



## SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

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## Newsletter January 2021

### Important Dates January

- 1-2 Youth Lock-in 6:30 pm @ church
- 3 Sunday Night Fellowship 6pm
- 10 Deacon's Mtg. 5pm
- 13 Annual Business/ Celebration Mtg. 7pm
- 18 Sweet Monday 10am @ church

January 17th is *Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*. It is celebrated every year on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the 1973 Roe vs Wade decision, which legalized abortion in every state for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy. We will remember the loss of more than *61 million unborn children* since 1973. This is a day for all of us to focus on the value of each and every human life. The Lighthouse Pregnancy and Health Services Center offers many services plus hope for young women struggling with unplanned pregnancies; hopefully a decision that will give life and not death. LPHS is anticipating the arrival of their Mobile Medical Unit this summer, which will allow them to go to those who can't find a way to them, and with the Unit they can show these young ladies the precious life that is growing inside of them. Please pray that this extension of LPHS saves lives, and brings lost women to know Christ. Every donation counts when it comes to helping and saving a child and you can be a part of the solution! We will take a *special offering* for LPHS on January 17.



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# From Pastor Jeff

**“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8**

**Finally, 2021 is here and with it comes hope it is better than 2020. Between masks, elections, toilet paper shortages, murder hornets, canceled events and restricted travel, I know we are all ready to get back to some semblance of normal.**

**Thinking about all this has made me remember a verse I had honestly not given much thought about in the past. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”**

**I tend to look at sameness as stifling, boring, and mundane. That was until this year. This year has been, well... different. I find myself longing for the days which were a little the same from week to week. There can be comfort, security, and predictability in knowing what is probably going to happen.**

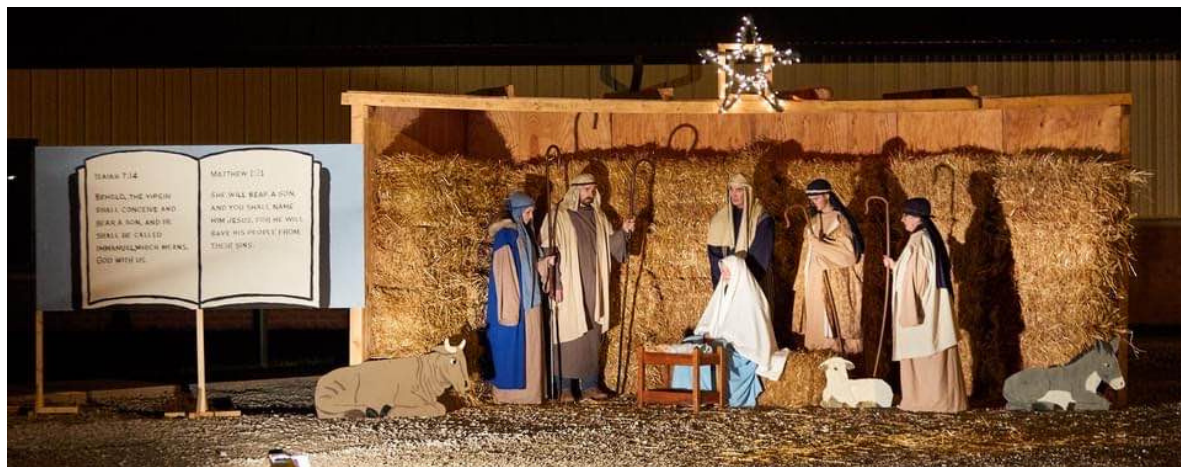
**That is what is great about Christ. He is the same, but the same is anything but predictable. The sameness of Jesus is that we know He will always be with us no matter what we go through. Our lives have changed but He is the same. He has not been affected by this virus in the least. He is still Lord. He is still in control. He is still watching over us. He is still loving us. He is still drawing us to Himself. He is still saving. He is still growing us. He is still Jesus.**

**What an incredible thought! He is still.... This year we are going to dive deeper in finding out what that means and how He changes our lives because His is the same.**

**I am looking forward to this year and I am thankful Jesus is still with us.**

**Following Him,**

**Jeff**



# OWN it 365

## Reading Through the Bible Together

DAY	READING		
Jan 4	John 1	Jan 18	John 11
5	John 2	19	John 12
6	John 3	20	John 13
7	John 4	21	John 14
8	John 5	22	John 15
9	Gen 1	23	Psa 118
Jan 11	John 6	Jan 25	John 16
12	John 7	26	John 17
13	John 8	27	John 18
14	John 9	28	John 19
15	John 10	29	John 20
16	Exod 16	30	Exod 12

Copies of the reading plan are on visitor's table in foyer.

### SWEET MONDAY

Jan. 18 @ 10 am  
We will be planning monthly meetings for the year.  
Join us for some sweet fellowship!

### Deacons Meeting

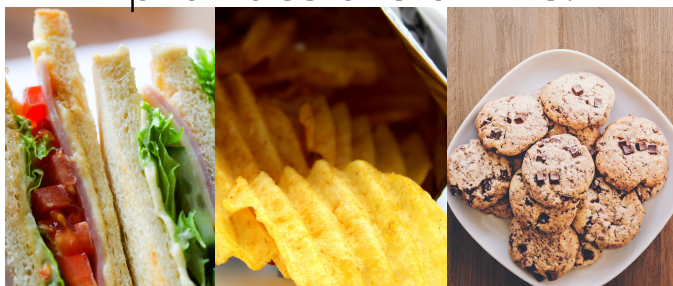
Sunday,  
Jan. 10th  
5pm

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & CELEBRATION Wednesday January 13 @ 7pm

### SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

January 3rd @ 6pm

Please bring sandwiches, finger foods or desserts. Church provides the drinks.



