



Kingswood
United Methodist Church
Messenger

January 13, 2019

Baptism of the Lord

*Do all the good you can; By all the means you can;
In all the ways you can; In all the places you can;
At all the times you can; To all the people you can;
As long as ever you can.
~ John Wesley (1703-1791) ~*

Sermon: Let Me Introduce . . .

Text: Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**While Pastor Jeff and Laurie are away at the District Ministers' Retreat,
Ray Morgan will be giving the message.**



Ushers: Mike Stone & Jerry Williamson co-leaders, Bernie Carpenter, Eric Couch, J. D. Hoots, Jamey Hughes, David Piercy & Michael Saunders

Music: Madeline Griggs – Director, Sarah Butler – Organist, Debbie Pappalardo – Pianist

Sunday School Nursery: Mike & Pat Stone; next week - Mike & Pat Stone

Worship Nursery: John & Trudy Cox; next week – John & Trudy Cox

Promises: Ashleigh Lucas; next week – Trudy Cox

Flowers: next week - open

Promises – Following “Moments with the King’s Kidz,” our children ages 3-6 (1st grade) are invited to the Promises Worship Room. . Today we begin a new series as a follow-up to celebrating the birth of Jesus. We will focus on the flight to Egypt and the next two Sundays, we’ll continue the series with a trip to the Temple and Jesus’ Baptism. They will be returned to the sanctuary during the closing hymn.

Worship Kits – There are inspiring worship enhancing activities available to all children as they enter the sanctuary. Please return the kits and all its contents at the end of the service.

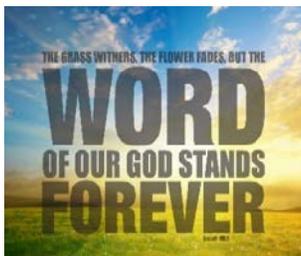


Sunday	10:00 am 10:55 am 6:00 pm	Sunday School Welcome/Worship Youth gathering
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Prayer/Bible study
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 pm	UMW Evening Circle meeting

Kingswood Matters



Keeping Christ bottled up in the churches is keeping salt in the shakers, and He does not go where we do not take Him. We need to take Him everywhere and show His relevance and the relevance of His Word to every aspect of modern life. This is not an option, it is a scriptural imperative.



"Live freely, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. (1 Peter 2:16)



A New Year!

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22).

If you’ve ever been to a workout gym during the first week of January you’ve noticed that the place is packed. Ninety percent of the people there have made New Year’s resolutions and they are making good on that. But come back a couple of weeks later. You may just have the place to yourself. Each week, there are fewer and fewer people in the gym. By February you no longer must wait in line to use a machine or get a spot on the bench press. Overall, the average New Year’s resolution lasts less than a week, especially the health club ones. While I think it’s a great thing to resolve to improve one’s physical health, I decided years ago to, instead, concentrate on improving my spiritual health.

Every day, the sun rises, and a new day comes. Soon the stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise and the hustle and bustle of the day. The quietness of solitude will be replaced by the pounding of the human race. We will be invaded with decisions to be made and deadlines to be met. For the next twelve hours, we will be exposed to the day’s demands. Because of Calvary, we are free to choose. And so, I choose.

I choose love... No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. Today I will love God and love what God loves. Today I will even love the unloving – even those who choose not to love me.

I choose joy... I will invite God to be the God of my circumstances. I will refuse to allow anything to take away my happiness. I refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God and what He can do.

I choose peace... I will live forgiven. I will forgive others so that I may live with a clear conscience. I will sow harmony, reconciliation, and friendship everywhere I go if it is at all possible.

I choose patience... I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing, I will find something to praise and give thanks for. Instead of gritting my teeth when things don’t go my way, I will face them with reverence and piety.

I choose kindness... I will be charitable to the poor and disadvantaged, for they are alone. I will be courteous to the rich, for they are afraid. I will be compassionate to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

I choose goodness... I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse.

I choose faithfulness... I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust or question my word. My wife and family will not question my love for them.

I choose gentleness... Nothing is won by force. I choose to be meek and gracious. If I raise my voice may it be only in praise to almighty God. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I choose self-control... I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I must maintain discipline and refuse to let anything rule the eternal. I will be drunk on Christ and only Christ. I will be impassioned by my faith and my salvation. Christ is my Lord and Savior and nothing in this world will ever change that.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my new year. If I succeed, I will give thanks and give God the glory. If I fail, I will seek His grace and forgiveness. And then, when this new year is done, I’ll start all over again in 2020!

HAPPY NEW YEAR, my church friends. May God richly bless us all!

With fond thoughts and prayers,

Pastor Jeff

What's Happening



Join us on Saturday, January 12 at 9:00 am to make chicken pies! We hope to see some new faces this Saturday!



Girl Scout Troop 02335 at Kingswood UMC is selling Girl Scout cookies. \$4 per box and \$5 for bag of new gluten free Carmel Chocolate Chip cookies.

Feel free to contact Michelle Zoncick at (336) 413-3154 or mzoncick@bellsouth.net



The 2019 flower chart is in the church office window. Please sign up to provide altar flowers to celebrate an occasion, or in memory of a loved one.



Following is the next four weeks' Promises schedule:

- Jan. 13 – Ashleigh Lucas
- Jan. 20 – Trudy Cox
- Jan. 27 – Courtney Winfrey
- Feb. 3 – children will remain in the sanctuary



We will meet this Sunday at 6:00 pm.



As you bring your monthly food donations, please add some socks, gloves, a toboggan or a blanket to help the homeless in our community deal with the winter cold. Imagine having to face the winter chill without these items. We and the Kingswood Preschool will be collecting these items during the months of December and January. Let's do our part to help those in need stay as warm as possible.

Thanks to everyone who brought socks, gloves, scarves, blankets and other winter items for our “Winter Weather Essentials” Drive. We were able to carry four bags of essentials to Samaritan Ministries. They were so appreciative.

Don’t worry if you didn’t get your supplies to the church. We are going to continue this drive through January.

Thank you for helping those in need by supplying food and these items.

A big thanks to Jo Hunter and Trudy Cox for spearheading the “Winter Essentials” Drive for Rural Hall Elementary School. Thanks to the generosity of Kingswood four bags of needed items were shared with children who needed them at Rural Hall.

Thanks to LuAnn Winfrey for organizing the Giving Tree. A number of families were helped by the generosity of Kingswood United Methodist Church.

What a wonderful, giving church we have at Kingswood.



- **Sunday School** – this is where faith and life connect! We have great Sunday School classes for ALL ages. You are encouraged to join a class. How about doing it this Sunday? A nursery is provided during Sunday School. Please join us each Sunday at 10:00 am. You won’t regret it!
- **CDs** of Sunday worship services are available in the church office.
- **Pastor Visitation** – if you desire a visit from Pastor Jeff please feel free to call him directly at 336-416-5869, or let the church office know.
- **Pastor Jeff’s Prayer/Bible Study** – Come and be a part of this study on the parables of Jesus on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. We are beginning a lesson of “The Great Feast” from Luke 14:15-24. Prayerfully consider this spiritual discipline in your weekly plans. Please make note: We do not meet on the first Tuesday of the month.
- **Announcements** – if you have information to be included in this publication, please send your suggestion to: kingswood@triad.twcbc.com by Wednesday of each week.

“The Weekly Messenger” is published and sent via E-mail on Thursday of each week to those who have provided the church office with their E-mail address.

There are also printed copies on the table in the narthex.

Grace and Blessings!
We hope to see you this Sunday at Kingswood

Office hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:30 pm, Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Closed Mon. & Fri.

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