

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
DECEMBER 31, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

All numbers, unless otherwise indicated, refer to the Hymnal.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

+Latecomers may be seated.

The Gathering of God's People

The Welcome (8:45) **Dwight Oakes**
Registration of Attendance & Announcements (10:55) **Linda Martin**

The Call to Worship *Variations on "O Come, All Ye Faithful"* (Raynor Taylor)
Nathan Jones, Organ

The Lighting of the Altar Candles **Acolytes**

The Prayer of Adoration **Calvin Haney**

+***Greeting** **Calvin Haney**

+***The Hymn** *"There's a Song in the Air"* **No. 249**

***The Affirmation of Faith No. 881 and Glory Be to the Father No. 70**

The Acts of Prayer (8:45) **Dwight Oakes**
Concerns and Celebrations (10:55) **Linda Martin**
Morning Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (in unison) **No. 895**

The Anthem (8:45) **Bruce Nunley, Solo**
(10:55) *"Frankincense, Myrrh and Gold"* (Pepper Choplin & John Hopkins)

The Chancel Choir
The Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts to God **Ushers**

The Offertory (8:45) *"The Power of Your Love"* (arr. Jane Holstein)
Nathan Jones, Piano
(10:55) **Bruce Nunley, Solo**
No. 95

***The Doxology** **No. 95**
During the Doxology, children ages K-5th grades may be dismissed for Children's Church through the door on the right side of the chancel. (8:45): Please pick up your child in Room 214 upstairs (if they are not staying for Sunday School) or (10:55): in Room 200 upstairs after worship.

The Children's Sermon **Anthony Smith**

***The Hymn** *"Once in Royal David's City"* **No. 250**

The Reading of the Holy Scripture **Calvin Haney**
Galatians 4:4-7
(Pew Bible, back section, pg. 189)

The Sermon *"Making Good Use of Our Days"* **Calvin Haney**

***The Hymn** *"Because He Lives"* **No. 364**
(If you would like to join the church, please come forward during this hymn.)

The Benediction **Calvin Haney**

***The Congregational Response**
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (refrain) **No. 211**
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Postlude **Nathan Jones, Organ**

Welcome Visitors!
Sunday Worship Service Times:
Traditional Services: 8:45 & 10:55 AM in the Sanctuary
Contemporary Service: 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall
~We are so happy you are with us in worship today. Please sign the blue pad on the end of your pew and pass it down the pew and back. If this is your first time visiting us for worship, please stop by the greeter's table in the front foyer to receive a special gift. We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us!
~Restrooms are located in the front foyer area (behind you as you sit in the pews). The ladies' restroom is to the right as you exit and the men's room to the left.
~We make great efforts to provide the best in childcare ministry for babies, toddlers and preschoolers; and we offer Children's Church for K5-5th grades.
The ushers are available to direct you. **Our nursery is available for all services.**

2017 Giving

To receive credit for your giving for 2017, you will need to place your offering in the offering plate TODAY, December 31st! For those who give at the first of the month: please hold on to your checks for 2018 until next Sunday, January 7th, or make sure they are clearly marked 2018 so they won't get counted for 2017!

Sanctuary Flower Calendar for 2018

Our new flower calendar for 2018 is in the hallway between the Preschool Office and the Sanctuary. If you would like to place flowers on the altar in honor or in memory of a loved one on a specific date, please write your name and telephone number beside that date on the calendar. By doing so, YOU will be responsible for calling a local florist and making the arrangements for flowers to be delivered to the church on that date. Please call Debbie at the church office by Wednesday of the week you will be placing flowers and let her know the wording you would like to be used for the Sunday bulletin.

54 & More Covered Dish Luncheon & Program

Join us for the 54 & More Covered Dish Luncheon and Program on Tuesday, January 2nd, in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon. Our program will be presented by Cheryl Cutchin, giving us a heads up on our new church Library. So, bring your favorite covered dish for some fun and fellowship!

Kindergarten Sunday School Teacher Needed

We need a teacher for the Kindergarten Sunday School Class. **This position needs to be filled by Sunday, January 7th.** If you are interested, please contact Dwight in the church office at 770-867-4594, ext. 12.

