

# 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.**

**NOURISH MARKETPLACE FREE DELIVERY:** The Nourish Marketplace van makes their last delivery of the year this Thursday, December 8 at 12:45 PM here at the Leach Church. Don't forget to come pick up your order!

**WELCOME TO OUR GUEST SPEAKER TODAY:** New KY-TN Conference Ministerial Director Joel Sutherland is our guest speaker today, let's give him a warm welcome. See today's bulletin insert for a bio and a sermon worksheet for today's message.

**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:** 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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

**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 6:00 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.

## The Only Name

**S**ON OF GOD, the Lamb of God, the Resurrection and the Life, Alpha and Omega. Phrases that stretch the boundaries of human language in an effort to capture the uncapturable, the grandeur of God. They always fall short. Hearing them is somewhat like hearing a Salvation Army Christmas band on the street corner playing Handel's Messiah.

No names do God justice. But there is one name—Jesus. A name so typical, if He were here today, His name might be John or Bob or Jim. He was touchable, approachable, reachable. "Just call me Jesus," you can almost hear Him say. Those who walked with Him remembered Him not with a title or designation, but with a name—Jesus! It's a beautiful name and a powerful name. The day is coming when at the name of Jesus every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord!

~ From *In the Manger* by Max Lucado



# Leach Seventh-day Adventist® Church

Jesus  
THE REASON  
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SEASON

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 3, 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. 119

*"Angels From the Realms of Glory"*

## 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** .....

*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** .....

**Scripture Reading** ..... **Luke 2:17-18**

[New Living Translation (NLT)]

*17 After seeing Him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. 18 All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished,*

## Message From God's Word

**~ HOW TO RESPOND TO CHRISTMAS ~**

**JOEL SUTHERLAND,**

MINISTERIAL DIRECTOR, KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## Responding to God's Challenge

**Closing Hymn** ..... No. 140

*"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"*

## 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

IN THE MANGER  
**GOD LOVES YOU**  
.....  
THROUGH THE  
CROSS  
**GOD SAVES YOU**

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

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.