

# Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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*Ministry to God through prayer and worship.*

*Ministry to one another through caring discipleship.*

*Ministry to others by meeting needs and winning them to Christ.*

I was given this article at a continuing education seminar last month. It makes a nice meditation to begin Advent. *Steve*

1 Corinthians 13 - Christmas Style by Sharon Jaynes

If I decorate my house perfectly with lovely plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights, and shiny glass balls, but do not show love to my family – I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals, and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family – I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family – it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties, and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens. Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of your way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails. Video games will break; pearl necklaces

will be lost; golf clubs will rust. But giving the gift of love will endure.

**Sunday evening**, Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m. and Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m..

**Wednesday evening activities**, 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and adults.

**THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND!** Children and all others interested in visiting our homebound members will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. The children will meet at the church for their Christmas Party at 12:00-3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

**Deadline is approaching for those going to Resurrection 2018.** For youth planning to attend, the cost is \$50 which covers transportation, food, accommodations, and ticket for admissions. The money needs to be turned in to Zach Smith by Wednesday, **December 6<sup>th</sup>**. If any financial assistance is needed please see Zach.

## Keenagers

Next meeting will be December 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. Dot Rose will have devotions and the program will be music by the O'Connor Singers. This is a program of beautiful Christmas music so invite someone to come with you. **Call reservations or cancellations to Nancy Dickerson, 689-8126, by Thursday evening, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Remember to bring non-perishable food items for Emerald Avenue Food Pantry.

**The Knoxville Nativity Pageant**, Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm; Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm; Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the Civic Coliseum. Free admission.

**HELP! We are in need of approximately 300 cookies** to serve as refreshments at our upcoming Open House on **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. If you can help, please see sign-up sheets in fellowship hall. With your help, we hope to make this year's Open House as huge success.

**Christmas Post Office** - The youth again will be delivering Christmas cards at a cost of 25 cents a card. Please limit to in-church members only. They will begin collecting cards this Sunday. Thank you for supporting our youth.

**Calendars** will be printed sometime during the 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks of December and should be available by the 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have not ordered your calendar, please check with Leslie Boggs.

**PRAY KNOX – 1 CITY – 1 MOVEMENT  
365 DAYS OF UNIFIED PRAYER**

In 2018, join us as we engage in 365 days of prayer for our city. We are gathering voices from across Knoxville to guide us to pray for the same prayer target each day. More information will be available at a later date to guide us in our prayers for Knoxville and surrounding areas.

**Our Service**

December 3, 2017  
**First Sunday of Advent**

<b>Acolytes</b>	Rachel Byrd, Ella Wilhoit
<b>Nursery</b>	Idonna Bryson, Cheryl Mills
<b>Ushers</b>	Peyton Allen, Ed Bryson, Pam Ferguson, Ray Mills

**Plan to join us for worship on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** as we worship the Lord on this first Sunday of Advent. Scripture will be Luke 2:1-4, and the sermon is "WILD KINGDOM."

**Our Presence and Our Gifts**

November 26, 2017

Morning Worship	79
Sunday School	45
Budget Offering	\$1,777.00
Roof	\$620.00
Music Department	\$50.00

**Prayer List:**

Continuing Prayers: (please list **requested by** after names)

- Mike Allen – Linda Comer's friend
- Fran Bailey, cancer
- Will Boggs
- Ashley Brown
- Pat Burnett, cancer, family friend of Marlene Webb
- Bill Combs, brother-in-law of Beth Ford Ericson
- Eddie Cox
- Dorris Dennison
- Megan Emehiser, stage 4 cancer – friend of Karrie Melton & Kensley
- Bill Ferguson
- Beth Ford
- Charlie & Patsy Gardner
- Sarah Hawkins, wife of David Hawkins
- Joe Hurst
- Joy & Earl Hauther
- Kathy – kidney failure
- Kermit and Martha Kitts
- Stephanie Melton – surgery
- Becky Newberry
- Micah Nicely, 20 year old with brain tumor
- Parker Pass, 4 year old child
- Pat – breast cancer
- Briana Rose
- Amanda and Zak Smith, cousin of Carolyn & Sue Wilson
- Tom Stansberry, Melissa Wiedemann's father
- Bill Townsend
- Don and Maggie Turpin
- Roy Walker, Doris Dennison's brother

Continuing Care:

- Shirrell Baker, Joe Broom, Kermit & Betty Campbell, Samantha Collier, Sarah Hawkins, Joan Leslie Hickman, Margie Johnson, Lynn Mashburn, Jama Newman, Jean Painter, Roy Skeen, Ann Turner, Betty Uhlman, Carolyn & Sue Wilson, Joanne Wilson.