

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER:

December 31, 2023 is the last day that donations can be received as 2023 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, 2023. 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, 2023 or is postmarked in January, 2024. **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 December free delivery run will be here at the Leach Church on Wednesday, December 20, at 12:45 pm. For the latest specials and pricing visit their website at: adventistbookcenter.com. Be sure to place your prepaid order online or by calling (888) 345-0500 *no later than Thursday, December 14*. (Our next round of deliveries will be in February.)

FELLOWSHIP/POTLUCK TODAY: Today, immediately following Worship Services, we will have a fellowship meal. Everyone is invited to attend.

HEALTH MINISTRIES: will be hosting a walk at Veteran's Park, 605 Northwood Drive in Huntingdon TOMORROW, Sunday, December 10th, at 10:00 am. Come and join us. Let's get healthy together! >>**ALSO:** The Health Ministries Department is encouraging everyone to read or reread our first "A" list book "Ministry of Healing". This book provides practical instructions for a healthy lifestyle. Pick up a copy today. A donation to offset the cost can be placed in your tithe envelope. Write on memo line: Book - "Ministry of Healing". Please see Heather Floyd or Sonia Baird for more details.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: Our Women's Ministries is collecting household tips such as cooking, hygiene and home remedies. If you have any ideas for this you would like to pass along, please contact Lillie Jackson or Mary Fry.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY AT 5:00 PM: We are having Bible Studies here at the Leach SDA Fellowship Hall every Wednesday evening beginning at 5:00 pm. For further information contact Heather Floyd at 731-415-6968 or Mary Fry at 731-307-1933, if no answer send text message. (ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED ON NEXT PANEL >)

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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.

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

What Have You Heard and Seen This Christmas?

OH, YOU SAY, had I been there at Bethlehem that night I would have seen. I would have understood. I would have known it was the Christ child. But, *would you?* There is one way of knowing:

Ask yourself what you have seen and heard this Christmas Season. When you watched the 6:00 news did you see chaos and strife, or did you see sheep without a shepherd? When you went out to do your shopping did you see only hordes of people in the stores, or did you notice the worried expressions on some of their faces—worried because they are facing this Christmas without employment or enough money and they don't know how they are going to make ends meet?

What did you hear this Christmas? Did you hear only the blast of music and carols, or did you hear the silent sighs of the lonely and the bereaved who may be dreading Christmas because it accentuates their loneliness? And in the midst of the sounds of honking horns and people arguing over parking places, did you hear faint sounds of laughter coming from Church missions projects because you furnished food and toys for families and children?

You see, so often what you see and what you hear is not dependent upon the event, but upon you. If you did in fact hear the cry from the lonely, the laughter of poor children, if you saw the sheep without a shepherd, then, and only then, might you have noticed the events that took place in Bethlehem that night. If you lacked that spiritual seeing and hearing then you probably would have been with the 99% who were present but who saw or heard nothing out of the ordinary.



Leach Seventh-day Adventist Church

BELIEVE
in the true meaning of
CHRISTMAS



9575 Highway 70 • Cedar Grove, TN 38321

Worship and Sabbath School classes every Saturday morning:

- 9:15-9:30—Sabbath School Song Service
- 9:30-9:40—Sabbath School Mission Spotlight
- 9:40-10:30—Sabbath School classes
- 10:40-11:00—Health Spotlight, Song Service, Announcements, etc...
- 11:00—Worship Service Begins

Pastor: **Tim Osborn 518-802-8451**
Head Elder: **Aaron Sirk 731-614-6543**



ORDER OF WORSHIP ~ DECEMBER 9, 2023



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, 10:40 a.m. & Health Spotlight Brian Baird
- Worship Service Begins 11:00 a.m.
- Prelude Elders Enter
- Introit *Congregation: Please Stand*
"Amazing Grace" (#108 in Hymnal)
- Invocation *(Please Remain Standing)*

Praising Our God With Music

- Opening Hymn (TBA)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

- Offertory *Congregation: Please Be Seated*
(Adventist Community Services)
- 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 Ginger Miller

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 (TBA)

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Message From God's Word

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Congregation: Please Stand

Responding to God's Challenge

Closing Hymn (TBA)

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Congregation: Please Remain Standing

Departing with Joy & Peace to Serve

Benediction

Pianist: Brittany Osborn

"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

- Song Service 9:15 a.m.
- Mission Spotlight 9:30 a.m.
- Sabbath School Classes 9:40-10:30 a.m.
- Closing Prayer

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:

Baumgardners; Joann Bell; James & Tina Boals; Travis Bray; Ronnie Clark Family; Bill Davis; Marie Fry; Mary Fry; Sandy Gentry; Eddie Haley; Vance Harrington; Kimberly Hartville Family; Glen & June Huey; Becky McMinn; Montrell Neely Family; Rosalind Powers; Matt Rosenthal Family; Ransel Sirk; Shauna Sirk; Sue Thomsen; Ola Twing; Andre Wilkerson; Travis Williquette; Carolyn Willis; Debbie Yates; Our Church Family

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 4:41

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.