

FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF TENNESSEE, ILLINOIS

December 15, 2019

Welcome to Our Worship Service!

DAVE SCOTT/PASTOR

JEANNETTE WICKERT/ORGAN ... WANDA BARTLETT/PIANO

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / PASTOR DAVE

- CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER / SEE BACK OF BULLETIN

244 - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

245 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

- PRAYER TIME / GERALD WHITE

243 - Emmanuel

- WORSHIP IN GIVING / DOXOLOGY

(Children are dismissed for junior church after doxology.)

- CHOIR - *Were You There on That Christmas Night?*

MESSAGE - "ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS, PART 2" - JOHN 5

250 - O Little Town of Bethlehem

419 - Family of God

Please note that there is a basket on the small table in the vestibule for our church family to exchange Christmas cards.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 15:

- **THIS AFTERNOON:** Caroling and basket distribution at 3 pm. Afterwards at 4 pm everyone is invited to a cookie & cocoa fellowship at the church. Please bring a plate of cookies to share.
- **SATURDAY:** Christmas choir practice @ 9 am.
- **NEXT SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:** Candlelight & Carols. Soup and finger food potluck at 5 pm with the service to follow at 6 pm. Soup will be provided. Please bring a finger food to share.
- **DECEMBER 24:** Christmas Eve open house at Steve and Janet Sowers's house from 4-6 pm.
- Next board meeting will be January 9 @ 6:30 pm. Board minutes and financial reports available in the report holder.
- **ANNUAL MEETING:** Our annual meeting will be held on **JANUARY 12, 2020** with the snow date being the following week on **JANUARY 19, 2020** and continuing on to the next Sunday until weather permits our annual meeting to be held. We will have a fellowship dinner that day followed by the annual meeting at approximately 1:00 pm.

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- **FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH** is a non-denominational, Bible-based community of believers, growing in faith, praying together, preaching and teaching God's word, committed to serving others, and reaching the lost with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - **IF YOU HAVE A NEED OR A PRAYER REQUEST, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE OR ONE OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS:** Pastor Dave - (309) 776-3786, Randy Coplan - (309) 776-3496, Wayne England - (309) 333-1717, Randy Pittman - (309) 333-1808, Steve Sowers - (309) 776-4701, Chuck Ulrich - (309) 652-3357
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OUR SERVICES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:30 am

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP @ 10:30 AM

NO EVENING SERVICE

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING @ 6:00 PM

ADVENT: YOUR GIFT TO RECEIVE

Lord, our God and Father, give to many, to all, and to us as well, that we may celebrate Christmas like this: that in complete thankfulness, utter humility, and then complete joy and confidence we may come to the one whom you have sent, and in whom you yourself have come to us.

Clean out the many things in us that, now that the hour has come, have become impossible for us, can no longer belong to us, may, must, and will fall away from us, by virtue of your beloved Son, our Lord and Savior, entering into our midst and creating order.

Have mercy on all of those who do not yet know you. Have mercy on all of humankind, who today are once again especially plagued, threatened, and haunted by so much foolishness!

Place the right, necessary, and helpful words on the lips of those who preach during this Christmas season, and open then also the ears and hearts of those who hear them!

Comfort and encourage those who are sick, both in body and spirit, in the hospitals, as well as the prisoners, and those who are distressed, abandoned, or despairing! Help them with what alone can truly help them and all of us: the clarity of your Word and the quiet work of your Holy Spirit.

We thank you that we are permitted to know that we do not pray and will never pray to you in vain. ***We thank you*** that you have let your light rise, that it shines in the darkness, and that the darkness will not overcome it. ***We thank you*** that you are our God, and that we may be your people.
Amen.

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