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This Week In Preview

Sunday December 19, 2021

9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Morning Worship
Christmas Fellowship Lunch

Monday December 20, 2021

Pastor's Open House
 6:00 to 8:00 PM
 200 Mills

Wednesday December 22, 2021

No WNL

WNL will resume on January 13th

Friday December 24, 2021

8:00 PM Christmas-Eve Service
**Traditional Communion &
 Candlelight Service**

Sunday December 26, 2021

10:00 AM Morning Worship

**Church Staff
 Church Ministers**

Everyone: All hands on deck

Pastor

Darrell Wait

Minister of Music

Gary White

Pianist

Sharon Frische

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The Good News



**Christmas
 Fellowship Lunch**



This Sunday December 19th

*The church will provide the turkey and the ham.
 Please bring a covered dish and/or a dessert to
 compliment the meal.*

Serving This Week

Elders

Don Parsons Min Elder
 DiAnn Todd.....Loaf
 Holly Wait Cup

Deacons

Margaret Turney
 Tracy Lawler
 Stephen Cox
 Erica Cox

Greeters

Outside Margaret Turney
 Foyer..... Tracy Lawle
 Back Stephen Cox
 Front..... Erica Cox

Liturgist

Chris Dow

Acolyte

Rhett Turney



Pastor's Open House

Monday, December 20th
6:00 - 8:00 PM

The Wait's invite you into their home for a Christmas open house. Please come, and invite someone to come with you.
200 Mills: (Corner of Mills and E. 2nd)

Christmas Eve Service

December 24th at 8:00 PM

Traditional Candlelight and Communion service

Reminder:

No Sunday School on Sunday
December 26th or January 2nd.
Only Sunday morning worship
on those two Sunday's.



Praying For

Immediate Concerns:

Autumn, newborn waiting heart surgery	Linda Milbern, stroke
Sam Aldrich, more test	James Roy Mize, Kidney cancer
Vick Bridwell, covid	Tom Morris, Lung Cancer
Peggy Buer, Parkinson's	Terry Muskrat
Bill Bruner, cancer	Tammy Nabors
Mateo Canela, NICU	Ray Oglesby
Shirley Carroll	Ron Peters, tests
David Carter	Emma Preston, rehab
Jaycee Chapman	Raymond & Wanda Ritchey
Stan Corbin	Sharon Rodgers, cancer
Lisa Dillard, kidney issues	Margaret Rosenbach
Carly Garza	John Scott
Jeanine Gonzales, kidney	Charles Sheldon, cancer
Kelly Hayes, lung cancer	Allen Silsby, cancer
Beverly Hendrix, stroke	Franklin Schumacher, heart
Susan Hester, cancer	Corey Sims, leukemia
Tommy Hurt, lung cancer	Bertha Soucy, cancer
Charlie Jameson, cancer	Mary Thatcher
Harper Johnson	Velma Tyler, cancer
Bob Keesee	Carl Unlaub
Ashleigh Lane, tumor	Paulette Weed, breast cancer
Jerry Lawler	Nowasa Wilcoxson, heart
Terri Mason, breast cancer	John Wornken, cancer returned
	Mary Williamson, cancer

Wait A Minute!

Christmas season re-introduces us to an amazing concept: God wants to include us in His world. God surrounded that first Christmas some two thousand years ago in a large bundle of miracles. There was the miracle of when: It was the right time. For God had spoken in the past through the fathers, the prophets, and the law; but now He spoke finally and fully through His Son, Jesus. Jesus fulfilled all of the Messianic promises of the Old Testament. It was the right time for God to begin including us in His world.

There was the miracle of who: He was the best person. For He was God. "The radiance of His glory, and the exact representation of His nature." Miraculously, mysteriously, God became one of us. He became one of us so that He could include us in His world.

And then there is the miracle of what; it was the only way. Redemption through sacrifice. His death by crucifixion -- normal for that day -- brought redemption to those who will believe. It was the only way to include us in His world.

Sports writer Bob Greene wrote the following several years ago concerning Michael Jordan.

"After a game one cold night, Jordon headed through the



'Tis The Season



Tuesday



"Decoration Time" On this Tuesday we gather to decorate our sanctuary. *It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!*

Sunday



"First Sunday of Advent"

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Sunday



"Hanging Of The Greens" We begin our annual celebration on this Sunday morning in our sanctuary beautifully adorned for Christmas.

Sunday



"Peace" *"Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."* A Christmas musical celebration presented by the FCC Choir.

Sunday



"Ridge Tree Christmas Angels back to church" The gifts need to be back to the church by this Sunday for delivery before Christmas.

Wed.
Dec 15th

"Children's WNL" The Children of WNL will provide the meal on this night as well as a brief program. All donations and money collected will go to Children's Activities.

Sunday
Dec. 19th

"Christmas Fellowship Lunch" We will enjoy lunch together as a Church family on this Sunday. The church will provide the turkey and ham. Please bring a covered dish and/or a dessert.

Monday
Dec. 20th

"Pastor's Open House" The Wait family invites you into their home for this annual gathering.

Friday
Dec. 24th

"Christmas Eve Service" Join us at 8:00 PM for our annual Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service.

Sunday
Dec. 26th

"Fourth Sunday of Advent"

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."



'Tis The Season



crowds of fans toward his car. That's when he saw a youngster in a wheel chair some 20 feet away. The boy's neck was bent at an unnatural angle; his eyes could not look directly forward. Jordon walked over to the boy and knelt by him. The youngster was so excited he began to come out of the wheel chair. Jordon comforted him and talked softly. The boy's father tried to snap a picture, but the camera didn't work. Jordon noticed. Without being asked, he continued to kneel by the boy's side until the father was able to make the shot. Only then did he return to his car. The boy's eyes were glistening. His dad was already replaying the moment with him. If nothing else good ever happens for that little boy, he will always know that on one night Michael Jordon included him in his world."

Whatever else is going on for you during this busy Christmas season, take comfort in knowing that on that first Christmas God began including you in his world. With that matter settled one more question remains: Will you include God in yours?

Thank you for 20 years of service and ministry. I do look forward to worshipping with you Sunday; to having you in our home on Monday; and to celebrating Christmas with you on Christmas Eve.