

Goodness
Matthew 1:18-25

The goodness of Joseph:

- ★ He is going to _____ Mary. 1:19
- ★ He is going to _____ her _____.
- ★ He practices _____ . 1:25
- ★ He _____ when it does not make sense. 1:24

The goodness of God:

- ★ He provides a _____ . 1:21

Flowers on the communion table are given by Alan & Linda McFalls in memory of their fathers.

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

Pianist: Geoffrey Zimmerly • Organist: Phyllis Snyder

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Gloria in Excelsis Deo - piano/organ*

Lighting the Second Advent Candle
Jeff & Kim Chittenden

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

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 (pew Bible pg. 1497)

Ministry in Music: *Gloria Hodie - Bell Choir*

Prayer

Our Worship in Giving

This is Christ the King – 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:** *What If It Were Today?* pg. 759 vs 1,3
(Children ages 3-6 dismissed to the back of the sanctuary.)

Message: Goodness

***Hymn:** *At the Name of Jesus* pg. 766 vs 1,4

***Closing Prayer & Response:**

Emmanuel pg. 243

*If able, please stand



December 4, 2016

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: Chin-Chin Frantz
Nursery: Michelle Lucci, Emma Zemancik
11:15 Children's Church: Beth Busche, Kerlynn Jagger
Nursery: Cassandra Gasser, Melissa Underwood

Wednesday, December 7

- 11:30 Ladies' Luncheon
6:30 Blanket Ministry
6:30 Time of Prayer
7:00 Youth Hangout
7:30 Choir practice

Saturday, December 10

- 9:00 Bell Choir Practice

Prayer

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



Christmas Celebration! We're excited to celebrate the season with our annual Christmas Carol Celebration. The concert is tonight at 4:30 pm. Come join us for an evening of Christmas music performed by the choir, bell choir, and many soloists/musicians from our church. A lasagna dinner will follow the program. Donations are welcome.

Christmas Gift Giving Thank you to everyone who picked up an ornament for Green Local Schools. Please have all gifts to the church by today.

Silent Auction for India Orphan Support continues through this evening. Bidding will close at the dinner following the Christmas Celebration. Thank you for your love and support of the children!

Ladies' Luncheon The next Ladies Luncheon will be held Wed., Dec. 7, 11:30 am at the Smithville Inn. Contact Louise Liebhart if you are planning to attend, at 330-262-8862. All women are welcome!

A Friend's Club field trip! Most of our service opportunities happen here at the church. Join us this month as we go "out in the field" and serve at Central American Medical Outreach. We will meet at CAMO headquarters, 322 Westwood Ave, Orrville, on Saturday, December 10, from 9:00-10:00 am. We will help CAMO assemble and package donations that will be shipped to Honduras. Parents are welcome to stay and help as well.

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."

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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.



O come, let us adore him!

Christmas Eve Service Invite family and friends to the Christmas Eve Services, Saturday, December 24 at 6:30 & 8:00 pm. The 6:30 pm service will be in the upper fellowship hall with our worship team. The 8:00 pm service will be in the sanctuary with a more traditional feel.

Both services will include a special time for children and a message.

December Forward Look is available on the Information wall. If you would like to receive the newsletter either by email or mail, please let the church office know, 330-669-2268.

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

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.

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.

Handel's Messiah You are invited to hear Handel's Messiah performed by Oak Grove Mennonite Church, 7843 Smucker Rd., Smithville on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2:30 pm. If you would like to join the choir, rehearsals Dec. 9, 7:00 pm & Dec. 10, at 4:00 pm. For more information, please call the church at 330-669-2697.