

# The Fountain

## From the Pastor...

In this season of Advent and Christmas, we're not merely celebrating the birth of a great religious leader among others. Jesus of Nazareth, indeed, was a great shepherd-leader. He was a mighty prophet and a profound teacher. He was the messiah, the anointed savior-king of Israel. Yet, he was and is and always will be so much more!

In fulfillment of Isaiah 40:3, John the Baptist was called to "prepare the way of the Lord" and to "make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (ESV; see also Luke 3). Further into the context Isaiah 40:10-11 goes further and says: "Behold, the Lord your God comes with might, . . ." and "He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young" (see also Ezk 34:11-16). During advent and Christmas, we celebrate not just the birth of a great spiritual leader; we celebrate the *incarnation* of the eternally divine, one and only, unique Son of God; God himself who became fully human "for us and for our salvation" (Nicene Creed).

Christmas reminds that that we live not in a world of impersonal forces, callous and cold, where we are all "just dust in the wind." We are creatures created in the image of God, significant enough and loved so much that God the Father sent his Son to become one of us, to redeem and to restore us (John 3:16). At Christmas we celebrate that the God of love came Himself to give the world a renewed hope and to bring back everlasting peace and joy. Now that is something to really celebrate!

May your Advent and Christmas season be merry and bright in the light of God's goodness and grace in Jesus Christ!

Love,

*Pastor Cliff Wall*





In September we repainted the "four square" on the asphalt and enjoyed playing the game. We taught it to the Cubs Scouts as well as some of the younger members of the Church. We also painted the speed bumps leading down to the spring although that was a challenge with all the cars.

In October the youth made up "trick or treat" bags for many of our shut ins and included signed cards. We delivered them the next week to give them a "treat" rather than a "trick". We left everyone smiling. Before coming back to the Church, we drove very slowly down Union Street in Concord to see all the houses decked out for Halloween. We voted South Union as the winner this year.

We have also been attending Sunday Supper/Talk. Thank you to everyone who fixed meals each week.

In December, we have several members who are being baptised on the 10th. Along with the help of many adults in the Church, we are working on the first ever "Drive Thru" Nativity scheduled for the 17th, from 5:30 - 7:00 PM and hope everyone will come out. We are also decorating the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall and taking a fun trip to Denton Farm Park for a "country Christmas".

We welcome new members! At the conclusion of Sunday Supper/ Table Talk, we will be moving our meeting back to 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM on Sundays.

*Every time a hand reaches out to help*

*That is Christmas*

*Every time a person chooses peace*

*That is Christmas*

*Every time we forget our differences  
and remember the love that connects us*

*That is Christmas*

*Submitted by Brenda Long*



***Cold Springs Global Methodist Men***

The Cold Springs Global Methodist Men will meet on *Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 PM in the Charles Page SS Class*. This will be the last meeting in 2023 and hope you will be able to attend. Terry Bowers, Methodist Men President (704-786-8434).

The Mae-Barnhardt Sub Group WFFM will have our meeting December 11th, at 10:00 am. We will meet at the home of Lillian Overbay. The week of December 11th will also be our time to deliver to Mac-House. Please call Ruth Burleson 704-467-7208 or Brenda Helms 704-214-3196 if you have questions.

**Children's  
Christmas and  
Candlelight  
Service  
on  
December 24  
at  
5:00 pm**

Boy Scout Troop 5 is selling whole cooked Boston Butts (6-8 lbs) for Christmas for \$40.00 each. Orders can be given to any Boy Scout leader or Boy Scout at church. Orders are due by December 13<sup>th</sup> and can be picked up on Saturday, December 23rd between 12 noon and 3 pm. The troop thanks you for your support of scouting!



Please bring your family and join us for the  
GOOD NEWS / OPEN DOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS  
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Friday, December 15, 2023 beginning at 5:30  
Krimminger Hall at CSGMC

**Group meal prep at 5:30pm / Dinner served 7:00pm**

*Baked Chicken, Green Beans, and Red Skin Potatoes*

*(For the meal, you only need to bring clean hands, hungry bellies, happy hearts  
and a dessert to share—we'll have a donation bucket to offset the expense of the meal.)*

**We would like for each person to bring his/her favorite  
Nativity Scene from home to share & display for the evening.**

**We have something special planned for 6:00pm which will require an  
accurate headcount so please RSVP by Sunday, 12.10.23 to  
Jannette Kluttz (704-791-3411) or Annette Hammill (704-305-2003)**

It is that time of year to prepare our Church Sanctuary for the Advent Season. On Saturday, Dec 2 at 9:00 AM the Women of Faith, Fellowship and Mission are inviting our Church Family to come and help decorate the Chrismon Tree and the Sanctuary in preparation for this Holy Season. It will be a time of fellowship as we prepare our Church and our hearts to receive the greatest gift given, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Your sister in Christ,

Rene' Caldwell

704-425-3760



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*The church office will be closed*

*December 25th & December 26th*



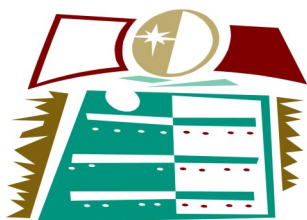
If you have an event/announcement you would like advertised in the newsletter and/or email, please provide information to the church office. The deadline for the newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter. Events/announcements may also be sent out via church wide email. The office phone number is 704-782-1811 and the church office email address is [admin@coldspringschurch.org](mailto:admin@coldspringschurch.org). If you would like to be added to the church email group, please provide your email address to the office via the sign-up sheet in the vestibule or email/phone call to the church office. If you need to contact Pastor Cliff, his phone number is 980-221-0597, or email at [pastorcliff@coldspringschurch.org](mailto:pastorcliff@coldspringschurch.org).