 **Attention: Kids in Kindergarten—5th Grade**
Join us on Sundays from 4:00 - 6:00 pm for these fun events

December 31st — NO KIDSTUF...HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

January 7th — MOVIE...in the Theater Room (#208 upstairs)
January 14th — BOARD GAMES...in the Fellowship Hall...Bring a game & snack to share.

January 21st — CRAFTS...in the Fellowship Hall
January 28th — SKATING...SPECIAL TIME *2:00 - 5:00 P.M.***...Bring socks and \$8.**



- January**
- 1st: NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY...Church Office & Family Life Center CLOSED**
 - 2nd - NO Preschool or After School Program...Barrow Co. Schools OUT**
 - 5th:**
 - 2nd: 54 & More Covered Dish Luncheon & Program at NOON in the Fellowship Hall**
 - 5th: Red Cross Community Blood Drive from 12:00 - 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall**
 - 7th: Communion at all of our worship services**
 - 8th: Finance Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM in the Small Dining Room**
 - 9th: ~Youth Prayer Breakfast @ 6:15 AM in the Youth Center**
~UMW Meeting @ 1:00 PM in the Small Dining Room
 - 10th: Wednesday Night Supper & Programs Resume**
 - 11th: Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study begins new 7 week study—"What Love Is—The Letters of 1, 2 & 3 John" @ 10 AM in the Small Dining Room**
 - 15th: ~NO Preschool or After School Program...Barrow Co. Schools OUT**
~Church Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall
 - 21st: ~UMM Chicken Stew Membership Drive @ 12:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall**
~Missions Committee Meeting @ 12:15 PM in the Small Dining Room
 - 22nd: United Methodist Men's Fellowship @ 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall**
 - 28th: Kidstuf Skating Trip***SPECIAL TIME***2:00 - 5:00 PM**

UMW Meeting

Our United Methodist Women will meet on Jan. 9th at 1:00 pm in the Small Dining Room located in the Fellowship Hall. We will have our installation of officers, discussion of 2018 plans, and fellowship. Our mission focus will be the Food Pantry - please bring canned goods. Hope to see you there!

Missions Communion Focus for January

This month's Communion offering focus is Gideons International which is an evangelical Christian association founded in 1899 in Wisconsin. The Gideons' primary activity is distributing copies of the Bible free of charge. This Bible distribution is a global enterprise taking place in 200 countries, territories and possessions. The association's members focus on distributing complete Bibles, New Testaments, or portions thereof. These copies are printed in over 100 languages. The association is most widely known for its Bibles placed in hotel and motel rooms. The Gideons also distribute to hospitals and other medical offices, schools and colleges as well as jails and prisons. The association takes its name from the Biblical figure Gideon depicted in Judges 6.
On Sunday, January 7th, someone from Gideons International will be speaking at all of our worship services for a few minutes with more information about their association. All offering left on the altar rail during Communion that Sunday will go to help the Gideons with their mission efforts.

2018 - Mission Committee Meeting

2018 is here and the Missions Committee is looking forward to a new year of service opportunities in our community and world. **Our first meeting will be Sunday, January 21st at 12:15 p.m. in the Small Dining Room of the Fellowship Hall.** Anyone interested in serving on this committee is VERY WELCOME to join us. Please bring your own lunch, drink and dessert will be provided.
As followers of Christ, we are all called to serve and give in some capacity; and we ask you to please be thinking of ideas and projects in which you would like to see our church get involved...not just Committee members, but everyone! See you on the 21st! ~Ellen Petree & Jan David, Mission Committee Co-Chairs

Remember in Prayer:



TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF OUR CONGREGATION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, WE DO NOT PUBLISH PRAYER CONCERNS ON OUR WEBSITE.

After Hours Contact Information for Our Pastor

If you need to reach our pastor, Calvin Haney, after church office hours, he is available by cell @ 770-713-3678.

Thinking about joining our church? Come to the front during the last song of any service today and someone will meet you. If you have joined a Christian church in the past, you can join by coming up and telling us to transfer your membership from your former church to this church. If you have not yet joined a Christian church, you can be baptized by the pastor and join the church by answering "I do" to questions asking if you have faith in Jesus Christ and want to take the vows of membership (see page 34 & 38 in the hymnal). If you've already been baptized, you simply confirm your faith by answering "I do" to the questions on page 34 & 38 of the hymnal. We encourage you to join today or any Sunday. You will be welcomed warmly.

