

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER:

December 31, 2022 is the last day that donations can be received as 2022 business. The only exception to this rule is donations that are mailed to the church on or before the 31st and postmarked no later than December 31, 2022. Donations thus postmarked may be received as December donations even though they may arrive in January. A check with a December date on it cannot be received as a December donation if it was given to the treasurer after December 31, 2022 or is postmarked in January, 2023. **Failure to abide by these IRS requirements could result in loss of the Church's tax deductible status as well as other penalties.** \

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS SABBATH POTLUCK:** Today, while we share in a simple potluck meal following church, we will additionally be filling food baskets for delivery to families in need. Please plan on spending some time visiting our recipients when you deliver our gifts of love and fellowship.

**COMING UP IN 2023:** The week of February 20-25 is the district's RIFA soup kitchen week in Jackson. The volunteer work hours will be from 10 am-1 pm. More info to come in the weeks ahead.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM:** We are having Bible Studies here at the Leach SDA Fellowship Hall every Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00pm. For further information contact Heather Floyd at 731-415-6968 or Mary Fry at 731-307-1933, if no answer send text message.

**CARD MINISTRY:** The Leach Seventh-day Adventist Church Greeting Card Ministry provides encouragement to our congregation and community by sending greeting cards to those in need. If you know of someone who needs extra encouragement, please notify Becky McMinn with name and address.

**THE LEACH CHURCH FOOD PANTRY:** Operates on a monetary donation basis only by marking the amount you want specified for this with "Community Service" on your tithe envelope under the Local Church Budget section. If you know of someone in need, contact Aaron Sirk or Pastor Baker.

**COLLECTION:** Sister Ola Twing of our church is collecting labels from vegetarian canned foods. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please include the entire label. For more information, contact Sister Ola.

## When Christ Was Born

*When Christ was born, so was our hope.*

**O**F ALL THE DELIGHTS of the season, this is why I love Christmas. The event invites us to believe the wildest of promises: God became one of us so we could become one with Him. He did away with every barrier, fence, sin, bent, debt, and grave. Anything that might keep us from Him was demolished. He only awaits our word to walk through the door.

Invite Him in! Escort Him to the seat of honor, and pull out His chair. Clear the table; clear the calendar. Call the kids and neighbors.

Christmas is here. Christ is here.

One request from you, and God will do again what He did then: scatter the night with everlasting light. He'll be born in you.

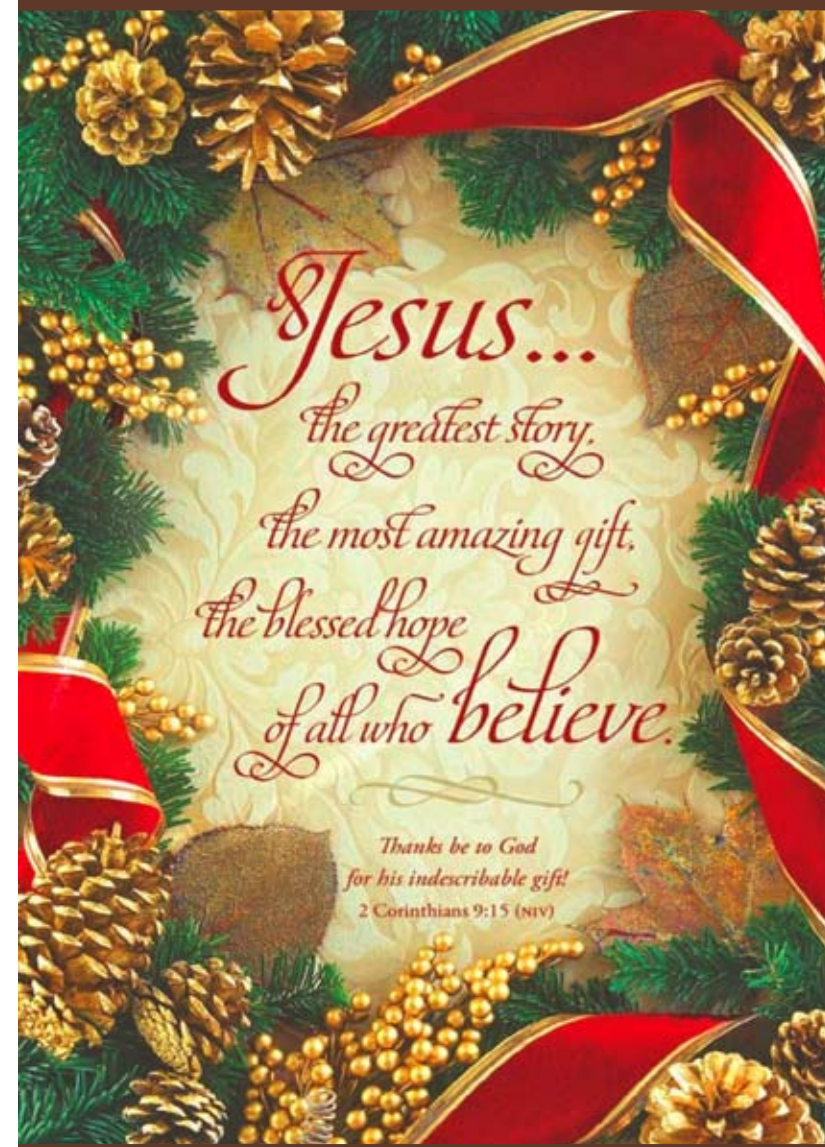
Every heart can be a manger. Every day can be a Christmas. Let "Silent Night" be sung on summer nights. Let Advent brighten the autumn chill. The Christmas miracle is a yearlong celebration.

