

YOUTH NEWS:

What a blessing this past Sunday was for our church! The youth did a fantastic job with the Christmas Play. We are so proud of them. We are also proud of the fact that when needed, our members step up lending a helping hand. We have to say a special Thank You to Carl Nunnelley, Marty Simpson, RB Slade, John Dawson, David Henson, John Embry VanHook, Larry Kendall, Robert Peak, Pam Henson, Marilynn Bell, John and Shara Hoskins, Dr. Brett Hines, Seth and Lindsey Florence and Donald Richie for their part in making the night a memorable one.

I need to say Thank You to all of the youth for their hard work. I also need to extend gratitude for the gift the youth presented me after the play. You are awesome to be around and I am truly blessed to be a part of the Cynthiana Christian Church family...Brad

Sunday, Dec. 13: No Youth Meetings. Brad will be out of town. We will plan a Christmas Play Celebration on Sunday, Dec 20. We will have a meal immediately after the worship service.

Wednesday, Dec 16: 4:00-5:00 - Jr Chi-Rho will meet at the church.

Friday, Dec. 18: 7:30 am – Chi-Rho and CYF will meet at the church for Breakfast Club.

Jewelry and Accessory Exchange: It's that time of the year. This year's exchange will include jewelry and purses, scarves, belts (men's and women's), ties, hats and gloves. Get a new look and clean your closets. The exchange will be in the fellowship hall before and after the worship service on **December 13 and 20**. Bring-One-Take-One or donation.

Collection of Hygiene Products: The CWF morning circle is accepting donations for personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies to be distributed by the family resource center to our school children and their families. Suggested items include soap, shampoo, washcloths, towels, detergent and household cleaning supplies. Items may be in family size containers. A donation box will be in the hall outside the fellowship hall. The collection will continue through December 20.

CWF circle will meet on Tuesday, December 15, at 10:00 at Biancke's for a time of fellowship.

ADDITION TO DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

December 11th: Billie Jean VanHook

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Central Baptist: V Florence was admitted for tests and observation.

Harrison Memorial: Jeannette Worrell was admitted for tests and observation.

----**Mary Jane Duckworth** at home after a stay at HMH...**Ron Harris** is at home following a stay at HMH....

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Thank you to everyone who was so nice to me during my recent illness. It's nice to be in such a caring church.” Ruthie Antle

“Dear church family, Your prayers, cards and support has been greatly appreciated during my recovery. You all are a wonderful church family, I am truly blessed! Many thanks,” Laura Bush

CORDIAL WELCOME

A word of welcome is extended to Phyllis Wyles, who transferred her membership to the church November 13, 2015. Phyllis has been an active part of our church family for many years. We appreciate her dedicated decision. Welcome Phyllis.

A cordial welcome is extended to Jane Hayes who transferred her membership to our church Sunday, December 6, 2015. Jane joins her family Billy and Susie here at Cynthiana Christian Church. Welcome Jane.

SOUND SYSTEM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the sound system. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Jim McKee.

BARNABAS TEAM MEETINGS

Barnabas Team # XI will meet Sunday, December 13th. Elders are Gary Carter, Beverly Cooper, Gary Dearborn and Jon Hoskins.

Barnabas Team # XII will meet Sunday, December 20th & 27th. Elders are Kristy Carey, Brett Hines, Carl Nunnelley, Charla Nunnelley

POINSETTIAS

If you plan to place poinsettias in the sanctuary for the Advent season, please have them to the church by noon Saturday, December 12th.

CHURCH COOKBOOK

Church cookbooks are available and would make the perfect gift! The cookbooks feature our beautiful stained glass windows. Check with Kathy in the church office. The cookbooks are \$10.00.

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We will receive our Christmas offering December 13th & 20th : 2015 Christmas Offering: The Invitation at Christmas is to BELIEVE AGAIN.

The Word from the church is to Believe in a Deeper Hope that moves beyond the “wrappings” of Christmas around us. We proclaim a Hope that brings Good News, Joy and Compassion for all of God’s people. THIS DEEPER HOPE IS MADE REAL IN ALL OF OUR REGIONS AS WE: Assist congregations and leaders in claiming their unique mission and ministry, and provide resources and support.

Call, commission and ordain new pastors, and support and equip all pastors for their ministries.

Revitalize existing congregations and plan for new congregations.

Connect Regional Disciples to give witness to ministries of justice, hope and compassion.

Provide camps, conferences and retreats where children and youth find hope and Christ’s love and a community of faith that embraces “everyone.”

Make visible the care for all of God’s family through ministries of reconciliation and anti-racism.

Call and equip passionate leaders for today’s church.

Provide pastoral care for clergy and congregations. **The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our Region. Your generous gifts make a difference in our shared ministries in the Region.**



Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Worship Service 10:45 A.M.

THE CYNTHIANA CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

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Minister’s Message:

The gift of music is such a meaningful one in our lives. This past week we have been blessed in so many ways. On Thursday evening, our Christian Women’s Fellowship provided for us music from the group, Les Jongleurs. Our own Emily Cooper Spencer was a part of that group. They were so inspiring. Many people attended the Christmas concert by the Licking Valley Singers. It also was a memorable night of inspirational music. Many of our own church members were a part of this group. We are indeed proud of them. Sunday morning the special music by our church choir and the Jr. handbell choir was outstanding, as it always is. We must not forget the Sunday School Christmas program on Sunday evening. Thanks to Brad and all his helpers for a memorable evening. All of our young people were outstanding, and again the music was deserving of the highest accolades. I believe this week our Bel-Lairs are traveling to Edgemont and Cedar Ridge to provide music for the residents there. This Sunday in our sermon we will talk about the subject of music. In the gospel of Luke we find Mary’s song, also known as the Magnificat. It is Mary’s song of glory after meeting Elizabeth. When Mary realizes she is highly favored by God, she sang praise to God. She sings a song of praise and promise. We might draw attention to the fact that this was not Mary’s first reaction, it took Elizabeth to stir in her the power of praise. Elizabeth was a person that Mary knew and presumably respected, a relative if you will.

Mary went to Elizabeth’s house when she was in trouble. She found there a person who loved her, who comforted her, and put a song in her heart. I have preached Christmas sermons for forty years or so, but never do I remember giving many thoughts to Elizabeth. I should have done so. I will do so this Sunday morning, as our sermon will be entitled, “More Elizabeths in the World.” The scripture lesson will be Luke 1: 39-55.

.....Larry