### January Food Pantry

*Noodles  
Ramen Noodles  
Hamburger & Tuna Helper  
Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Soup-Tomato Juice  
Chili with Beans*

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 4 Hannah Miller   | 22 Carol Price               |
| 8 Kathrine Bowman | 26 Danielle Rathbone         |
| 10 Shelli Finley  | 26 Jason Willis              |
| 11 Abigail Lorton | 27 Adam Casey                |
| 13 Jackie Forbes  | 28 Christie Clark            |
| 19 Hannah Seaton  | 28 Kenneth & Betty Wollerman |
| 19 Sharle Elliott | 29 John Beck                 |
| 20 Beth Miller    |                              |

# From Pastor Andrew

## YOUTH

*The youth started December out with a movie night as they prepared for their Christmas Party. The theme of this year's party was a Whoville Christmas. The youth dressed up as Dr. Seuss's Whos from the classic children's Christmas book and movies. They competed in a series of challenges for the title of Cheermeister. From best dressed to gift wrapping, their Christmas cheer was tested and evaluated. The youth had a great time celebrating together and concluding the year with a happy memory. The youth and I are grateful to the Waggoners for opening up their home and to everyone that helped make this time a success. The youth will be welcoming in 2021 with Unity Baptist Church's youth group on New Year's Eve for AMPED. AMPED will be a high energy night of worship, games, prizes, and food. Before the New Year arrives, each student will hear the gospel and have an opportunity to talk with someone about a relationship with Christ. Please pray that 2021 is a year of great spiritual growth for our youth and a revival in the hearts of young people to seek the Lord.*

## Kids

*After many weeks of practice, the kids' hard work paid off December 6th. They did a great job with the Christmas program despite the difficulties of COVID. I am proud of the effort they put into practicing at home and their flexible attitudes through the whole experience. The kids enjoy Christmas Caroling in town every year and their enthusiasm is contagious. After singing in the cold for nearly an hour everyone was happy to have a warm cup of hot chocolate and a couple sugar cookies. The kids are now back in Children's Church during Sunday morning service and will start back with Mission Kids in January after school starts back from Christmas break.*



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A few pictures of families and the workers enjoying their meal from our Holiday dinner.

**Thank you** to all who helped with the meal! It was delicious!!



**80 meals were served !!**

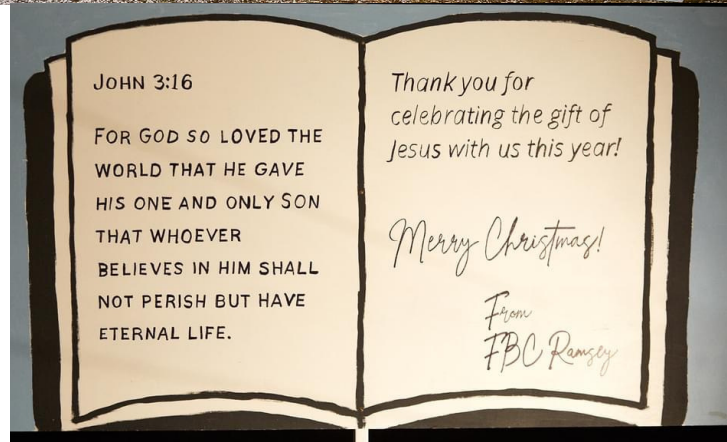
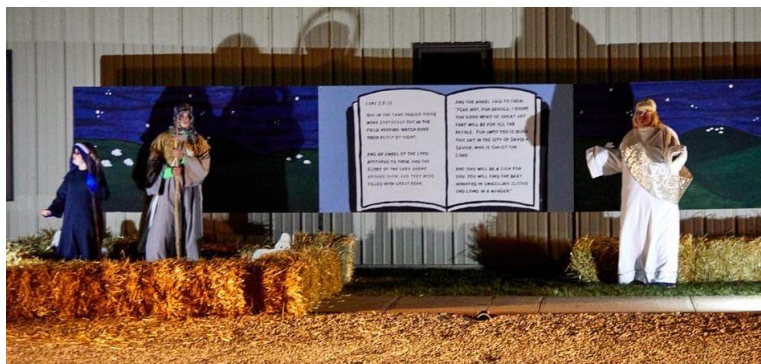


# The Children's Christmas program, "Angels We Have Heard"



## Pictures from the Living Nativity

144 cars went thru and approximately 400 people viewed and read the story of Jesus' birth!



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JANUARY 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30 Bible Study 7pm No youth or kids	31 Office closed Youth New Year's Eve AMPED 6:30 pm	1 New Year's Day Office closed Youth Lockin →	2
3 Sunday Night Fellowship 6pm	4	5	6 All Activities 7pm	7	8	9
10 Deacon's Mtg. 5pm	11	12	13 Annual Business Mtg/Celebration 7pm	14	15	16
17 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday	18 M L King Day Office closed Sweet Monday 10AM @ church	19	20 All Activities 7pm	21	22	23
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