***In this season of glory, remember that the Bethlehem baby has chosen your heart for His home.***

*~ Max Lucado*



# Leach Seventh-day Adventist Church



9575 Highway 70 • Cedar Grove, TN 38321  
Worship Service begins every Saturday at 9:15 am with  
Sabbath School classes immediately following at 10:30  
Pastor: John Baker 731-571-5138  
Head Elder: Aaron Sirk 731-614-6543





# ORDER OF WORSHIP ~ DECEMBER 17, 2022



## Welcome!

to our visitors and members who are worshipping with us today. *This is the day that the Lord hath made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!* We welcome you in Christian fellowship and hope you will return to worship with us again. We give thanks to God for your presence and prayer. As we rejoice together, He fills us with renewed strength to face another week.

## Gathering For Worship

- Song Service & Announcements** ..... 9:15 a.m.
- Health Minute** .....
- Video** ..... "Emmanuel"
- Prelude** ..... Elders Enter
- Introit** ..... *Congregation: Please Stand*  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace ~  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence... Surely the presence...  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

**Invocation**..... (Please Remain Standing)

## Praising Our God With Music

**Opening Hymn** ..... "The 12 Days of Christmas"

## Worship in Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory** ..... *Congregation: Please Be Seated*  
(Leach Church Budget)

**Doxology** ..... *Congregation: Please Stand*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

## Rejoicing With God's Little Ones

*Congregation: Please Be Seated*

**Lamb's Offering** ..... Our Children

**Children's Story** ..... Pastor John Baker

*She will bear a son. and you shall call His name Jesus...*

## Praising Our God In Prayer

*Congregation: All Who Are Able, Please Kneel*

**Pastoral Prayer** .....

**Prayer Response** .....

Hear our prayer, Oh Lord; Hear our prayer, Oh Lord;  
Incline Thine ear to us, and Grant us Thy peace. ~A-men.

## Turning Our Thoughts Heavenward

*Congregation: Please Be Seated*

**Worship in Special Music** ..... Pastor John Baker

**Scripture Reading** ..... **Luke 2:4-11**

[New King James Version (NKJV)]

*<sup>4</sup>Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. <sup>7</sup>And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup>Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup>Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup>For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

## Message From God's Word

~ CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART ~

PASTOR JOHN BAKER

**Closing Prayer** .....

**Closing Song Video** ..... "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Voctave

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"*

Matthew 28:19



# CHURCH AT STUDY

## ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Welcome and Remarks ..... 10:30 a.m.

### SABBATH SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

**CHILDREN:** Heather Floyd, Janie Hampton, Wendy Hill  
**ADULT:** Aaron Sirk, Heather Floyd, Bill Davis, Richard Parent

**PLEASE ACCEPT OUR INVITATION TO JOIN US EACH WEEK IN SABBATH SCHOOL**

### Why Celebrate Sabbath School? - - -

Because God's Work and His Will is Being Done • Because God's Love is Being Shared  
Because God's Word is Being Studied and Taught! • Because the Sabbath Day is Being Observed



### OUR PRAYER LIST ...PLEASE REMEMBER WITH SPECIAL PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Pastor John & LeAnne, Joann Bell, James & Tina Boals, Travis Bray, Janet Gentles Caldwell, Bill Davis, Sandy Gentry, Eddie Haley, Vance Harrington, Glen & June Huey, Roberta Lange, Ransel Sirk, Shauna Sirk, Travis Williquette, Carolyn Willis, Debbie Yates, Our Church Family, Our Nation, The Ukrainian People



**GOD'S HOLY SABBATH CONCLUDES AT 4:42 TODAY AND BEGINS AGAIN NEXT FRIDAY AT 4:45**

Any information for publication in the bulletin must be submitted *no later than Thursdays at 6:00 pm.* to: rogabert@gmail.com, or by phone/text to: Robert Williquette at 731-358-8152.