Today's Helping Hands

Greeters: Jim & Pat Neu, Victoria Patrick, Fran Smith, Shadie Thompson, Russ Wilburn

Acolytes: 8:45: TBA
10:55: TBA

Children's Sermon: Anthony Smith

Fellowship Time: In His Steps Class
Next Week: Spares & Pairs Class

Security: Gary Wright (Dec. 30th & 31st)

Sound & Video Technicians: Paul & Sally Brown, Rich Faglier, Laedenia Jewell, Nicky Jones, Laurie Martin, Russ Shepley, Eric Spoto, Nick Spoto, Mark Still

Contemporary Worship: Ashley DiGanci, Rachel Lane

Ushers 8:45: Tommy Sanders-Captain, Mike Etheridge, Scott Major, David Maynard, Jim Neu, Jim Pilgrim, Tommy Pittard, Steven Smith, Jimmy Terrell

Ushers 10:55: Alex Hill-Captain, Bob Hill, Stephen Keller, Mark Still

Youth Snack Supper: NO Youth Groups Tonight!

Glancing at the Coming Week

Sunday, December 31

8:45 AM Traditional Worship
9:30 AM Coffee/Fellowship Time
9:30 AM Youth Snack Breakfast
10:00 AM Elementary Sunday School (K-5th Grade)
10:00 AM Confirmation Class
10:00 AM Sunday School (Youth & Adults)
10:55 AM Traditional Worship
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
4:00 PM NO Kidstuf
4:30 PM Women's Prayer Group
4:30 PM Men's Prayer Group
NO YOUTH GROUPS TONIGHT!

Monday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

HOLIDAY--Church Office & Family Life Center CLOSED

Tuesday, January 2

NO Preschool or After School Program
Barrow Co. Schools OUT

9:45 AM Disciple I Bible Study
12:00 PM 54 & More Covered Dish Luncheon & Program
2:00 PM Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 2 (continued)

4:00 PM Brass & Ivory/Quartermasters Practice
6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
6:30 PM Divorcing Parents Class
7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, January 3

NO Preschool or After School Program
Barrow Co. Schools OUT

8:30 AM Zumba Fitness
8:45 AM All AGE's (Adult General Exercise)

Thursday, January 4

NO Preschool or After School Program
Barrow Co. Schools OUT

8:45 AM All AGE's (Adult General Exercise)
9:00 AM Weight Watchers
5:30 PM Weight Watchers
6:00 PM Kiwanis Club Meeting

Friday, January 5

NO Preschool or After School Program
Barrow Co. Schools OUT

6:30 AM Men's Study Breakfast
12:00 -6:00 PM Red Cross Community Blood Drive

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER AND EVENING ACTIVITIES RESUME ON JANUARY 10TH!

What Love Is Starting January 11th @ 10am
Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study
Led by Dotty Gunby

The letters of 1, 2 & 3 John were written to encourage followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the truth. Believers are challenged to look at contrasting themes such as walking in the light instead of darkness, truth versus lies and deception, loving God more than loving the world, and the meaning of true fellowship and community rather than shallowness. This 7 session study reveals not only the heart of John but also the heart of Jesus.

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor - Calvin Haney, ext. 19
Director of Programs/Education - Dwight Oakes, ext. 12
Interim Part-Time Director of Family Life Center - Donna Sue Gallups, ext. 15
Minister to Youth & Contemporary Worship - Todd McCain, ext. 14
Part-Time Director of Children's Ministries - Anthony Smith, ext. 28
Part-Time Director of Music - Bruce Nunley, ext. 21
Part-Time Organist/Accompanist - Nathan Jones
Part-Time Music Leader, Contemporary Service - Aaron Lane
Office Manager/Financial Secretary - Glenda DiGanci, ext. 24
Administrative Assistant/Worship Coordinator - Debbie Brock, ext. 23
Part-Time Director of Weekday Preschool - Kimberly Richardson, ext. 11
Church Hostess/Nursery & Older Adult Ministries
Coordinator/Clerical Support - Shelly Epperson, ext. 20



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