

THE HILLSIDE

It's December, the end of the year, and what a year it has been. But let's forget all the bad of the year and let us celebrate what this year has brought. This year we have had new memberships placed; we had a baptism. When other churches were closed and strictly online, we were in the parking lot and having drive-thru communion. There is more to celebrate than there is to be sad about. If we focused on the bad, then we are going to feel bad, but if we focus on the good, then we will feel good. Think about the time between the Old Testament and the New Testament; it is considered to be 400 years of darkness. God was seen as being silent during that time. There were no prophecies or even Prophet speaking for God, the Romans were conquering the world, and it seemed that all hope was gone. Then one night in a dark field to lowly shepherds came the light

⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with

the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" Luke 2:9-11 (ESV).

We can celebrate because Jesus Christ has come and brought light into the world. The glory of God is all around us. By God's mighty hand we have been delivered this year through the tough times and through the dark times. The light of Christ has never, ever stopped shining. We at Johnston Chapel UMC have been just like the wise men who followed the star; we have followed the light of Christ.

**From Teri and I,
MERRY CHRISTMAS everyone.**

Bro. Dwayne

KNOW YOUR PASTOR

We have begun our second year here at Johnston Chapel. The first year was great; there were a few flaws and wrinkles but all in all it was a great year. As I am writing this Thanksgiving is just 2 days away. I have to say that I am truly thankful for the hand of God on my life and bringing me here to Johnston Chapel. When you are reading this, we will have begun Advent. There are two purposes for the season of Advent: to celebrate the first coming of Christ and to look forward to the second coming. As a kid growing up I never heard

of Advent; it was just Christmas. When I joined the United Methodist Church, the beauty of Advent was shown to me. Advent has helped me because as some of you know, this time of year is not a great time for me. But through Advent I have learned that there is hope, peace, joy, and love. Even when I may not recognize it because of my feelings, all the aspect of Advent is still there. The reason is Advent is about the presence of God in our lives. Advent also causes me to focus and anticipate the coming future of Johnston Chapel in the New Year. 2021 is going to be another great year. Just to give a glimpse into 2021: I plan to start in January on our Sunday night Bible Study. We are going to study the book of Revelation. This will be a deep study on the book. Our Tuesday night class is going to be on the history of the Church.

I am looking forward to serving as your pastor for another great year.

Bro. Dwayne

LIVIE NATIVITY

The Live Nativity that was set for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 3rd, 4th, and 5th has been canceled. We are looking forward to beginning plans for next year. Hopefully, we will be able to have our refreshment and fellowship time in the Family Life Center next year.

KIM'S KORNER

Well, November did not go how we wanted it to go, but that's ok. December is going to be great!!! On December 20th the youth will be presenting the manger scene in downtown Summit. It will be from 2-5pm. We will need youth who can be serious all 3 hours!!! I am so excited that we get to do this for the community. Please let me know if your youth would like to participate. Also we have a group, 13 youth and adults, that will be going to a youth conference in Gatlinburg December 27-30. Please be in prayer for a life changing, safe, and fun trip!!! See you in January when I will tell you all the amazing things God has done through our manger scene and our youth conference in Gatlinburg. Stay healthy and enjoy your family during the holidays!!!

Kim Burkett



DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

The Live Nativity and the Christmas Cantata have been canceled for this year. LOOK OUT 2021!

- Saturday, December 5
2:00 PM – Time with the Shepherd
- Sunday, December 6
No Men's Prayer Breakfast
4:00 PM – PPRC Meeting
- Monday, December 14
UMW has been canceled. Hopefully, we will resume in January.
- Sunday, December 20
2:00 – 5:00 PM – Manger Scene
The Youth will be presenting the Manger Scene in downtown Summit.
- Monday, December 21
6:30 PM – Blue Christmas
- Thursday, December 24
6:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service



WHAT IS THAT SONG?

