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## Notes for the Journey

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### Kids' Klub

Our first 2018 Kids' Klub meeting will be on Sunday, January 7 at 6:00pm. Kids from Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to come and join us.

In January, our teaching emphasis will be on prayer. Special attention will be given to the Lord's Prayer.

Thanks for all the items you brought during December for the children in Progreso, Mexico. Mike and Ruth will be taking all the donations with them when they travel there very soon.

### THOUGHTS

It's Christmas eve, one hour before the service is to start. Normally I would be taking care of last minute details and am a bit harried as I do that. But tonight someone came in early, saw what needed to be done and took care of those things. Thank you!

As I reflect on our year, we have much to be thankful for and so much of it revolves around people, humbly offering their gifts and talents to assist in ministry. Because of you listening to God's leading, we have new people in our family who are embracing Jesus as Savior and Lord. We have people finding strength and guidance to lead a new life. We have a facility to gather in where that ministry can take place. We have been blessed by your financial generosity and response to our needs and the list goes on.

As we reflect on 2017, let me thank each and every one of you for following God's leading in using your talents, gifts and blessings for His work in the past. May we continue to avail ourselves to His guidance in the future. I am so excited to see what He has in store.

### 2018 Tithing Envelopes

Your 2018 tithing/offering envelopes are available on the table in the foyer. You can pick yours up any time.

If you have never had envelopes before, and would like a set, please take one of the blank sets, locate the number on the box and place your name next to the corresponding number on the sign-up sheet.

The envelopes are a good reminder to contribute to the work of God's kingdom on a regular basis. Also using the envelopes enables the church to issue you a year-end statement of giving that can be used when you file your Federal income taxes.

### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, January 2**—6:30pm. Elijah Men's Group at the parsonage

**Wednesday, January 3**—6:00pm. Ladies' Bible Study at the parsonage

**Tuesday, January 9**—6:30pm. In This Together

**Thursday, January 11**—6:30pm. Board of Administration Meeting

**Sunday, January 28**—6:00pm. Society Meeting

### Lectionary Scripture

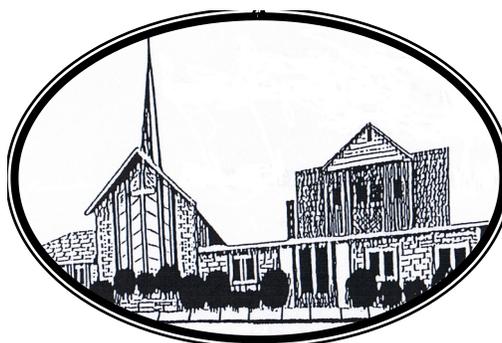
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Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalms 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40



### Mission

*A community of believers  
endeavoring to live and love  
as Jesus taught.*

*Come—Experience  
Community!*

# Church Calendar

## Sunday, December 31

Morning Worship 9:30am  
 Sunday School 10:40am

## Monday, January 1

### Happy New Year

## Tuesday, January 2

Elijah Men' Group at the parsonage 6:30pm

## Wednesday, January 3

Ladies' Bible Study in the Library 10:00am  
 Ladies' Bible Study at the Parsonage 6:00pm

## Friday, January 5

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

## Saturday, January 6

Shekinah Sunday School Class Holiday Party 6:00pm  
 at Olde Tyme Steakhaus

## Statistics for December 24

Morning Service	150
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 17,172.38
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 5,529.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD	\$ 5,144.00

## Prayer Needs

Bill Harrolle—health (Diann Colwell's brother)  
 Kris Constable—health  
 Family of Mae Goodman  
 Bob Fore—health  
 Unspoken needs  
 Please continue to pray for needs previously listed



## Big Brothers-Big Sisters

The Big Brothers-Big Sisters program in Richland County has a specific and urgent need right now. There are several boys on the waiting list to be matched to a "Big Brother." "Big Sisters" are also needed.

The young people in this program need a positive role model who demonstrates integrity, maturity and respect.

Just an hour or two of your time per week can reap huge benefits for a child facing stress in their home life— and it's one of the most rewarding things you ever do!

The volunteers will receive professional training and support in their mentorship and they find joy in sharing some of their favorite activities with their *Littles*.

Call TODAY if you can spare the time to change the life of a child for the better, forever. The match specialist is Abbie Carress, (cell) 317-281-1261 or email her at [abbiecarressBBBS@gmail.com](mailto:abbiecarressBBBS@gmail.com). Thank you for caring.

## Happy Birthday



Sophia Lynn Combs ..... December 31  
 Bryan Payne ..... January 3  
 Judy Stiverson ..... January 3  
 Quinn Trout..... January 4  
 Sandy Sager..... January 4  
 Alex Shanks..... January 4

## Happy Anniversary



Blake & Jessica Chenoweth ..... January 3

## Ladies' Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study that meets in the Library at 10:00am each week will resume their study Wednesday, January 3. We hope you will be able to join us in our study of the scriptures.

## Thank You Note

Thanks to everyone for the cards and support of our children and student ministry over the past year. We have such a loving and supporting church family which makes my job so much easier. Again thank you for all you do.

Stacy Bare

## Thank You Note

Again, our family is extremely touched by all the expressions of love showered on us during this time of year. We consider it a privilege to be a part of your church family. Thank you so much.

The Wingert Family.

## Shekinah Sunday School Class Party

The annual Holiday Class Party will be held Saturday, January 6 at 6:00pm at Olde Tyme Steak Haus.

Elaine Sheets would like to have your reservations soon. Call her at 395-4730 or 618-599-5919.