

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.**

THE MMMEATLESS MONDAY SUPPER CLUB at our sister church in Jackson will be this Monday, December 12 @ 6:00 PM. The themed meal is "*Season's Eatings*". Bring some finger food or a holiday dish for the annual Christmas Party. Also, bring a \$5-\$10 wrapped gift for the gift exchange. Invite a friend and be sure to bring your recipe to share.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IS SPONSORING TWO FAMILIES FOR CHRISTMAS: Please take a postcard or two off the tree in the fellowship hall and purchase the needed item listed. Let's pray that our work will be fruitful for God's kingdom and bring hope to a hurting family.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS SABBATH POTLUCK: Next Sabbath, December 17, while we share in a simple potluck meal following church, we will additionally be filling food baskets for delivery to families in need. Please place this event on your calendar and plan on spending some time visiting our recipients when you deliver our gifts of love and fellowship.

DEVOTIONAL AND SHARING BOOKS: There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby for this year's devotional books. Please sign up with your selections by December 17 so we can get them back before Christmas. You can put your payment in a tithe envelope marked for Devotional Books. Checks should be made payable to the Leach SDA Church. Orders may be placed in advance of payment. The church gets a discount by ordering together.

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.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM: We are having Bible Studies here at the Leach SDA Fellowship Hall every Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 pm. 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.

You Need A Little Christmas

WE LIVE IN ANXIOUS TIMES. Terrorism is living up to its name—terror. Violence hangs over our planet like a dark cloud. Think about the images on the news: the senseless attacks, the bloodshed, the random acts of cruelty. And there is the fear of another recession. We seem to teeter on the edge of the financial world going down. And there's more...the tumor you can't diagnose, the marriage you can't fix, the boss you can't please.

Are you scared? May I suggest that you need a little Christmas? You see, Christmas is about Christ. And *Christ*-mas is not *Christ*-mas unless—or until—you receive the message of Bethlehem. In the hurry and scurry of the season, have you taken time to receive the promise of the season? God gets us, God saves us, and God is always near us.



Leach Seventh-day
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BELIEVE
in the true meaning of
CHRISTMAS



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 10, 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.

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 No. 135

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Congregation: Please Be Seated*

(Adventist Community Services-NAD)

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

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

Responsive Reading No. 730

(See back of Hymnal)

Message From God's Word

~THE THRILL OF HOPE~

PASTOR JOHN BAKER

Responding to God's Challenge

Closing Hymn No. 130

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

Departing with Joy & Peace to Serve

Benediction

"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

JESUS WENT FROM
HEAVEN'S CROWN
TO BEHLEHEM'S
CRADLE
TO JERUSALEM'S
CROSS

GOD'S HOLY SABBATH CONCLUDES AT 4:40 TODAY AND BEGINS AGAIN NEXT FRIDAY AT 4:42

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.