

Loyd Presbyterian Church Lighthouse Newsletter

December 20, 2023

STAY CONNECTED



Please continue to pray for the following people:

Dee Adkins Ronnie Baker The Bates Family The Bozeman Family Lynda Brock Kathryn Cox Kinsley Creed John & Pam Darden Suzi & Bobby Goldston Griff Griffeth Kaydence Highland & family Tony Hornsby Reese Howell Chet Hunt **Bobby Johnson** Marcia Johnson **Brian Longshore** The Lynch Family Sandy & Trent Mann Peggie McGee Wiley & Jeff Nelson Alesia Nixon Barry Plagens Ibby Robertson The Sirmons Family Rita Smith

Click **HERE** to make a prayer request. If you would like a separate email to go out, please email the message you would like to send to loyd@loydpres.org.

Freda Warlick



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Please click on the image to view your information in our church directory. If you would like to update your info, please email us at loyd@loydpres.org.

Click here to view the latest sermon.



If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary, please sign up here. If you want the flowers dedicated to a loved one, please include the information on the sign-up sheet. Thank you.



Check out the church calendar here. Please email or call the church to add an event.

A Brief Message from Tyler

On Sunday, we continue the story of Jesus's conception through the telling of Mary being visited by the angel Gabriel. After hearing that she will become pregnant with Jesus, some translations say that she was perplexed. There is a bit of an issue with translation here because the Greek word that the author of Luke uses means "deeply troubled," or literally "troubled to the limit." Gabriel's message is not one that she is ready to accept. But Gabriel persists in the telling of how she will come to be with child and gives her the secondary good news of Elizabeth.

Mary finding out that her relative Elizabeth, an older and barren woman, is pregnant helps her to accept Gabriel's message. Interestingly, her response, "let it be with me according to your word," is similar in structure to the words that Jesus says in the garden of Gethsemane as he acknowledges the task ahead of him.

May our faith be deepened as we continue to read and learn about the story of Jesus the Messiah.

Pastoral Visitation

On Saturday, I attended the funeral of Ken Sirmons in Cordele, GA. It was a lovely service highlighting his love of classic rock and the blessings of his family. The prayers of the church continue to be with the Sirmons and Sheltons.

Following the church luncheon on Sunday, I visited with Griff Griffeth at the hospital. Bernice and Koren were there to care for him. Griff was in good spirits, evidenced by his asking for me to request his discharge paperwork. I revisited with him on Monday morning. As of Wednesday morning, he has been allowed to go home. Our continued prayers are with him.

2024 Stewardship Season

For where your

Model Will is,
there will your

Be also.
-Matthew 6:21

If you have not had a chance to fill out your pledge card, there are still some available in the Narthex or you can make your pledge online here.

You can read this year's Stewardship Letter **here**.

A Youth Update:



A PW Update:



Nurture & Outreach will be visiting and bringing a Christmas gift to those in our church community who are homebound. If you know of someone who would like to receive a visit, please email their name, address and a suggestion for a gift to loyd@loydpres.org or call the office at 706-882-5087 by the end of this week.



Please join your fellow members of Loyd Church for a special evening at the Biblical History Center.

We will be attending the Birth of Hope Tour – A Starry Night.

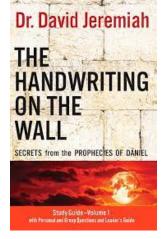
If you would like to join us, please go to the Biblical History Center **website** and purchase your tickets for Friday, December 22, 2023 (the 5:30 tour).

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A Core 13 Update:

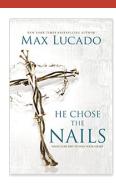
Core 13 is currently studying The Handwriting on the Wall by Dr. David Jeremiah.



If you are not already attending a Sunday School class, please consider joining Core 13. You are very welcome.

Prayer time is 9:45-10am Text Discussion 10-10:50am

Mickey's SS Class Update:



Is your heart unsettled by the chaos of the world? Are you heavy-laden with bad moments, mad moments, or anxious moments? Today, rest in God's self-giving love and leave all your troubles at the foot of the cross.

It's not too late to join Mickey and the Alternative SS Class.

