

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER:

TODAY is the last day that donations can be receipted 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 TODAY, December 31, 2022. Donations thus postmarked may be receipted as December donations even though they may arrive in January. A check with a December date on it cannot be receipted as a December donation if it is given to the treasurer *after* today 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.**

WOMEN'S DAY: Next Sabbath, January 7, here in the fellowship hall immediately following Sabbath School class. See today's bulletin insert for more information.

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.

ARE YOU CURIOUS about Bible Prophecy and what it means for us today? Find the answers and invite friends to visit:

GODLED.ORG

WHEN DID YOU first learn about Christ? Was it from a friend? At church? At home? When did God become more than just a word to you? When did faith become a personal relationship, and not just a religion, for you? It's good to take a look back and remember.

Remember the passion you felt for God—the feeling of relief from the burden of sin, guilt, and shame, the unspeakable joy, the peace and confidence of knowing that you were forgiven and accepted by God! Temptation seemed to have lost its grip and you felt free! Nothing else mattered as Jesus took first place in your life. It was euphoric; for some perhaps, even sensational! For others, the feelings may not have been as ecstatic, but the reality was the same. God did a work of grace, and His grace was not without effect. You were changed, born again! Old things passed away, and all things became new! You had a new outlook on life. Hope replaced despair!

Just looking back for a moment causes gratitude to rise. He chose me! He chose you! Before you set your gaze on the year ahead, glance back. Consider what God has done and give Him thanks. How did He work in your life in 2022? What prayers did He answer? In what ways have you grown spiritually?

~Kerry Shook, senior pastor of Woodlands Church in Texas



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 31, 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

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. 121**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Congregation: Please Be Seated*
(Literature Evangelists-Free Literature)

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.

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 **Matthew 24:11-14**

[New King James Version (NKJV)]

¹¹Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹²And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Sermon

~ A TASTE OF AFRICA ~

ELDER RICHARD PARENT

Closing Prayer

Closing Song **No. 367**

"Rescue the Perishing"

"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

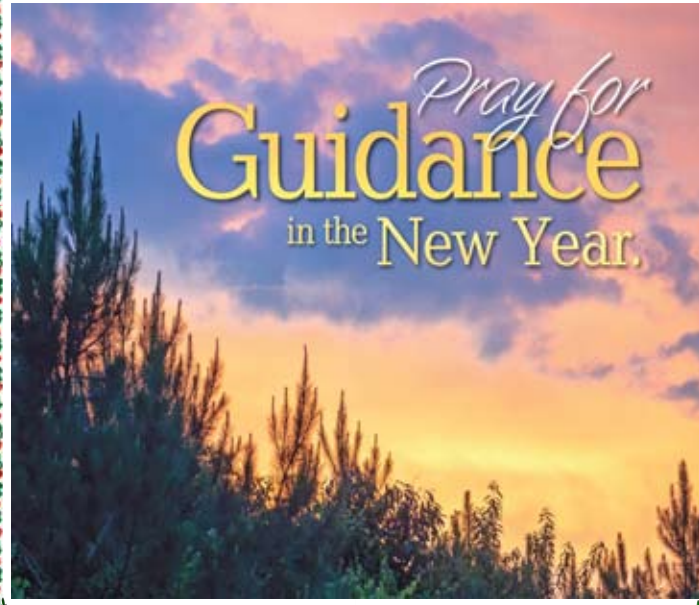
Why Celebrate Sabbath School? - - -

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 4:50 TODAY AND BEGINS AGAIN NEXT FRIDAY AT 4:55

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.