

Shepherds at Christmas
Luke 2:8-20

December 25, 2016

Merry Christmas!

Pianist: Geoffrey Zimmerly • Organist: Phyllis Snyder

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Luke 2:9-20

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Hallelujah Chorus* - piano/organ

The Christ Candle

***Hymn:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* - pg. 249

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20 (pew Bible pg. 1591)

Ministry in Music: *This Christmas Morn* - Choir

Prayer

Our Worship in Giving: *Carol of the Bells* - Bell Choir

(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:** *How Great Our Joy!* - pg. 269

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

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***Hymn:** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* - pg. 258

*Closing Prayer & Response:

Joy to the World - Choir & Bells

*If able, please stand

Flowers on the communion table are given by Lyle Schrock in
memory of Marilyn Schrock.



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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: Amanda Cline
Nursery: Kim Chittenden, Erica Shaffer
11:15 Children's Church: Chet Underwood, Rebekah Carr
Nursery: Jennifer Carr, Beth Busche

Wednesday, December 28

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

Prayer

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

Newsletter Deadline Items for the January newsletter are due to the church office by today. You may send your news items to sbrethren@earthlink.net or put them in the black office box on the Information table.



Christmas Challenge! This years' Christmas Challenge will go to *Flourish 44703*, a work of our Canton, OH church plant, Radial. Flourish is an "initiative to help our neighbors spiritually, socially, and economically flourish by giving them access to residential, commercial, and community spaces that we acquire and form." radialchurch.com - website Here is how it works: we each add up what we spend on Christmas and give an equal amount to the church, which we will pass on to *Flourish 44703* this year. Please mark your checks "Christmas Challenge."

Please check our church website for the interview with Dustin White.

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.

Nursery Volunteers Needed Please sign up at the Information table if you can help in the nursery during the 9:00 or 11:15 am services in January.

Supper Clubs are Forming 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.

Cookies for Breakaway! Breakaway is a time-released Christian education class at Smithville. Our church has been asked to donate cookies for 2 weeks in January. A total of 30 doz. cookies are needed. 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.

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

Combined Worship Service Installation of new officers for the 2017 year will be held 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

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.

The sympathy of the church is extended to Tim & Shellie Yoder and Kali Bolen on the death of Tim's father, Wayne Yoder, this past Tuesday.

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.