There are MANY songs sung during the Christmas season, some are secular and others are Christian. We hear them all in stores, on the radio, performances such as the yearly production at Pike County Little Theatre, during parades, church cantatas, etc. They seem to be EVERYWHERE! We as believers probably listen to a variety of these, but we know that Christmas began with the birth of Jesus and that He came to this earth and gave His life so we could live with him forever. With that in mind I thought the song I chose to cover this month perfectly describes why we celebrate this season.

"Mary's Boy Child"
by Toby Mac featuring Jamie Grace

Long time ago in Bethlehem,
so the Holy Bible say
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ,
was born on Christmas day

Hark, now hear the angels sing, a King is
born today
And man will live forevermore, because of
Christmas day

While shepherds watched their flocks by
night
They saw a brand new shining star
They heard a choir sing,
the music seemed to come from afar

Hark, now hear the angels sing, a King is
born today
And man will live forevermore, because of
Christmas day

Sing na, na, na...Hallelujah Na, na, na, na, na,
na...
Na, na, na... Sing Hallelujah Na, na, ha ey...

Now Joseph and his wife, Mary, come to
Bethlehem that night
They found no place to bear her child, not a
single
room in sight
And then they found a little nook in a
stable all forlorn
And in a manger, cold and dark, Mary's
little boy
was born

Hark, now hear the angels sing, a King is
born today
And man will live forevermore, because of
Christmas day
(x2)

Sing na, na, na...Hallelujah Na, na, na, na, na,
na...
Na, na, na... Sing Hallelujah Na, na, ha ey...

Sing na, na, na... Hallelujah Na, na, na, na,
na, na...
Na, na, na... Sing Hallelujah
Because of Christmas day

Writer: Jester Hairston

This is an upbeat, happy song that I think you all will enjoy. It's not as 'progressive' as most of the songs that I cover every month. Look it up and give it a listen, but I think you should do that with all the songs I cover. I believe it's good to learn there is more than one genre of music that honors our Lord and teaches us how to live in Him.

Have a safe and blessed Christmas,
Yvonne Church

AND TO ALL



**A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

OUR FAMILY ALTAR

Church & Its Ministries Children & Youth
Our Nation Unspoken World Caregivers

Rev. Dwayne & Teri Scoggings

President Trump, Governors, Mayors, All in Leadership

All of the First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, Hospitals,
Pharmacists, Social Workers, Custodians, Everyone
affected by this Virus

Shut- Ins/Nursing Home

Peggy Jones – Pelican Pointe Healthcare and
Rehab, 405 Milton RD, Room 310, Maurice, LA
70555

Loss of Loved Ones

COVID-19 Victims

Family of Mary June Brister

Family of Mozelle Woodall

Family of Faye Stockton

Family of Marty Wroten

Family of W.B. Netterville's Sister

Family of Helon Hancock

Family of Emma June Ewing

Family of Shelby Montgomery – Steve's daughter

Family of Bobbie Moak

Military

Jonathan Young – Serving on the USS George W.
Bush in Norfolk, VA

J.J. Boshart – Race Willoughby's Brother-In-Law –
Kuwait

155th National Guard – Afghanistan

Nick Mercer–Fort Stewart, GA

Haley Richardson – Marine Air Station – Yuma, AZ

In Institution

Bridget Dillon, Chris Yawn, Amanda Wallace,
Chad Wallace

Working Away From Home

Paul Allred (Kansas), Mitchell Leon (Gulf of
Mexico), Jeremy Rogers (Afghanistan),

Brett Stockton (Texas), Shane Williams (Saudi
Arabia)

