

Unwrapping Christmas Gifts: New Life
Ephesians 2:1-10

Jesus came because we were _____ in
our sin. _____ Ephesians 2:1-4

Jesus came to _____ us
_____ in Christ. Ephesians 2:5-10

_____ the gift of new life.

December 24, 2017

4th Sunday of Advent

Pianist: Geoffrey Zimmerly • **Organist:** Phyllis Snyder

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude:

Hallelujah Chorus Handel pg. 39
piano, organ, choir, congregation

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

Ryan & Kate Smith Family

***Song:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* pg. 245

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10 (pew Bible pg. 1818)

Ministry in Music: *The Birthday of a King* - choir

Prayer

Our Worship in Giving: *Christmas Joy*

Geoffrey Zimmerly, Carol Hochstetler, Beth Hart

(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!*

*Song:

Angels, from the Realms of Glory pg. 259 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5
(Children ages 3-6 dismissed to the back of the sanctuary.)

Message: Unwrapping Christmas Gifts: New Life

***Song:** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* pg. 277

*Closing Prayer & Response

Emmanuel pg. 243

*If able, please stand

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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: Judy Chittenden
Nursery: Nancy Dravenstott, Kirstie Mahas
11:15 Children's Church: Chet Underwood, Kali Bolen
Nursery: Jennifer Carr, Melissa Underwood

Sunday, Dec. 24

6:00 Youth Hangout (6th-12th grade)

Wednesday, Dec. 27

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



Prayer

- Betsy West - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Bertha Rudy - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Walt & Gail Sniff
- Bill & Glenna Mast
- Charles & Edna Fleming - Danbury Senior Living
- Hilda Flory
- Doris Morrison - Wayne County Care Center

Christmas Eve Service Invite family and friends to the Christmas Eve Services today at 5:00 & 6:30 pm. The 5:00 pm service will be in the upper fellowship hall with our worship team. The 6:30 pm service will be in the sanctuary with a more traditional feel. Both services will include a special time for children and a message.



O come, let us adore him!

Deadline for the January Forward Look is today. Please put news articles in the black office box on the Information table, or email to sbrethren@earthlink.net.

Christmas Challenge! This year's Christmas Challenge will go to Camp Bethany. "The Lodge has a new two-story expansion and needs furniture! Camp Bethany, and the Lodge in particular, are used year round for many events; enhancing this building opens the door for Camp to be accessible for many different groups. As part of our multi-phase project, we are first adding four new bedrooms and two new bathrooms on each floor. Doing so will allow the Lodge to be more appealing for small family retreats." Please mark your checks for "Christmas Challenge."

For weather-related cancellations at Smithville Brethren Church listen to 104.5 FM WQKT and, check our website at smithvillebrethren.org.

Flower Donations If you would like to donate flowers for the 9:00 am worship service in 2018, the flower chart is located near the Information table. Cost is \$30 and checks can be made out to Smithville Brethren Church marked "flowers" and placed in the offering.

Cookies for Breakaway! Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring cookies. Please bring the cookies to the upper kitchen marked "Breakaway" by January 7.

The 2018 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.

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Combined Worship Service Installation of new officers for the 2018 year will be held Sunday, January 14 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 14:

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

Annual Chili Cook-Off and Game Night! This annual event will be held on February 17 at 6:00 pm in the upper fellowship hall. Bring your family's favorite chili to be judged by your fellow chili lovers! The committee will provide salad, corn bread, beverage and table service. You may bring a dessert instead of chili. Don't forget to bring games!

Church Mailboxes Please check your mailboxes for any Christmas cards or other information, especially during this holiday season. Your mail is in the box **BELOW** your name.

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

The December-January issue of *Our Daily Bread* is available on the Information wall and by the west door. Feel free to pick up a copy!

Prayer Chain Please contact Barb Mast for any prayer concerns during the month of January. You can reach her at 330-201-1748.

Upcoming Events for 2018!

March 17 - Welcome Spring!
May 5 - Ladies' Tea
June 16 - Men & Boy's Old 'Anything on Wheels' Event
July 22 - Akron Rubber Ducks Game & Picnic
August 19 - Chicken BBQ & Ice Cream
November 4 - Combined Service & Thanksgiving Dinner

Merry Christmas!