To connect to:

MICKEY'S SS CLASS AT 9:45AM

Meeting ID: 915 8659 7246

Password: 7wRqSX

A Music Update:



"The First Noel"

Arranged by Linda Martinez Rick Robertson, pianist Loyd Presbyterian Church December 11, 2016 I love this arrangement - have played it at many churches and Christmas gatherings over the years.

STAY INFORMED



- 3 Laura Lamb, Jolene Davis
- 4 Beth Burgess
- 7 Jameel Dixon
- 12 Mickey Norris
- 13 Patti Knox, Veronica Sirmons
- 14 Stacy Cline
- 15 J.J. Brown
- 17 Amy Crites
- 18 Nita Burgess
- 22 Kathey Sandiford
- 25 Lindley Brown
- 26 Sandy Mann
- 29-Jake Pauley, Pruett Pauley



- 1 Hu Partin, Brenda Spradley
- 2- Gina Schlomer
- 4 Brandi Knox, Rogene Hendrick, Skyler Kirkwood
- 6 Amy Starling
- 7 Su Lee
- 11-Emily Cobb
- 17 Cindy Davidson, Jackson Knox
- 18 McLain Skinner Pabalate
- 19 Doug Pauley, Rick Robertson
- 21 Koren Stapp, Lynne D'Angelo
- 22 Madison Shelton
- 25-Jack Roberson

JOIN US

The Mollie Darden Circle will meet at The Villa Thursday, December 21 from 5:00-7:00pm.

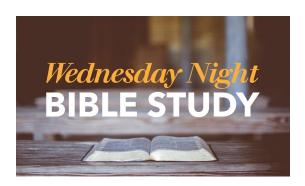


Sunday, December 24

- 9am-Breakfast
- 10am-Worship
- 6:00pm-Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Thank you to Jayne Pauley for putting together a new <u>CC rotation schedule</u>. Weekly lessons are



Wed. Dec. 20-6:00 in Darden Hall

Wed. Dec. 27-no meeting Wed. Jan. 3-no meeting

Wed. Jan. 10-6:00 in Darden Hall (new study on the Letters of Paul)



We will be "undecorating" the church on Tuesday, January 2 at 10:00am.



The Church Office will be closed Friday, December 22-Tuesday, December 26 and on Monday, January 1.

Christmas Lunch 2023















A Worship Update:

DATE	LITURGIST	ELDERS ON DUTY	USHER/GREETER
12/3	Karen McBride	Eugene Turner, Gary Knox	Wade Hall, Trudy Calhoun
12/10	Jayne Pauley	Cy Wood, Sally Burek	Veronica & Brock Sirmons
12/17	Elaine Partin	Madison Shelton, Doug Pauley	Patti Knox, Trent Mann
12/24	Madison Shelton	John Darden, Mike Pauley	Chase Darden, Jeff Darden
12/31	Youth	Madison Shelton, Cy Wood	Youth

News From the Session:

SESSION MEMBERS CONTACT INFO:

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John Darden	706-402-4102	jgdarden1@att.net	Finance	December 2023
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Doug Pauley	706-402-5325	dpauley568@gmail.com	Building & Grounds	December 2023
Roxann Quintana	706-402-3418	roxquintana@att.net	Nurture & Outreach	December 2023
Sally Burek	706-621-8531	sburek111@gmail.com	Personnel	December 2024
Madison Shelton	706-407-8388	cauthenmadison@gmail.com	Evangelism & Christian Ed.	December 2024
Eugene Turner	706-594-0019	turner3930@charter.net	Building & Grounds	December 2024
Cy Wood	706-585-0785	cywoodjr@gmail.com	Finance	December 2024
Mike Pauley	706-402-5825	pauleymw@troup.org	Clerk	December 2025

A Financial Update:

12-17-2023

Attendance:

Worship: 68

Sunday School:

Operating Fund:

Received 12-17-2023: \$21,453.00

Budget per Sunday: \$4,026.00

Received Month to Date: \$31,886.00

Budget per Month: \$16,104.00



Please click <u>here</u> to view the latest news from the Session and <u>here</u> for the Congregational Meeting minutes.

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