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Newsletter

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From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

Even the streetlights and brightly glowing skyscrapers of downtown Charlotte cannot obscure the stars of the night sky.

In these short days of winter, the first dog walking of the morning takes place in the dark. As I walk out the door I see the pyramid-top of some bank building on Tryon Street pointing like an arrow at a single bright star. And if I stand on that spot and crane my neck straight up, there's the Big Dipper, faint but clearly discernible.

If I'm in a reflective mood of a morning, I sometimes think about how those stars were here long before the skyscrapers, or the Scotch-Irish settlers, or even the native peoples whose stewardship of this land extended over millennia. They were also here, along with the star of the Magi, shining on the stable in rural Judea where Jesus lay in a manger so long ago.

Such reflection can lead us in two directions. One would be to cower at the insignificance of our few brief years of life. What value can we hope to have when measured against the vastness of the stars? What, especially, can we point to when so much of the record of humanity is written in wars and strife, and now the destructiveness brought on by our technologies?

But the baby in the manger grew to become a teacher and healer who beckons us to turn in a different direction. For him, no life is insignificant. No act of strife or destruction is beyond redemption. None of us need cower when we look at the stars. Instead, they lift us into their brightness, for each of us is more valuable to God than even a sky full of stars. When we forget, God sends Jesus, year after year, and he teaches us again.

In this world of strife, may the arrival of the child renew us in joy and hope - Merry Christmas!

Elliott

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



Prayer Requests:

- Skip Todd was in the hospital being treated for TIA. He is home but please pray for a speedy recovery.
- Betty Field's 6 year old great granddaughter, Cami has been diagnosed with epilepsy.
- Laura Chapman's mother, Norma, fell and broke her elbow. She will not be able to travel here from Jordan for the birth of Laura & Eddie's baby in January.
- Jo Small fell and broke her arm. She has in home health care around the clock right now. Please pray for a speedy recovery.
- Kevin Cashion's friend, Dean Rowell, was put on a ventilator because of Covid and was not responding well. He is now more stable but is scheduled to have a tracheotomy. Please continue to pray.
- Frances Lyerly's 30 year old granddaughter, Haley (Jill's daughter), has been diagnosed with inoperable liver cancer. They are trying to get approval for a liver transplant.
- Mary Ellen's best friend is having multiple tests and biopsy of her liver. Please pray for quick answers and peace and courage to face the diagnosis.
- Joey Troutman is out of ICU. He still has a way to go and appreciates all the prayers.
- Eddie McArver is still having heart issues.
- Sarah Cox, was taken to the ER last Sunday morning, she was having trouble breathing. She was admitted to Novant Main. They did a COVID test and she tested positive along with pneumonia.

Celebrations:

- The Children's Program is going well. They made cards for Room in the Inn Neighbors.
- The Reading Program is going well.

Church Calendar

Wednesday, December 20

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12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 12/24 & 12/31

Thursday, December 21

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

11:00am Worship

8:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25

***Church Office Closed—Merry Christmas!**

Tuesday, December 26

***Church Office Closed**

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, December 27

***Church Office Closed**

Thursday, December 28

***Church Office Closed**

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Choir Practice

Friday, December 29

6:30pm 5th Friday Fellowship

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve

11:00am Worship

Monday, January 1

***Church Office Closed—Happy New Year!!**

Tuesday, January 2

9:00am Cardio Fitness

10:00am PW Go & Grow Circle Meeting

7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle Meeting

Wednesday, January 3

10:00am Bible Study

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

5:30pm CCC

Thursday, January 4

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, January 7

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

Monday, January 8

6:45pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday, January 9

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Cub Scouts

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 10

10:00am Bible Study

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

5:30pm CCC

Thursday, January 11

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, January 14

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Tuesday, January 16

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Cub Scout Square Dance Fundraiser

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 17

10:00am Bible Study

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

5:30pm CCC

Thursday, January 18

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

11:00am Happy Hearts Bingo

6:30pm Choir Practice

Saturday, January 20

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, January 21

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Monday, January 22

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

6:45pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday, January 23

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Cub Scouts

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 24

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10:00am Bible Study

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

5:30pm CCC

Thursday, January 25

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Cardio Fitness

6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, January 28

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Tuesday, January 30

9:00am Cardio Fitness

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 31

10:00am Bible Study

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

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Square Dance

Cub Scout Pack 70 is hosting a Square-Dancing Fundraiser on **Tuesday, January 16th** from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the CFC. Calling provided by Theresa Rutz of the Diamond Yellow Rockers. Come out and have a great time learning some beginner square dancing moves. You do not need to bring a partner and you do not need prior experience! There will be refreshments provided. The cost is \$10 per person. We hope to see everyone there. If there are any questions, please contact Jason Pfeffer at 812-575-7241.

Happy Hearts

Thursday, **January 18, 2024**

11:00am

BINGO * FOOD * FELLOWSHIP

Come and join us for BINGO! Soup lunch will be provided. We will have lots of fun and door prizes too! Cost \$1 per game card. Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey 704-393-8697 or 704-281-2836 by Jan 14, 2024 to make sure we have enough food. Hope to see you there!

We are still in need of some great door prizes!

5th Friday Festivities

December 29th

We will have our next 5th Friday event on **December 29** @ 6:30pm

Our menu will be Soup, Chili, Salads, Tea & Desserts.

We will also be working on a service project for Room in the Inn.

Sunday School News

2024 Sunday School classes **begin** on **January 7**

There are no Sunday School classes on **December 24** and **December 31**

Prayer time will be in the Chapel at 10:30am

Thank you, Christian Ed. Committee

*CCC will resume on Wed. Jan. 10



**Happy Birthday to Those
Celebrating in January!**

January 2

Jeremy Chapman
Patrick McCarthy
Mark Muller

January 4

Debbie McCord

January 5

Eric Cathey
Todd Joy

January 6

Vickie Joy
Jon Kenley

January 11

Phillip McCord

January 13

Todd Miller
Donna Timberman
Tucker Torrence

January 16

Tim Boysworth

January 17

Brian Gross

January 18

Joyce Joy
Jessica Kincaid
Kaitlyn Revalee

January 19

Tori Caudill

January 24

Cameron Fortier

January 25

Eddie McArver
Toni Torrence

January 26

Savannah Reel

January 27

Scott Brenner

January 31

Stephanie Sudderth

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Seek..... Matthew 6:33
Serve..... 1 Samuel 12:24
Praise..... Psalm 111:1
Love Christ!..... 1 John 4:12

Lord, we thank you for...

Have a Prayer Request? To put someone on our prayer chain, obtain permission from the person or family involved, then contact Joy Tyler (phone captain - (704) 399-8040) - and- Ann Cashion (email captain - acatlake@gmail.com)

Know someone Who Needs a Visit? Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Elliott Hipp (704) 392-0329

Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be **January 24th**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, January 22nd at noon. **This Newsletter will be for anything happening in February. Please make sure you have your submissions in on time to make sure they are in for the next month.**

Thank you! **Kim**

Upcoming Sermon Titles

Sunday, January 7

Epiphany Sunday
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
"Nations and Camels"
Matthew 2: 1-12, Isaiah 60: 1-6

Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday after Epiphany
Installation of Elders
"Under Your Own Fig Tree"
John 1: 43-51

Sunday, January 21

Third Sunday after Epiphany
"Jonah—a Life Wasted"
Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Sunday, January 28

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
"What Difference Does Jesus Make?"
Mark 1: 21-28