is interested in getting envelopes, please contact Dee Durbin at 330-262-4525.

Flower Chart The 2017 Flower Chart is located on the wall in the Welcome Center area. Please sign up for flowers for the new year. Cost is \$30 and checks can be put in the offering marked, "flowers."

King Foods January brochure/order forms are available on the King Foods table.

Lost Dish Would the persons who took lasagna to the program on Dec. 4, please check to see if my name is on the pink/lavender baking dish that you took home. My carrier is a white Aladdin Tempreserve. My missing Pyrex baking dish is a pink/lavender 9X13. Your dish is in the church kitchen. Thanks. Anita Rennecker

India Orphanage If you would like to hear about the latest MOLE (Mission Outreach Liaison, Etc.) report, or information on the needs for the orphanage in India, please see Gene or Sue McConahay.