

Isaiah 7:14

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

Well as we move from fall into winter season, we pray you and your families will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and blessed New Year. It is easy to get caught up in the more commercial side of the holiday season, but it is more important to know that as God promised in Isaiah he will give us a sign, and a Son will be born of a virgin and He will be our hope for an everlasting life with God through Jesus Christ. We pray that you know and believe in our Savior.

Just as an early reminder our church Christmas program will be on December 11th at 6pm in the FLC. Rumor has it hot chocolate and cookies are part of the program. Make plans to attend and see what Matthew and his elves have put together to praise and honor God. Then, we will have small Christmas Eve service to include Lord's Supper at 5:30pm on Dec 24th. Please plan to attend this special service to praise our Savior at time of His birth.

As always, if you need anything, we are here to serve you, so just feel free to contact any of us with a need. We do pray for your families and hope your holiday season is blessed and special. God Bless you all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR ~Ron

Deacon's Ministry

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Well not sure what happened to 2022 but here we are one month away from yet another new year. We really did have a great year when compared to the recent past. Except for a few isolated instances we were able to worship together on Sunday's and to meet in our senior fellowship when planned. Our Thanksgiving luncheon was great, with George's Market and Butcher shop providing us smoked turkey and ham. We were blessed with a special message from Donna and Al. The Senior Adult Christmas party will be on Thursday, Dec 8th in FLC. The meat will be furnished so all you need to bring is covered dish. We will have our usual good food, fellowship, and surprise gifts. Oh and sure there will be a Christmas message to bless us.

Mark your calendar for Dec 11th, at 6:00pm, special music and Christmas service in FLC (Cookies and hot chocolate). We will have Christmas Eve service on Dec 24th at 5:30, including Lord's Supper. Please come join us for these events.

In 2023 we are planning our senior luncheon to be each quarters. They will be in March, June, September, and December. We will let you all know dates when official. We hope you will mark calendars and come to our fellowship.

Donna and I pray you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at NHBC as we praise God and thank Him for our Savior Jesus.

God Bless!

Ron & Donna

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:14

****Senior Adult Ministry****

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Sunday Schedule

8am Men's Prayer
8:45am Sunday School
10am Worship
5pm Men/Women's
Bible Studies

Wednesday Schedule

5:45pm Dinner
6pm Bible Studies

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Christmas is an exciting time for many reasons, but it can be difficult to keep the focus on Christ. Here are some ideas to have a little Christmas fun, but keep the focus on Christ rather than worldly Christmas traditions:

1. Christmas countdown prayer chain. Make a list of family members, close friends, neighbors, teachers, etc. You could choose a theme, like praying for missionaries, or praying for families instead of individuals.
2. Read the Christmas story in the Bible.
3. Bake Jesus a birthday cake.
4. Plan a way for your family to serve together at Christmas. It could be adopting a family who doesn't have the ability to buy Christmas gifts, taking cards to a nursing home, visit a shut in, or many many other things.
5. Use our church subscription to Right Now Media and have a Christian Christmas movie night as a family.
6. Attend Christmas Eve and Christmas morning church services together.
7. Write a Christmas letter to a missionary or have young children draw them a picture.

I hope you have a great Christmas season with your family and don't forget to point your kids to the real reason for Christmas!

Children's Ministry

"Then **the angel told her**, 'Don't be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Now listen: you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of His father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.'" Luke 1:30-33

I recently saw a painting that said, "Mary knew, the angel told her", and this phrase led me to ponder it's meaning. At Christmas time, there is a beautiful song that we often sing, "Mary Did You Know". There is a verse in this song that states, "Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations? Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb? That sleeping child you're holding is the great, I Am."

I love this song, because it symbolizes the significance of Jesus' birth, that not even Mary could have comprehended. However, there was a lot that Mary did know about her baby boy, because the angel told her. She may not have known that Jesus would one day walk on water or heal the blind, but she knew He was the Son of God. She knew He would one day reign over all and indeed, be called Great. As she carried Jesus in her womb and rumors spread, she knew. Her response to the angel? "I am the Lord's servant, may it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:38)."

Merry Christmas!!!

Abby Allen

Hello Ladies and Happy Holidays! 'Tis the season for all the Christmas festivities!! With that being said our next meeting will be December 5th at 6 pm at my home. We will have our Christmas party. If you want to participate in the games please bring two \$10 gifts. The gifts should be two of your favorite things. Also we are asking that everyone bring a finger food. Drinks and paper products will be provided. Looking forward to celebrating the real reason for the season with my sisters in Christ!! Hope to see y'all there!

Let's also not forget our Secret Sisters! If you have a secret sister they will be revealed at our Christmas party. Please don't forget to bring their gift as well! We will have sign up forms at our next meeting for anyone interested in secret sisters 2023.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!! The women's ministry will be decorating the sanctuary, Saturday, December 3rd at 10 am. We need all hands on deck!! Please consider helping out! Many hands make light work! I think it will be a fun fellowship time as well!! Hope to see you there!

I would like to remind all women at NHBC that we have several ways for you to get plugged in!! Not only do we meet every month to fellowship but we have the Senior ministry that meets, the quilt ministry that meets every Tuesday, the Stay at Home Mom ministry that meets every Tuesday, and last but not least, we meet every Sunday at 5pm for women's Bible Study! Please let me know if you have any questions about any of these ministry opportunities.

It's an honor to serve alongside each and every one of you!! Christmas blessings to all!!

Carmen Nixon (334) 451-2347

Women's Ministry

21 She will give birth to a Son; and you shall name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 Now all this took place so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: 23 "Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they shall name Him Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us."

Thanksgiving is done, and December is upon us. The kids are preparing their lists, decorations and trees are going up, shopping has or soon will begin. And then it will be over in the blink of an eye! Then New Years and the resolutions to make us better versions of ourselves and maybe drop a few bad habits. But.....

May this be the year we, as Christians, change things up. May this be the year we focus more on the reason we celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Savior. May this be the year we all gather around the Bible to celebrate. May this be the year we get back to giving of ourselves to enrich the lives of the truly needy, the lost. May this be the year, our resolutions be geared toward the spiritual disciplines. To be in our Bible more, more time in prayer, to get involved in a men or women's bible study, to be the church and not just attend it. May this be the year that Jesus becomes our all in all. May this be the year we celebrate Jesus everyday going forward.

From the Youth Group, we would like to wish everyone a

Merry CHRISTmas and a Happy NEW Year!!! Steve Spivey

YOUTH MINISTRY