

Are you willing...

- to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—
- stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—
- and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love?

Then you can keep Christmas. And if you can keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone.

.....Larry, Tim, Brad, Pam, Marilynn, Sherry, Kathy, Tina, Lauren and

Karen

YOUTH NEWS

There will be no youth meetings the next couple of weeks.

Please note: The 1st through 4th grade Sunday School classes will be going to Grand Haven Nursing Home on Sunday December 22nd during Sunday school to deliver Christmas gifts. We will be collecting gifts until that Sunday. Suggestions for their gift bags include socks, hygiene products, cards, etc. for both men and women. If you would like to contribute please leave donations in the 3rd/4th grade classroom. Thank you for supporting our project and brightening the lives of many residents!

Barnabas Team # XII will meet Sunday, December 22nd & 29th. Elders are Kristy and Larry Carey, Brett Hines, and Carl and Charla Nunnelley.

CEDAR RIDGE SUNDAY

Sunday, December 22nd is our Sunday at Cedar Ridge Health Campus. Please meet at Cedar Ridge at 2:00 P.M. for an afternoon of fellowship with the residents.

CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

Forms for the church scholarship are now available in the church office. Forms along with a recent transcript with a 2.5 G.P.A. need to be turned into the church office by January 5th.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no newsletter published next week.

The church office will be closed Wednesday, December 25th – Friday, December 27th.

There will be no church cabinet or official board meeting in January

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

---**Luke Peak** is recuperating from surgery....**Susie Miller** is recuperating from surgery....**Easton Stahl**, grandson of David and Tina Swinford is home following a stay at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital...

NOTE OF APPRECIATION: “To my wonderful church family, many thanks for the calls, cards and delicious lunch. Makes one feel much better when you know our good people care.” Carolyn Lancaster

INVITATION: A 100th birthday celebration reception will be held for Blanche E. Asbury on January 5, 2020 from 2:00-4:00pm at Cynthiana Christian Church, 202 N. Main St. Family and friends are invited. No gifts please.

FLOWERS

An arrangement of flowers was placed in the sanctuary Sunday given in honor of Larry and Anna Bishop who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 13th. The flowers were given by Stacey and Jordan and their families. Congratulations and best wishes to Larry and Anna.

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

Our Candlelight Communion Service will be held at 11:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 24, 2019. This year, the 30 plus year traditional service will be preceded by a 20 minute candlelight Christmas concert by the church’s Bel-Lairs Hand Bell Choir, under the direction of Dr. Tim Teater (**10:30 P.M.**) These quiet and worshipful services will emphasize with their devotional nature and candlelight, the meaningful peace of the Christmas season, as well as share the love to be found at the Lord’s Table for all believers in the Christ Child.

Special music will be provided by the church’s choir under the direction of Pam Henson, in addition to the hand bell choir and others. Conducted by Dr. Larry Bishop the services are gifts of love to Cynthiana and Harrison County given by the Cynthiana Christian Church, “A People Who Care.” May all who come be blessed in the quietness of the historic sanctuary, decorated and lighted with Christmas hope, love, peace and joy.

PLEASE NOTE: THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Elders serving at the table: Brad Allison, Charlie Bruner

Elders helping with shut-in communion: Mary Bell, Wayne Conner

Diaconate: Robbie Cox, Ch’ m; Kay Cox, Lindsey Florence, Seth Florence, Gary McCord, Doug Scott, Martha Snodgrass and Mark Thomas

Greeters: Dale Matthews, Mattie Ammerman, Joyce Courtney

Communion Preparers: McCord/Renaker

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Dec. 17th: Bill McNutt,
Calvert Duffie
Dec. 19th: Michael Partin,
Dec. 20th: Tracy Lair Barnes,
Rusty Whitson,
David Sheakley
Dec. 21st: Carl Nunnelley,
Blanche Asbury
(100)
Dec. 22nd: Cindy Moore
Dec. 24th: Peggy Lair,
Joe Thomas,
Luanne Wilson
Dec. 25th: Deanna Lunsford
Dec. 27th: Jeremy Beagle
Dec. 28th: Jaxon Woodrum,
Paul Foster,
Kristin Marsh,
♥M/M Ishmael
Hopkins,
♥M/M Robbie
VanHook
Dec. 29th: Hayden Lunsford
Dec. 31st: ♥M/M Peachie
Herrington



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

THE CYNTHIANA CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

Dr. Larry Bishop, Minister
Brad Allison, Youth Director
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Minister's Message:

I always appreciate the words of Henry Van Dyke. His work is entitled, "*Keeping Christmas.*" On behalf of our church staff, we share his words with you:

Are you willing....

- to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you;
- to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world;
- to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground;
- to see that men and women are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy;
- to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness.

Are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing...

- to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children;
- to remember the weakness and loneliness of people growing old;
- to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough;
- to try to understand what those who live in the same home with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you;
- to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you;
- to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—

Are you willing to do these things, even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas. **Cont'd**