# DECEMBER

## Birthdays

- 1- Linda Morrison, Wayne Barnhardt, Bennie Hunsucker
- 3- Grace Cranmer, Shannon Bulger
- 4- Darla Daugherty
- 6- Mike Barnhardt
- 8- Karie Long, Barbara Bost
- 11- Tommy Jones
- 12- Jane Wiley
- 14- Joey Padgett
- 16- Leeann Gainey, Brice Long
- 17- Ronald Barnhardt
- 18- Judy Allmon
- 19- Janice Brady
- 20- Gracie Cook
- 21- Cindy Love, Eli Caldwell
- 26- Ramona Barnhardt, Timothy Campbell, Anna Wall
- 29- Diane Miller
- 30- Jeff Heintz, Donna Cook, Wes Leonard
- 31- Ryan Moser



... to you is born  
this day in the city of  
David a Savior,  
who is the  
Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:11, NRSV

## Anniversaries

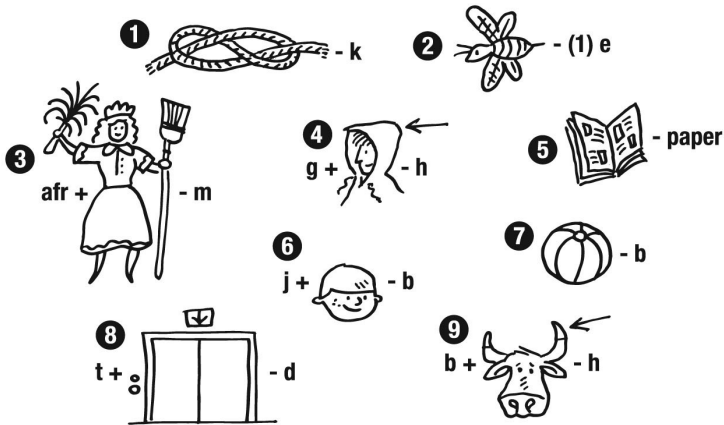
- 13- Greg & Kim Overbay

# PUZZLE

## The angel's message

On the first Christmas Eve, shepherds were watching over their flocks when an angel suddenly appeared.

Use the picture clues below to find out what the angels said to the terrified shepherds.



"Do \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I bring you \_\_\_\_\_ 4

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 of great \_\_\_\_\_ 6 that will be for \_\_\_\_\_ 7 the people.

Today in the \_\_\_\_\_ 8 of David a Savior has been \_\_\_\_\_ 9

to you; **he is Christ the Lord.**" Luke 2:10-11, NIV

Answers: 1. knot-k=not; 2. bee-(1)e=be; 3. afr+maid-m=afraid; 4. g+hood-h=good; 5. newspaper-paper=news; 6. j+boy-b=joy; 7. ball-b=all; 8. t+down-d=town; 9. b+horn-h=born

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## REQUESTS

### — FOR — PRAYER

Israel and Palestine, Dani Hill, Mel Hill, Richard Armstrong family, Shirley Hurlocker, Pam Jones, Charlie Horn, Ruthann Holdeen, Nicholas Holdeen, Denny & Pat Gray, Adam Love, Lucy Fulk, Ed Patterson, John Cafferty, Aubry Moore, Rob Eckman, Ross Johnson and all unspoken requests.



## CHURCH PARKING LOT ENTRANCE

Church family,  
The trustees will be closing the church parking lot entrance nearest to Walker Road. We have met with DOT and the pipes are collapsing. This entrance will

be closed until the trustees can come up with a solution to repair same. Thanks

Tim Hurlocker,  
Trustee Chair



## Bible Quiz



Which of the four Gospels name(s) Bethlehem as the place of Jesus' birth?

- A. Only Luke
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:1-7.)



### Community Breakfast

Mark your calendars for the  
December Community Breakfast

**Saturday, December 2nd**  
**from 7:00 until 10:00 am**

*You are invited to come and enjoy  
family, friends, community, and  
especially a delicious breakfast.*



*This Christmas, let's give a Little Jesus...*

*This Christmas...*

*Let's Give a Little Jesus, a thoughtful word or deed  
An act of generosity for someone who's in need.*

*Let's Give a Little Jesus, to everyone we meet—  
The salesclerk or the server, the person on the street.*

*Let's give a Little Jesus, that's what really counts—  
Not what's spent or bought, for whom, in what amounts.*

*Let's Give a Little Jesus to everyone, large or small—  
For Jesus, the Messiah, is the Greatest Gift of All.*

*"Merry Christmas"*

*From Cold Springs GMC Men's Group*



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