ANNOUNCEMENTS

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU for your support of Our Daily Bread. All the jars of peanut butter will make a difference in helping those in need in our community.

With sincere thanks from the volunteers at Our Daily Bread

EVERYONE IS INVITED to the Christmas Play at 5 p.m., this evening, in the Family Life Center. Please come and support our youth and children.

ADVENT STUDY: If you would like to make a reservation for the meal prior to the final Advent Study at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16th, please add your name to one of the sign up sheets near the side entrance, at the Fellowship Hall, or call the office (365-8324). Supper is $8 per person with a family maximum of $25. Invite a friend!

TOYS FOR CHILDREN: We now have an Angel Tree at First Bank. Anything you would like to purchase, please take it to the bank by December 16th. We could use family games, soccer balls, and footballs. Drop off the games and balls at Cash Express. Contact Helen Kincannon at 365-0197 if you have any questions.

HOME PRAYER GROUP gathers at the home of Tuffy Thurman, Thursday, December 17th, at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited.

COMMUNITY MEAL is Thursday, December 17th, at 5 p.m., in the Family Life Center.

THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER IS CLOSED for the set-up of the Kiwanis Club’s Christmas food basket distribution on Saturday, December 19th, in the Family Life Center.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

William Ruffner (Bill & Caren Ruffner’s grandson)
Jonathan Harrison (James Weaver’s step-grandson)
Tyler Shaffer (Kathy Heinelt’s nephew)
Branson Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
Justin Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
Monty Johnson (John & Judy Johnson’s son)
Nathanial Tott Moffett (grandson of Glenn Moffett)
Derek Niehaus (husband of John & Sam Hanson’s granddaughter)
Christopher Yonke (Dianne Yonke’s grandson)
Troy Brown (Tom Heinelt’s friend)
Sam Shaffer (Kathy Heinelt’s nephew)
Christopher Eicher (son of David & Joyce Eicher)
Robert Flynn (Whitney Flynn’s brother & Tammy Flanagan’s grandson)
Amy Kester (Eleanor Trail’s cousin)
Charles Krumweide (Eleanor Trail’s nephew)
John Lewis (Vicky Clee’s “other son”)
Aron D. Moorehay (June Pilman’s grandson)
Colby Nelson (Leon & Nancy Hicks’ grandson)
Tom Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
John Coby Robinson (Virginia Hale’s grandson)
Earl Schaller (George & Phyllis Schaller’s grandson)
Thomas R. Taylor (Marylnn Cooksey’s daughter-in-law’s brother)
William Wilkey (Eleanor Trail’s grandson)
Larry Ware and Robert Ware (Robert & Kay Ward’s sons)

“First Silent Night”
A Christmas Ballad of Love and Joy
11:00 a.m., December 20, 2015
Sanctuary presented by the Chancel Choir
Judy Ezell, Director

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BRIDAL TEA in honor of Davinity Tallent (granddaughter of Judith & Ronnie Barger) and Benjamin Ross on Sun., Dec. 20th, in the Family Life Center. 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Registered at Bed Bath & Beyond & Target.

MAKE PLANS NOW to attend the Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary at 5 p.m., Thursday, December 24th. Bring a friend.

ANNOUNCED CHURCH MEMBERS

John D. (Denny) Chattlin (Spring City Care and Rehab, #203, Hinch St.)
Margie Hughes (Spring City Care and Rehab, #310, Hinch St.)
Ruth Huskins (Golden Years Retirement, 301 Keith Dr., Spring City)
Ray Keylon (Spring City Care and Rehab, #502, 331 Hinch St.)
Kathleen Reece (Spring City Care and Rehab, #306, 331 Hinch St.)
Margaret Scholz (Spring City Care and Rehab, #511, 331 Hinch St.)

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Wanda Weems (Beverly Allison’s sister)
Jenifer Corbin (of Gil & Judy Littken)
Tom Dilling (Letty Shock’s son & granddaughter)
Tosh Bridwell (of Bennie & Susan App)
Dorothy Wilson (Nancy Gilliam’s brother)
Barbara Sarvis (of Chris Haez)
Jane May (Angie Rose’s mother)
Tom Sanders (Loretta Hale’s brother)
Pam Yokley (Dorothy Hastings’ son)
Kennedy Ladd (Norm & Peggy Bowman’s baby)
David Douglas (son of Max & Pat)
Lousie Tabor (Dona Hudson’s mother)
Whitney Miller (Beth Keylon’s niece)
Michelle Nasca & Joe Williams (Bob & Sheila Larson’s daughters)
Learghail Hal (Ed & Linda Gibb’s granddaughter)

Due to limited space, names are removed the first of each month if the church office (365-6324)
**Upcoming Events**

**Week of December 13, 2015**

**Sunday, December 13**
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 3:30 Play Participants, Family Life Center
- 5:00 Christmas Play, Family Life Center
- 6:00 Cantata Practice, Sanctuary
- 8:00 AA Fellowship Hall

**Monday, December 14**
- 10:30 TVA Retirees, Family Life Center
- 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team, Library
- 7:00 Scouts

**Tuesday, December 15**
- 8:30 Mother's Day Out, Level 2 Classrooms
- 12:00 Let's Do Lunch, Family Life Center

**Wednesday, December 16**
- 10:00 Disciple 3, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 Advent Study & Meal, Family Life Center
- 7:00 Choir Practice, Sanctuary

**Thursday, December 17**
- 8:30 Mother's Day Out, Level 2 Classrooms
- 11:00 Home Prayer Group, Tuffy Thurman's home
- 5:00 Community Meal, Family Life Center

**Friday, December 18**
- Church Office Closed
- 9-2 Family Life Center closed for Kiwanis Club’s event set-up

**Saturday, December 19**
- Distribution of Kiwanis Club Christmas Food Baskets
- Family Life Center

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**Monetary Giving to the General Budget**

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**Income & Expense Statement (Does not include Special Designated Gifts)**

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**Scripture Reading**

*Luke 1:5-25; 67-80 (NKJV)*

5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the
division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.
6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of
the Lord blameless.
7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in
years.
8 So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division,
9 according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the
temple of the Lord.
10 And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense.
11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.
12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.
13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife
Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.
14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.
15 For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He
will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.
16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.
17 He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, To turn the hearts of the fathers to
the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for
the Lord."  
18 And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is
well advanced in years."
19 And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and
was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.
20 But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place,
because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."
21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple.
22 But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a
vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.
23 And so it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own
house.
24 Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying,
25 "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach
among people."

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**Children's Church:** Shelly Pruett
**Greeters:** Sheila Larson, Lynda Smith
**Nursery:** Angie Rose & Katie
**Ushers:** Steve Keylon, Ken Rose, Kevin Rose, Jerry Smith