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*Sharing God's love with our neighbors,
inviting them to share in the joy of Jesus Christ.*

ARTICLE

Advent and Christmas are here again, and I'm making familiar promises. I am not going to let the stress of the season get to me. I am going to write, wrap and wreath ahead of time. But I know myself and the next month will likely be as chaotic as usual. Thankfully, at the center of the season is a God who keeps His promises. So here is a non-comprehensive list of 25 promises of God to ponder for the next few weeks. **Steve**

1. God keeps His promises (Num. 23:19, Ps. 146:6)
2. God created us and knows us (Ps. 139)
3. God chose us (Ps. 33:12, 2 Pet. 2:9)
4. God is always with us (Deut. 31:8)
5. God never forgets us (Is. 49:15-16)
6. God watches over our lives (Ps. 121)
7. God has plans to prosper us (Jer. 29:11-13)
8. God strengthens us and helps us (Is. 41:10)
9. God fights for us (Ex. 14:14, Deut. 1:30)
10. God rewards us when we love our enemies (Lk. 6:35)
11. God is kind and cares for us (Ex. 34:6-7)
12. God always teaches and guides us (Ps. 32:8)
13. God is our hiding place and refuge (Ps. 32:7, 46:1)
14. God keeps us safe while we sleep (Ps. 4:8)
15. God protects us from the Evil One (2 Thess. 3:3)
16. God provides a way out of temptation (1 Cor. 10:13)
17. God comforts us (Is. 66:13, 2 Cor. 1:3-4)
18. God keeps us in peace (Is. 26:3, 12)
19. God exalts the humble (Jam. 4:10)
20. God meets all our needs (Phil. 4:19)
21. God gives us rest (Mat. 11:28)
22. God always forgives us (1 John 1:9)
23. God give us eternal life (John 3:16-17)
24. God gives us victory over death (1 Cor. 15:3-4)
25. Jesus is the "yes" to all of God's promises! (2 Corin. 1:20-22)

HANGING OF THE GREENS

We will decorate the church this Saturday morning November 30 starting at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers needed!

CHRISTMAS PHOTOS

Our Youth leader Taylor Stephens will be on hand December 1st to take photos as a fundraiser. You can use them for cards or to just to stick on your refrigerator.

HOLY SMOKES BBQ & SILENT AUCTION

Join us after service on Dec 8th for the choir's "Holy Smokes" BBQ Lunch Fundraiser as we prepare for the upcoming Christmas Concerts. We will have BBQ Pork and Chicken, Baked Beans, Mac and Cheese, Slaw, and more! There's no cost, but any donation is appreciated.

In addition, the "Silent Night" Auction will also be running until the end of the lunch on Dec 8th. This silent auction will start right after service and will feature items such as hand-crafted holiday decor, baked goods, holiday gift baskets, jewelry, and items from local businesses.

If you or anyone you know would like to make a contribution to the silent auction (items, gift cards, certificates for services, etc), please reach out to Bailey.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Join us for our Christmas concerts on **December 21st at 7:00 pm and December 22nd at 3:00 pm!** This year, our fundraising efforts will be going to help local high school students from Farragut High School, as they work toward their goals for an international choral experience.

Our goal is to raise \$100 per student, and your contributions will be able to have this once in a lifetime opportunity become a reality.

If you would like to sponsor a student directly, please fill out a sponsorship form (in the bulletins) or reach out to Bailey.

SENIOR WELLNESS LUNCH

Scott Payne of Contact Care Line will host a discussion on Anxiety from 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Friday, December 13th. Lunch will be provided. Everyone enjoyed last time so put it on your calendar.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Churchwide Christmas Party will be on Saturday December 14th from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy snacks, games, singing, pictures with Santa, and more! Bring a snack to share and bring a friend!

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

We will gather at 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 24 for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service.

PEAS ON EARTH/COFFEE HOUSE CHURCH

We will have Coffee House Church on December 30th in the Fellowship Hall. After worship, we will have our third annual "Peas On Earth" dinner. Centered around the Southern tradition of Black-Eyed Peas and Ham for blessings in the New Year, we will have both of those. There will be other soups as well, plus cornbread and desserts. We will also have a Chili Cook Off if you would like to participate in that either as a cook or judge.

This meal is also a fundraiser for the youth to go to Resurrection in January. There is no specific charge, but we appreciate any donation you can share.

HOMECOMING PHOTOS