In Hospital/ Sick at Home/Need Our Prayers

Bridget Albritton - Health

Donna Bales - Health

Aubrey Boyd – Health - Back

Jackie Boyd – Health

Adrienne Bray Mercer – Heart

Kara Brashear – Cousin of Dwight, Glenda, &
Darlene – Cancer

Donna Sue Byrd – Cancer

Carolyn Deer – Health

Peter & Sonya Francis – Health

Bob Freeman – Recovering from heart attack – Kalie
Green's grandfather

Brenda Green - Health

Dale Green – Health

Emmitt Green – Health

Eva Nell Green – Health

Kalie Green – Unspoken

Mike Hamilton – Recovering from open-heart surgery
– Brenda William's nephew

Tony Handberry – Amy Campbell's Father - Stage 4
Cancer

Julie Holley – Breast cancer treatments and surgeries
– Cousin of Yvonne Church

**Ethan, Lucy, Sadie, & Addy Hood – Bro. Dwayne
and Teri's grandchildren - Recovering from
Covid-19**

Gerald Howell – Health

Thomas Johnston – Health – MS more advanced
Joseph Kalil – Rare form of cancer in ribs – surgery
and treatments – Cousin of Yvonne Church

Lonnie Keist – Health

Lucy Lofton – Cancer Survivor

Kathy Martin

Ruth McKintosh – Leukemia (Hospice)

Jason Moak – Burns from brush pile fire

June Moak – Back pain

Susan Montgomery – Barbara Rogers's Friend –
Health

W.B. Netterville – Back Issues

Robert Pennington – Stage 3 Small Cell Carcinoma

Tony Ramirez

Donna Reeves – Cancer

Mike Richard – Back Pain

**Nancy Richardson – Recovering from Covid-19 &
Double pneumonia**

Tony Ritter – Health

Clayton Roberts – Recovering from surgery

David Roberts

Jane Roberts – Diagnosed with Parkinson's

Lamar Roberts – Health

Sharon Roberts – Health

Robin Roberts – Health

Jill Robinson – Having tests run

Rhonda Scroggs – Back issues

**Jack Seale – Immunotherapy treatments for
cancer**

Phoebe Seguin – Broken ankle is much better – still
some pain and swelling

Gary Smith – Car wreck – serious condition

Marge Smith – Barbara Mercier's Friend – Radiation
Treatments

Snuffy Smith – Brenda Green's Brother-n-Law –
Health

Sue Smith – Brenda Green's sister – Recovering
from surgery

Jean Spring – Breast Cancer – Chemo & Radiation

**Derrick Stewart – Maggie Newman's boyfriend –
leg amputated due to four wheeler wreck**

Amanda & Dwight Stockton – Health

Connie & Maxine Stoddard – Health

Mattie Taylor – Aggressive form of lymphoma – Pam
Dixon's friend's granddaughter

Robert Walker & Marilyn Stutzman – Health

Deborah Tarver – Health – one of our Custodians

Charles Waguespack – Health

Curtis West – Brenda Green's Brother –in – Law –
Health

Linda West – Brenda Green's sister – Health

**Owen Wicker – Dale & Brenda Green's grandson-
recovering from Covid-19**

Keith Williamson – Health

Lea Wilson – Falls a lot - dementia



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 02 – Bro. Dwayne Scoggins
- 03 – Jane Roberts
- 05 – Danney Bullock
- 06 – Marilyn Hope Martin
- 07 – Ryan Williams
- 09 – Sky Lyn Brown
Cael Yawn
- 10 – Deanna McKenzie
- 12 – Tyler Howell
- 14 – Jacob Cash
- 16 – Amanda Farmer
David Roberts
- 17 – Grayce Bales
- 18 – Aubrey Boyd
Darrell Boyd
Charles Waguespack
Cindy Weems
- 19 – Lillian Lofton
- 20 – Wyatt Roberts
- 21 – Marty Bigner
Pat Freeman
- 26 – Kim Burkett
MacKenzie Stockton
Connie Stoddard
- 27 – Chris Yawn
- 28 – Allison Woodall March
Donna Bales
- 29 – Jaxon Abdul-Hadi
Tammie Jones
Kamiah Williams
- 30 – Jackie Boyd
Kylee Farmer
Seth Farmer
Thomas Johnston



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NOBODY

ZERO

NONE

ZIP

NAUGHT

NADA

NO ONE

ZILCH

VOID

NIL