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Immanuel: God With Us!

Almighty God, Thy written Word grants a faint glimpse of Thee. Though dim, the image floods my heart with deep humility. I marvel o'er that glory so unique to Thee, Most High, Whose beauty and great wonder flaming seraphs magnify.

Transcendent and most holy God, garbed in a robe of light, Thy purity and righteousness puts pretense into flight. I yearn for words as yet unknown, for language to proclaim Thy greatness that assaults all pride, and sets my soul aflame.

Thy blinding light, like raging flame, surrounds a sapphire throne, Reflecting off a glassy sea like polished crystal stone! A panoply of colors dance in rainbow-bright array With splendor inconceivable that pales the glare of day.

Heav'n's chorus drowns the thunder crash of lightning from Thy throne With tributes to Thy majesty in rich, harmonious tones. Their symphony of worship bathes my ears with holy praise, O'erwhelming me with joy fit to astound and to amaze.

There, seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high, With KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS the name upon His thigh, Is Judah's Lion, God the Son, Thy sacrificial Lamb Who in my stead fulfilled the Law as perfect Son of Man.

Thy Spirit left this sacred place to bless the virgin's womb. Ancient of Days, the mighty God, as Prince of Peace would bloom. A Man of Sorrows, Christ embraced the cross, reproach and shame. Forsaken by His God, His grief eclipsed Gabbatha's pain.

I will rejoice, dear Father/God, o'er faith's sweet gift to see The sacrifice of Thy dear Son Whose blood atoned for me! Thy holy wrath exhausted, life for me my Savior gained By drinking of sin's vilest cup that He completely drained.

Immanuel! Immanuel! The babe! The Christ! My King! With "Worthy is the Lamb," and "Alleluia" I will sing. Enraptured by His presence, I will bow and e'er proclaim Praise to the King of glory--Jesus, name above all names!

Ezekiel 1:4, 26-28; Isaiah 9:6; John 17:5; Revelation 1:13-18; 4; 5; 19:11-16

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2015 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

The 2015 Contribution envelopes are available at the piano side entrance to the sanctuary.

YEAR-END GIVING

All offerings to be included in your 2014 contribution statement must be given by **this Sunday, December 28, 2014**. All offerings placed in the offering plate on January 4, 2015 *even if dated 2014* will be recorded on your 2015 statement. The law does allow for you to mail a contribution for credit in 2014 if it is *postmarked by midnight December 31, 2014*.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Please make plans to join us for our Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service at 5 pm as we celebrate the birth of our dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Rev. Stephen Crofts will conduct the service.



WEDDING BELLS

Ed and Lynn Limon are happy to announce the upcoming marriage of their son Joshua, to Kimber Leeanne Palk, on Friday, January 2 at 4 pm here at our church. The congregation is welcome to attend the wedding ceremony.

TRINIDAD MISSION TRIP

Jessie Richardson, Donna Wolff and Connie Bennett will be going on a medical mission January 16th-to the 25th to Trinidad. We would like to raise prayer support and assistance with the costs of the trip. Let us know if you would be willing to pray for us, the trip, the team, and the people we will meet at our clinics. If you wish to give financially you can send a check to: **MTW, PO Box 2589, Suwanee, GA 30024-0982**. *In the memo line put Event# EV5944 and the name of the person to whom you are giving.* Thank you for all your caring and praying.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER NEEDS

ILLNESS: **Theo Baulding** (*Home from rehab, doing reasonably well*); **Jean Cathey** (*Recovering from laser eye surgery*); **The Gregorys** (*Hope – Alzheimer's, Gary – Caregiver*); **Catherine Mangum** (*Hip Surgery – recovering*); **Mae Wilburn** (*Still recovering*); **Glenn & Margaret Owens** (*Caring for several family members. Phyllis is slowly improving*); **Chuck and Mary Renegar** (*Health issues*); **Peggy Mitchell** (*Fracture in her back. Currently at Duke*); **Boswell Family** (*Harold's sister Virginia with Alzheimer's. Shirley's sister Audrey, Parkinson's*)

CHURCH NEEDS: Elders, Deacons, Congregational Love & Unity, Pastor Search

MISSIONARIES: Andy & Nannette Howard (Pakistan), Jeff & Lisa King (Chile), Ali & Tara Mitchell (ARP Connect), Jubilee Birthday Ladies – Sheila Osborne & Nannette Howard

OTHER MISSIONS: Doug Arms (Elon), Jesse Wesselink (International Students, Inc), Siloam Missionary Homes, Alamance Pregnancy Center, Allied Churches, Meals on Wheels

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Steve walton	1/4
Mark Sanderson	1/9
Janice Ward	1/9
Andrew Newton	1/10
Mark Vestal	1/12
Alex Constable	1/14
Jessica Richardson	1/15
Anna Spencer	1/18
Grady Pack	1/19
Julie Snow	1/20
Elizabeth Barber	1/23
Dottie Latta	1/24
Theo Baulding	1/25
Bryan Jones	1/26

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Phillip and Frankie Beaman (15) 1/9

THANK YOU!

Christmas Carolers:

We thank you for the love and joy brought to our small apartment Sunday evening. Your timing was great. God bless,

The Renegars

NEW ADDRESS

Dick and Lillian Fuller
1555 N. Main St
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MINISTRY REMINDERS

Nursery:

Dec 28: Isaac Spender
Karen Jones
Jan 4: Nicole Newton
Fran Haynes

Counter:

Dec 28: Mark Vestal
Jan 4: TBD

Deacon Duty:

Dec 28: David Newton
Jan 4: TBD