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**DECEMBER 01, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE - 56**



**Elder Aaron Beaty, Pastor**

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

**A Willing Heart**



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As we begin the month of December and the start of the Christmas season, it is often a time of great joy and happiness for most. Times of family get togethers and shopping trips will fill the calendar over the next few weeks. Hours will be spent putting up lights, decorations and making special holiday treats reserved only for Christmas. Truly the sights and sounds of the season will fill our homes over the next few weeks and our hearts will rejoice in these special times.

As I began to reflect on this season and the meaning and importance of it to each of us, my heart was filled with joy to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. As I studied this week my heart was led to the story of Mary when the angel appeared and told her she would be the mother of "the Son of the Highest". I thought of how that must have made her feel. At such a young age her entire life was forever changed. I imagine she had dreams and hopes just as all young people do, but in that moment, she learned that God has a different purpose and calling for her. A purpose much higher than she had imagined for herself. In that moment she would sacrifice her own will, dreams and plans for the sake and cause of something greater. I'm sure that being a young pregnant girl outside of wed lock in the Jewish nation at the time of Christ, was not the easiest and most welcoming environment to live. I can only imagine the judgment and feeling of outcast that was put on her throughout her life for the sake and cause of Christ. What amazes me most of the story of Mary is the words she replied to the angel that night. In Luke 1:38 Mary said, "be it unto me according to thy word." Imagine for a moment if each of us had such a willing heart to the cause and glory of Christ. How different the world might be if we had such faith and trust as Mary did. I believe that the story of Mary is one of the shining examples to us of humble and willing surrender to the Will and Cause of God. Though she knew her life would be forever changed, filled with challenges and trials, her heart was filled with joy in knowing our Saviour had come. She told Elisabeth in Luke 1:46, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour."

What a beautiful example she is to each of us! When the Lord convicts our hearts to the cause of Christ, I pray that we will remember this dear sister. May we have this same heart of humble and willful surrender to the cause of Christ and ever rejoice in doing His will.

By His Grace, Bro. Aaron

**DECEMBER:**

12-10 – Choir Practice - 6:00 p.m.

12-11 – Ladies Circle Christmas Gift Exchange - Church with Carry-In Finger Foods - 6:30

12-15 – Breakfast With The Lord - 8:45 a.m.

12-20 – Children’s Christmas Program - 6:30 p.m./Refreshments to follow

12-21 – Winter Begins

12-25 – Celebrate The Birth of JESUS

12-29 – NO 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday PBYP Lunch

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

12-03 – Brian Kirmse

12-03 – Patty Sapp

12-03 – Barrett Glascock

12-04 – Lena Long

12-05 – Cathy Ash

12-05 – Gavin Blackburn

12-13 – Liz Roberts

12-14 – Doug Baylous

12-15 – Nancy Louise Bryant

12-15 – Gail Calvin

12-16 – Cameron Wobbe

12-17 – Renee Christopher

12-19 – Dena Stratman

12-21 – Jim Hunter

12-24 – Justin John

12-25 – Keith Baylous

12-28 – Johanna McCune

12-31 – Raelyn Dooling

Sister Lora’s grandson is deployed to the Middle East. Please take the time to send him a Christmas Card/or Goodie Box!

SPC Jones, Samuel

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**Children’s  
Christmas Program  
December 20 – 6:30 p.m.  
Refreshments to Follow**

***Prayers & Concerns:***

**JAMES 5:16 PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER  
GOSHEN CHURCH**

Leroy Calvin, Donna Wren, Nadine Bennett  
Sharon Winner, Tyler & Rachel Snyder,  
Emmett Sapp (eye surgery Steve Sapp’s Grandson)  
Seth Cunningham, Samuel Jones,  
John Randall Bullard, Russell Hargis

*Those In The Nursing Homes, Health Care Facilities, &  
Our Military & their families.*

**BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE:**

**Senior Adults: 12-04 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Refreshment Fellowship**

**Young Adults: 12-11 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Bro. Aaron & Sister Cassandra Home**

Bro. Bruce Martin called the December Business Meeting to order with prayer. Secretary Brenda Austin read the previous minutes and Treasurer Mitchell Calvin gave the financial report. Both were approved. Reports from Bible Study, Cards, PBYP, Ladies Circle were given. Old business – all the tables & chairs have been taken apart from a few for members to borrow for personal use. New business – the church will send a contribution for the Scholarship Foundation and will take contributions. Janice Wobbe reported Goshen Church donated 174 lbs. and \$175 to the Central Missouri Food Bank. Bro. Aaron reported the Sanctuary Remodeling Committee will meet in December and encouraged people to voice their thoughts. The meeting was closed with Circle Prayer lead by Sister Shelly Helms.