

Messiah Lutheran Church

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December 30, 2018 First Sunday of Christmas

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule your hearts." It is Christmas, still.

www.messiahlutheranmgm.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- VISITORS-** Please introduce yourself and sign our Guest Book in the hallway. We hope you will return to worship with us. If you would like information about membership, please call the office at 277-4213.
- WELCOME TO OUR LORD'S TABLE** all who are baptized children of God. As Lutherans we teach and believe that Christ is truly physically and spiritually present under the forms of bread and wine; they are his body and blood. Small children and infants are welcome to commune if they have received "first communion instruction," and should be assisted by their parents. Children who are not yet communing and those who are not baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing. When we are using trays with individual glasses, for those who do not prefer wine, the glasses in the center circle of the trays are filled with grape juice; or you may choose the chalice. Those unable to partake of wine or wheat bread are assured that the fullness of our Lord is received in either of the elements. After communing, please return to your seat for silent prayer.
- ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART** is hanging on the narthex bulletin board. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, place your name on the date(s) of your choice, and a brief note for what commemoration the flowers are given. We can have up to three sponsors each Sunday. Sponsors will be billed from Ricky Craig at a cost of \$45 per arrangement. You may also provide your own flowers, however they should be on par with the quality of arrangements normally used. Remember to take them home following the 10:45 service to enjoy or share with a friend (or drop by church during the week between 9am-1pm to pick them up). Please return the container to the church.
- The Church Staff wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the congregation for their Christmas bonus.**

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

* New Information

Tina Ruffa Healing after Mastectomy
Hannah Chase (age 9) ... *Bone marrow transplant was successful and is home (friend of Kathryn Willoughby)
Adriane Duvall *Successful surgery November 13th Long healing process(Kathryn Willoughby's daughter)
Pastor Jill Henning Aggressive breast cancer (friend of Pastor and Doris Underwood)
Bobby Bullock.....* Quadruple bypass surgery(friend of Chuck Wray)
*Ron Hicks(Lunches for Learning Founder).....Hospitalized for diagnostic studies
*Tom Strong.....Pastor Devin Strong's father
Please include the names listed in your prayers at home during the following weeks. To add or update someone to the prayer chain, call the church office. We will routinely remove your prayer request from this list after 2-3 weeks, depending on the circumstances. If the need arises, please call the church office to have them returned to the list.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

5:30 pm RSVP Meal \$5 per plate (under 5, free; ages 5-12, \$3)
6:15 pm Worship
7:00 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Catechism

We will not have a Wednesday night meal on 01/02/2019

Please **RSVP** or cancel before Tuesday noon. You can make reservations by contacting the church office (call 277-4213, e-mail mlcoffice@messiahlutheranmgm.org) or place your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall outside the office. You may also make reservations on the website at www.messiahlutheranmgm.org. ts

Remember Our Senior Friends in Retirement Homes, Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, or Semi-Shut-ins at Home

Jim Lincoln 1555 Taylor Rd B8, Montgomery, AL 36117
Pastor Robert Graetz 1558 Dunbar St., Montgomery, AL 36106
Judy Forks 390 Aquil Lane, Pike Road, AL 36064-5002
Signe Nelson 5801 Eastdale Dr., #106, Montgomery, AL 36117
Jane Stambaugh 9819 Mid Pines Court, Montgomery, AL 36117
Katherine Yaworski Pine Needle Place, 600 Glendale Ave., Greenville, AL 36037

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Worship Attendance on 12/23/18 8:00 am37 10:45.....33
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 12/23/18 \$1,758.00
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 12/23/18 \$99,902.00
Fiscal Y-T-D Financial Expense Plan Goal \$138,557.60
Above/(Below) Y-T-D FEP Goal as of 12/23/18 (\$38,655.60)
*Fiscal Year 2019 FEP Goal \$232,419

Pastor Strong will be using his personal phone and email. If you need to contact him, his number is 770-940-1442. His email address is: pastordevinstrong@gmail.com. He is available even if he is not here.

Tina Ruffa wishes to express her sincere gratitude for the thoughts and prayers during her surgery and healing process.

Adriane Duvall wishes to express her sincere gratitude for the thoughts and prayers during her recovery from surgery.

Worship Assistant Schedule			
		December 30 th One Service 10:00 am	January 06, 2019
Altar		Lu Ann Marz	Peg Walker
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Hildredge Sims & Iola Williams	Kathryn Willoughby
	10:45 am		Diane Davis & Ricky Craig
Crucifer	10:45 am	TBD	Jamie McCune
Greeters	8:00 am	Charline Struve	Phyllis Klocke
	10:45 am		Judy McCune
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Duane Brookhart	Steve Wright
	10:45 am		Tara Severance
Lector	8:00 am	Mark OConner	Patt Riggins
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Ushers	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Champ Street
	10:45 am		Ben & Josie Severance

Schedule for Week of December 30 th		Schedule for Week of January 6 th	
12/30	9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Single Service	SUN: 01/06	8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist 9:00 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist 4:00 pm Women of Refined Gold
MON: 12/31	Office Closed	MON: 01/07	
TUE: 01/01	Office Closed	TUE: 01/08	9:00 am Quilters 11:30 am Loose Ladies 7:00 pm Bell Choir Practice
WED: 01/02	9:00 am Quilters	WED: 01/09	9:00 am Quilters
THU 01/03	9:30 am Marys and Marthas	THU 01/10	
Fri: 01/04	6:00 pm Pinks and Pearls	Fri: 01/11	
SAT: 01/05	9:00 am Yarnovers 1:00 pm Girl Scouts	SAT: 01/12	9:00 am Art Club