

South Green Street Church of Christ

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Can We Celebrate Christmas?

With the holiday season upon us, we may wonder if it is wrong for Christians today to celebrate Christmas in ways like putting up a Christmas tree and giving gifts. We hear of Christmas Day being designated as the birth date of our Lord, even though nothing is found in the New Testament stating such.

When we realize that December 25th is likely NOT the birth date of Christ, can we still celebrate Christmas with that in mind? Well, if we celebrate Christmas where it is incorporated into our worship, the answer is no. There is no scriptural authority in the Bible to introduce anything related to Christmas into the worship service of the church. Notice I said to introduce anything related to Christmas, I did not mention discussing what we find in the New Testament regarding the birth of our Savior, omitting the date. The only celebration we are authorized to perform in our worship is the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord (1 Corinthians 11:23-29) and that is commanded each Sunday (Acts 20:7).

If we agree that it is not the birthday of Jesus and that we must not observe it in the church at all, can we have a Christmas tree and give gifts in our homes? To practice Christmas religiously would be sinful. Doing so merely as a cultural custom would be a matter of personal judgment. In Romans 14, Paul discusses that the brethren had different levels of knowledge and that this should not cause division. As he also discusses, while some early Christians thought it wrong to eat meats offered to idols, others did not see any problem with it. As Wayne Jackson appropriately puts it, "The apostle instructs that neither individual is to 'set at naught' the other. No man is to create a law in areas of opinion and then demand that all others submit. If an overt act of transgression is not the issue, peace must prevail."

I think it is good anytime people remember Christ coming into this world. Let's pray that they will do the will of Him who came.

Tony Williams
Elder Karns church of Christ

Trust In the Lord

Life can present challenges. Sometimes the difficulty is of our own doing, other times it is not.

However, there is a sense in which we always have a choice. By that I mean that we always have the opportunity to choose Jesus. No matter how tired, stressed, sick, etc. We can still choose Jesus.

It doesn't matter if we are alone or in a crowd. It doesn't matter if all the rest of our friends and family have gone "off the deep end" and turned their backs on the Lord. We can still choose Jesus.

The problem is, we most often put our trust anywhere and everywhere except in the Lord. To live a life of true joy and peace we must commit our very hearts and lives to God. To gain every desire of your heart, your heart must desire God!

Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will act. (Psalm 27:3-5)

—Bart

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Good Samaritans

L2L Good Samaritans angel tree and caroling on December 15. Please see the bulletin board in the basement to sign up for items you can donate to the elderly and bring them on the 15th. We will assemble the bags, eat pizza and sing at the Barren County Health Care. You can be picked up around 1:00. See Brandi Clark or Allie McCoy should you have any questions.

Church Potluck

The annual Christmas Potluck will be held Sunday, December 22, after the morning worship service. Everyone is invited to attend. Meat will be provided by the church.

Live Stream

We are aware that the live stream is down and we are working to get it fixed.

Heat Situation

We are in the process of replacing the boiler. Please know that every effort is being done to resolve this matter. We are very thankful to have the industrial heaters in the auditorium to help make it more comfortable.

Partners for Africa

Through your efforts with increased giving on Sunday, November 24, and other special contributions, we are able to meet Dorians requested needs. The elders have decided to make an additional contribution to fund 50% of an additional well. We appreciate your generosity.

