

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE – DEC 24 6:00 PM: Come and worship with us, the birth of our Savior, Emmanuel, God with us.

TAKING A BREAK – No Mt. Toppers Bible Study DEC 24 and DEC 31 due to the holidays

JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY – DEC 28 During Sunday School: Children 0 – 4th grade in our church is invited to a very special party - **Jesus' Birthday Party!**

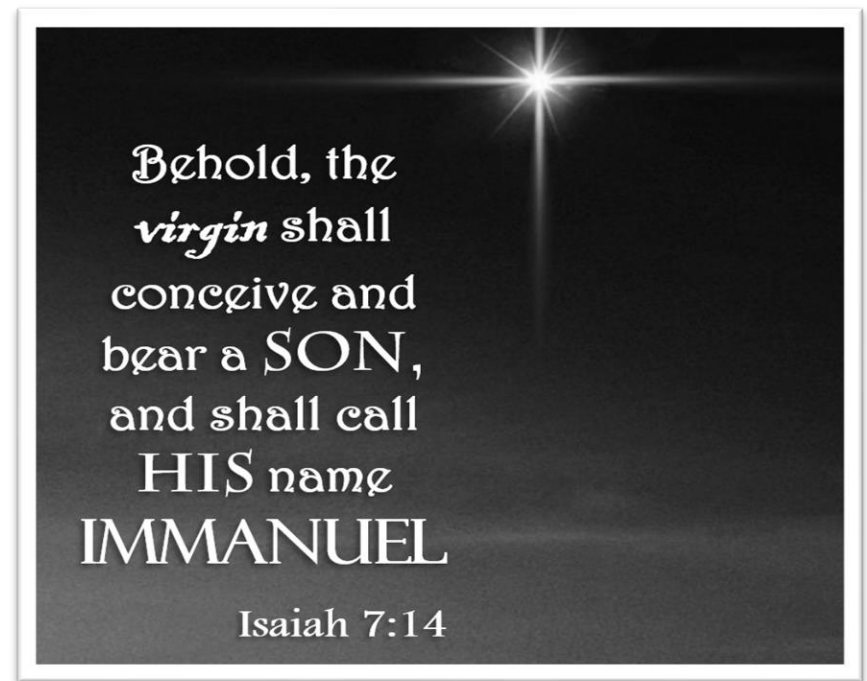
BIBLE RECAP – It is not too early to start determining your New Year Goals. What do you think would happen if most of our church came together and read the entire Bible together in a year? The Bible Recap is an app-based yearlong reading plan that takes about 20 minute each day. Paper versions are available on the back table. To get signed up, see the bulletin inserts on the back table or look it up under the Ministries tab on our church website.

<https://murraychurchofchrist.org/the-bible-recap/>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WINTER RETREAT– JAN 16-17 at Northeast IA Christian Service Camp. Eddie is planning on taking a group of kids. Early Bird registration is \$60 before DEC 15th. See Pastor Eddie for more details.

JR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WINTER BLAST RETREAT– JAN 23-25 at Hidden Acres Camp. Now it is Jr. High's turn to head out on a Winter Retreat. Early Bird registration is \$134 before JAN 7. See Eddie for details.

COAT CLOSET MINISTRY – They gave away more than 15 coats this week in the Food Pantry. We need donations of new and gently used coats, snowpants, hats, and gloves in all sizes.



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SAVE THE DATE

JAN 1 – Start the Bible RECAP!

JAN 4 – Missions Team Meeting Following Sun. School

JAN 11 – Annual Congregational Mtg – During Sun. School Hour

JAN 16-17 – H.S. Winter Retreat

JAN 23-25 – Jr.H. Winter Retreat

THIS WEEK AT MURRAY CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY	9:30 AM 10:45 AM	Worship Service Children's Christmas Program
TUESDAY	9 AM - 12 PM	Food Pantry Open
WEDNESDAY	10:30 AM 6:00 PM	Mt. Toppers Bible Study Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
THURSDAY	9 AM - 12 PM	Food Pantry Open Merry Christmas!

WORSHIPING THROUGH SERVICE

NURSERY THIS WEEK: Richard and Vicki Homewood

NEXT WEEK: Rachel and Andy Smilth

COMMUNION MEDITATION THIS WEEK: Randy Dunfee

NEXT WEEK: John Siefkas

COMMUNION PREPARATION THIS WEEK: Crystal Ashby

CHRISTMAS EVE: Sally Phillips

NEXT WEEK: Julie McMichael

GREETERS THIS WEEK: Randy and Sharon Dunfee

CHRISTMAS EVE: Connie and Dave Flaherty

NEXT WEEK: Steve and Karla Parker

USHERS THIS WEEK: Trevor Robins and Eddie Otto

NEXT WEEK: Andy Heckman and Richard Homeward

COUNTING TEAM THIS WEEK: Trevor Robins and Joe Miller

NEXT WEEK: Dave Flaherty and Lisa McCracken

Thank you for joining us today. You are welcome here.

Are you visiting our church today? Or do you have a prayer request ?

We would love to get to know you and/or pray with you! Please fill out the information below, tear it off, and place it in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Brian.

Name: _____ Phone# _____

Address: _____

Can we pray with you in some way?

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

The Family of Paul Winship

Sharon (Mills) Bolinger - needs lung transplant and has kidney problems, 2nd attempt at lung transplant didn't work.

JB Hamilton - had stent placement done

Cheryl McNeal - foot surgery

Tiffany Oswald - recovering from hand ligament surgery

Cambodia-Thailand conflict

PRAISE REPORTS - Greg Cleghorn is officially in cancer remission.
Mikayla Reynolds (Kathy's granddaughter) was serving in Syria and is safe

SERMON NOTES

MARY DID YOU KNOW? THE PURITY OF CHRISTMAS ISAIAH 7:14, 11:1-5

CRUCIAL TO GOD

CRITICAL FOR SALVATION