

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES

DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 13

SUNDAY, December 7

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Coffee Time

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

4:00 p.m. Charity Christmas Party (Hilda’s house)

MONDAY, December 8

7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast

12:00 p.m. Finance

TUESDAY, December 9

10:00 a.m. Christian Studies Class

11:00 a.m. Friendship Christmas Party

5:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery

6:00 p.m. Trustees

WEDNESDAY, December 10

9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training

5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Chance Choir Practice

6:00 p.m. Youth/Children Activities

7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice

THURSDAY, December 11

9:00 a.m. Quilt Guild

4:30 p.m. Community Meal

FRIDAY, December 12

6:00 p.m. Preschool Christmas Program

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OUR VISION:

Our vision is to be a worshipping, loving and witnessing church in Cullman County where disciples of Jesus Christ live out their call to ministry and are nurtured in small groups.

OUR MISSION:

Reach the lost, nurture the faithful.

Rejoice Evermore

I started writing about all the things that have gone wrong for me over the past couple of weeks. But then I decided that no one wants to hear my complaints about how life has been treating me. Plus, I am writing this the week before Thanksgiving, and we are supposed to be counting our blessings, not airing out our frustrations. I am sure you would have been nice if I had written my complaints, read the article, and maybe even agreed with some of the things I said. But the worst thing that could have happened is that I might have made you start thinking about all your complaints from the last couple of weeks. This is not a time to make people remember all the aggravation and irritating things that happen in life. This is a season of thanks, followed by the Reason we are to be thankful. “1 Thessalonians 5:16 Rejoice evermore. 17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” People love to quote verse 18, but to really understand it, we need to go back to verse 16. Paul is talking about giving thanks to God in all stages of our lives, both good and bad. He is not saying give thanks FOR what is going on in your life. Instead, he is saying give thanks IN all stages of life. Good days, bad days, sick days, and hard days, give God thanks. We get our first clue on what Paul means in verse “16 Rejoice evermore.” In all days, give thanks to God, for it is another day to know, feel, and experience the love of God. Each day is a gift, even if it feels like the worst; it is still a day we can give Jesus thanks for all the things He has done. When nothing is going right in life, Jesus still loves you and died for you. When tragedy and mourning strike, it is a comfort to know Jesus walks the path with us. When nothing is going right in life, Jesus is still on the throne, sitting beside God and pouring out His love on us. So, when verse 18 says “this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you,” does that mean that all the bad stuff is God’s will? No. It means it is the will of God that we would give thanks to the Lord Jesus for going to the cross, dying, being resurrected, ascending to Heaven, and sitting at the right hand of God every day. It is God’s will that we would always have a reason to rejoice, even on our worst days. Merry Christmas, and may you rejoice in Jesus Christ every day.

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT

Service

DEC. 24TH 6:00PM

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 30

This advent season we will be celebrating the Hanging of the Greens service during the Fifth Sunday Service.

Our schedule will be as follows:

9:00 a.m.– Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Hanging of the Green Service

11:00 a.m. - Potluck Lunch

Bring a dish to share.

Meat and drink provided.

