

# SHARPSBURG BIBLE CHURCH

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December 16, 2018

Sunday school Lesson Today. "With righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked" (Isaiah 11:4)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE** \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 PM

Come worship with us for this special hour of praise.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER & WORSHIP** \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 PM

**Mid Week Power and Praise Hour.** This is a special time of studying God's word in Philippians and a special time of prayer.

**GREETERS & SPONSORS** – Special thanks to our Greeters, Helen and Bob Milburn our Bulletin Sponsors, Helen and Bob Milburn in memory of their parents for the month of December.

### **A Christmas Story, the Freebie**

Paul drove his Christmas present, a new car, to work. When he came out of work, a little boy was staring at it. The boy asked, "Is this yours, Mister?" Paul nodded, "My older brother gave it to me for Christmas." The boy was astonished. "You mean your brother gave it to you?" Paul said, "That's right." The boy said, "I wish.., then he hesitated. Paul thought he was going to say that he wished he had a brother like that." He was so moved, he impulsively replied, "Would you like a ride in her?" "Sure," he said. Then he shyly asked. "Can we go by and show my brother?" Paul thought he wanted to impress his brother. They stopped in front and he said, "Can you wait just a minute?" I'll be right back." In a few minutes, the boy came out carrying his polio-crippled brother. He set him down on the steps and said, "There she is, Bobby, just like I said. His brother gave it to him. It didn't cost him anything. Someday, I'm going to get you a car just like that one. And you and I are going to drive her to see all those things I've told you about." This Christmas let's be like this little boy. The question isn't so much what we are going to get or give for Christmas, but how we are going to live.

# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 – 11:30 AM

**AS YOU ENTER,** BE SILENT, BE THOUGHTFUL, BE REVERENT, FOR THIS IS THE HOUSE OF THE LORD. BEFORE THE SERVICE, SPEAK TO GOD. DURING THE SERVICE LET GOD SPEAK TO YOU. AFTER THE SERVICE SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*DOXOLOGY** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #83** \_\_\_\_\_ O Come, All Ye Faithful

**INVOCATION** \_\_\_\_\_ Bob Zeigler

**HYMN #80** \_\_\_\_\_ We Three Kings of Orient Are

**SCRIPTURE READING** \_\_\_\_\_ Elder Lawrence Hoffman  
Hymnal Page #483– Responsive Reading #541, "The Holy Spirit"

**MORNING PRAYER** \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Ron Gaskins

**MUSIC** \_\_\_\_\_ Sounds of Joy Choir

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Gene Renner

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**  
Presentation of Tithes/Offering \_\_\_\_\_ Elder Ronald Bricker

**SPECIAL MUSIC** \_\_\_\_\_ Sounds of Joy Ladies

**MORNING MESSAGE** \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Gene Renner  
"The Age of Discouragement" I Kings 18:21-42

**\*INVITATION HYMN #295** \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, I Come

**\*BENEDICTION** \_\_\_\_\_ (\*Congregation please stand)

# CALENDAR EVENTS

DECEMBER 2018

## Prayer Concerns

**[Shut In's]** Jeannie Benner, Anne Nunemaker, Richard Lum.

**[Long Term Illness]** Tammy Dundus, Kathy Burdette, Milfred Keefer, Ralph Dodson, Ricky Hagy, Carol Milburn, Randy Griffith, Katelyn Blickenstaff, Larry Stockslager, Ron Hardy.

**[Recent Concerns]** Donna Zimmerman, Brad Palm, Jayla Leggett, Rachel Brightwell, The Rumsey Family, Raymond Watkins, Veneta Potts, Shirley Myers, Frank Broadwater, Darlene Hoffman, Ted Dundus, Bonnie Hade, Shirley Kelbaugh, Brandi Jones, Troy Gay, Debbie Nunemaker, Becky Higman, Vickie Gross, Wendell Benner, Mary King, Larry Matson, Ron Miller, Harry Barker, Erma Renner, Roy Shifflett, Elizabeth French, Howard Davis, Suzanne B., George Robinson, Wayson Murray, Austin Myers.

**[Bereavement]** Pierce Beachley

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE** | December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Children's Program in the AM.



**CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING** | December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 PM. Beautiful Christmas music followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

**A sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin board.**



*This year we will have a special offering on December 23<sup>rd</sup> for Jesus Birthday. We would like to give a special Birthday present to Jesus to help pay off "HIS HOUSE". Jesus has given so much to us, we want to show our love to Him!*

**HOLY COMMUNION** | December 30<sup>th</sup>, in the evening worship service.



### **Volunteer Opportunity**

Gene and Jane Walkley serve as REACH Cold Weather Shelter Coordinators during Christmas week

each year. As Coordinators, they are responsible for arranging for all meals and volunteers for the week. They are currently in need of dinners for two nights as well as volunteers for several nights. Dinners could be provided either through monetary donations to purchase food, or with a group working together to provide and serve a meal. **For donations, please make your check out to Sharpsburg Bible Church with memo to Reach.** Volunteer positions include cooking and serving dinner, front desk, search, laundry, and hospitality. For more info call Jane at 240-675-6781 or Gene at 301-748-7956 or email [gwalkley@comcast.net](mailto:gwalkley@comcast.net). "...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in...." Matthew 25:35

**BULLETIN SPONSORS and GREETERS for 2019.** The Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. The cost for bulletin sponsor is \$50.00 per month.

## Where does true peace begin?

The Jewish people of Jesus's day who lived under the tyranny of Rome longed for when real peace---true cessation of enemy control -- would come. And that's what they thought when they heard Isaiah's prophecy of a soon arriving Prince of Peace.

Naturally when Jesus was born, they thought He would usher in that peace. Hadn't the angelic message heard by some shepherds included the words, "Peace on earth, and good will toward men?" But the events that followed didn't measure up for many people. Only those who understood the real peace that Jesus came to bring experienced it. But they did so in their hearts, and it wasn't necessarily reflected in their government.

Is it really any different today? I long for wars to cease around the world and for confused and burdened lives to grasp the only king of peace that lasts. It won't come from our government or from world leaders. "It" already came over two thousand years ago. "It" was—and is—Jesus (Ephesians 2:14). This Prince of Peace is the One Who made it possible for us to know true peace – not a temporary cease fire—but a permanent truce with God. Only through Jesus can we find both peace with God—a joyful, loving relationship with Him—and the peace of God, the kind of reassurance that puts complete trust in Jesus (Philippians 4:7). Christmas is a great place to begin to understand that kind of lasting peace. *(Rebecca Barlow Jordan)*

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6-7)*