Family Matters

Prayer List

- Corey Bagby, 4867 Coral Hill Rd., Glasgow
 - Micki Bagby, 1034 Coral Hill Halfway Rd., Glasgow
 - Kelly Beals, wife of Tim Beals, P.O. Box 124, Glasgow, KY 42142
 - Dorothy Brake, 300 Westwood St., Rm 34, Glasgow
 - Steve Brown, 105 Wingate Ave., Glasgow.
 - Terry & Debbie Bunnell, 343 Winners Circle, Glasgow
 - Suzie Dove, 361 Dunedin Way, Glasgow
 - Judy Dugger, 180 Scottie Dr., Apt. 152, Glasgow
 - Gary Edmunds 5899 Old Bowling Green Rd., Glasgow
 - Jeff Edwards, son of Anna Edwards, 308 Circle Springs Dr., Glasgow
 - Glenda Elam, 100B Lyon Ave., Glasgow
 - JB & Kathleen Emberton, 119 Robin Dr., Glasgow
 - Becky Foster, 1636 Pritchardsville Rd., Glasgow
 - Margaret Garmon, 176 Lecta Kino Rd., Glasgow
 - Seth Thomas Groce , 180 Scottie Dr., Glasgow
 - Tish Gumm, 350 Paul Bastien Lane, Glasgow
 - Jeffrey Lynn Lile, brother of Sonya Hogue, 447 Lanny Harlow Rd., Hardyville, KY 42746
 - Virginia Neville, 104 Ridgecrest, Glasgow
 - Jackie Perkins, 1081 Dripping Springs Rd., Glasgow
 - Mark Prichard, 211 Autumn Ridge, Glasgow
 - Billy Pritchard, 117 Douglas Dr., Glasgow
 - Fred Proffitt, 307 Hall St., Glasgow
 - Lenneth & Bonnie Rich, 308 Patton Terrace Rd., Glasgow
 - Denny Riddle, 70 Penny Lane, Glasgow
 - Dottie Ritter, 207 Seay St., Glasgow
 - Ed Spear, 1038 Poplar Springs Rd., Glasgow
 - Grant Turner, son of Zac & Jennifer Turner, will be undergoing outpatient surgery soon 510 Northwood Dr., Glasgow
 - Lynn Vick, 111 Karakal Dr., Glasgow
 - Mike Williams, 4556 Old Bowling Green Rd., Glasgow
 - Jerry Wood, 917 Bristletown Rd., Glasgow
- Additional Prayer Requests**
- Catherine Bagby, mother of Robert Bagby
 - Joann Birdwell, sister of Betty Driver
 - Maria Bryant, coworker of Sonya Hogue
 - Steve Bulle, friend of Jamie Lowe
 - Jeff Burd, nephew of Karen Kerney
 - Roy Fox, family of Norma Redford and Sherry Furlong
 - Pat Green, friend of Jewel Searcy
 - Mark Hanstein, father of Laura Warren
 - Cathy Holley, friend of Sonya Hogue
 - Tom Hughes, friend of Tony & Melissa Shirley
 - Mark Isenberg, brother of Lloyd Isenberg
 - Earl Jackson, husband of Runelle Jackson
 - Teddy Lane, father of Sherri Perkins
 - Roy Lanier, grandfather of Laura Warren
 - Sharon Lenhart, mother of Cathy Bishop
 - Nancy Miller, sister of Linda Kelsay & Kathy Williams

- Lana Morrice, daughter of Fred Proffitt
- Marjorie Palmore, mother of Kim Palmore
- Natalie Philbeck, friend of Mike & Charlotte Pruitt
- Judie Pitcock, mother of Amy Gill
- Katelyn Poteet, great granddaughter of Glenn & Judith Pitcock
- Kim Smith, sister of Tony Shirley
- Margie Smith, friend of Sandra Kidd
- Brad Spear, son of Ed & Pat Spear
- Jennifer Stump, friend of Freda Dugger
- Becky Thompson, daughter of Jackie & Sherri Perkins
- Kim Turner, friend of Angie Kessler
- Mason, Taylor & Haven Turner, sister of Haley London
- Charles Tyler, father of Karen Drake
- Larry Williams, friend of Tommy Gumm
- Susan Williams, friend of Frenchie Belcher
- Bobbie Wilson, brother of Bonnie Rich
- Bud Woodall, son-in-law of Ray & Joyce Utzman
- Betty Wright, sister-in-law of Becky Speer
- Cale Zurcher, friend of Gary & Missy Groce

Ladies Gathering

Ladies Gathering will be held Thursday evening from 5:00-6:30. Check the Band app for the meal sign up. We will discuss chapter 3. Contact Lauren Gibson should you need more info.

Ladies Bible Class

No Ladies Bible Class on Thursday, December 12.

Pantry

Items needed for the pantry: 5 oz cans tuna, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, vegetable soup, pasta sauce (no glass containers), canned vegetables, instant oatmeal- individual packets, breakfast bars and crackers.

From the Elders

Our Wednesday evening service will be held on Thursday evening, December 26, and not on Wednesday the 25th. Services will be at 6:30 PM.

For The Record

Sunday AM Attendance	375
Sunday Contribution <i>week of Dec 1</i>	\$11,147.00
2024 Weekly Budget.....	\$13,250.00
2024 Weekly Average <i>week of Dec 1</i>	\$13,291.54

Responses Year To Date

Baptisms	10
Prayer Requests	14
Placing Membership	23

