

Today at Living Word

Parents of young children please note we have a cry room, with live worship video feed, located just outside the Worship Center doors to the right.

If you are new to Living Word we are so glad that you are here! We have a free gift for you at our Welcome Desk in the lobby.

Assistive Listening Devices are available from an Usher.

Please silence your cell phones during worship.

Complimentary Bibles are available on the steps in the Worship Center as our gift to you.

Gluten free Communion is available today on the far right aisle (organ side).

We are a member of the National Organization on Disability for Accessible Congregations.

ORDER OF WORSHIP (9:15)

PRELUDE	<i>Christmas Joy</i> Nancy Classen	L. Smith
*OPENING PRAYER		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>We Three Kings</i>	No. 254
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
*GLORIA PATRI		
THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON		Isaiah 60:1-6
	L: This is the Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.	
THE MESSAGE	"From Darkness to Light"	Rev. Michael McIntyre Lead Pastor
GIVING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS	<i>Auld Lang Syne</i> arr. M. Campbell & D. Francis Trinity Singers High School Ensemble & Women's Ensemble	
*DOXOLOGY		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
*HYMN OF JOY	<i>This is a Day of New Beginnings</i> (vs 1-4)	No. 383
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	<i>Postludium</i> Nancy Classen	D. Paxton

*All who are able please stand

Mission Statement of Living Word:

"To bring Jesus Christ to all people, strengthen their faith, and prepare them for ministry."

Worship Times:

8:00 & 9:15 a.m. - Traditional Service
10:45 a.m. - Contemporary Service
Sunday School for all ages
at 9:15 a.m. & for preschool, elementary
and adults at 10:45 a.m.

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Ministers: Every Member of the Church

Worship Carry Out January 1, 2012

Today in Worship...

"From Darkness to Light" Isaiah 60:1-6

Hogmanay is the ancient Scottish celebration of New Years. The festival started with the ancient Scots, who, coming from an extremely northern land, lived in a land that was very dark in the winter months. On December 21, there is only 6 hours and 20 minutes of sunlight in Scotland, so the Scots paid a great deal of attention to the passing of this shortest day of the year. The darkness was overwhelming, and they longed for the light. Hogmanay ushers in the season of light. Many people call Hogmanay the "Gentile Christmas," because one of the main themes of this season is that Christ is a Light, not just for a select group of people like the Jews, but for all people, everywhere. Hogmanay is when anyone living in the darkness of sin, people like you and me and those wise men from the east – anyone can come and see the glory of God, as He reveals it through His Son, Jesus Christ. Just as the sun rises on every nation, on every kind of people, no matter who you are or what your background is, just as the sun, every morning, rises on you, so it is with Christ.

Weekly Devotions

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son to earth as a baby so many years ago. Thank you that He paid the punishment for my sins by dying on the cross. And thank You that He rose again to prove that death was truly defeated. I place my trust in You to be my Savior. Guide me throughout this year---the times of light and joy as well as the dark times, and give me courage to live for You always. Amen.

Psalm 93

Monday: 1 John 4

Tuesday: Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: Luke 10:1-24

Thursday: John 1:35-42

Friday: John 5:19-24

Saturday: Hebrews 1:1-12

Prayers for the Church, for others, for self

Lord's Prayer



Upcoming at Living Word...

Pictorial Directory Update

Living Word will be participating in a new pictorial directory for 2012 and we would love for you, both members and guests, to be a part of this! You can sign up online at www.livingwordumc.org and click on the Pictorial Directory button on the home page. Our photography dates are: January 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, and 17 - 2:30 – 9:00 p.m.; January 7 and 14 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. We will also offer sign-ups at the Welcome Center today. Every individual or family who is photographed will receive a free 8 x 10 and a complimentary directory. Questions? Please contact Susan Logsdon at 636-821-2800 (ext. 2853) or slogsdon@livingwordumc.org.

“Courageous” Movie Night at Living Word

If you missed it in movie theaters, come join us for an action-packed movie on the big screen, COURAGEOUS, Friday, January 20th, at 7pm. Tickets for this Living Word theater experience can be purchased at the church office: \$3/individual, \$5/Couple, \$7/Family. Popcorn and snacks are included in your ticket price. Contact Susan Logsdon at slogsdon@livingwordumc.org if you need more information.

January Item of the Month

Missions is collecting cups, paper towels, toilet tissue and other paper products for Shalom House. Please place your donations in the bins at the bottom of the stairs.

The Church Building will be closed on January 2 in observance of New Year’s Day.

Scouts God and Country

Both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are eligible to work toward their religious awards. These programs are part of the God and Country Series. Living Word will offer two of the series beginning in January. God and Me (for Grades 1-3) and God and Family (for Grades 4-5) are offered for six weeks at 6:30 p.m. in Room 204: January 3, 9, 17, 23, 30, and February 6. (Note Jan. 3 and 17 are Tuesdays to accommodate the dates the church is closed). Please contact Pastor Brenda Stobbe at bstobbe@livingwordumc.org if you are interested in participating. You do not need to attend Living Word to participate in these programs.

iServe Mission Group

January 14 (8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)– Join us at the Barnes & Nobles parking lot (near Bread Co. just past Clarkson & Baxter) at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to Shalom House where we will cook and serve brunch to the Homeless women living there. We will also play games (with prizes) and provide manicures. Youth ages 13 and up are welcome to participate with their parents. Please contact Kelly Vincent to sign up at 314-541-2275 or kellyvin@charter.net

Our Prayers

Prayer Concerns are listed for four weeks, starting the first week in bold print and are also shared with the Prayer Chain.

Health & Healing

Doug Rawls	Jacob Tomasovic	Linda Crothers	Ben Hughes
Mary Aderman	Dusty Miller	Tim Budd	Heath McClung
Matt Chubb	Ollie Gingaw	Arlene Peterson	Nancy Davis
Andrew Ethridge	Melissa Durant	Robyn Buckley	Kim Marxkors
			Tim Lindemann

God’s Guidance & Presence

Tekete Dereko	Jay Weatherford
Bruce Walthap	U.S. Military
Fred Bell	

Grief

The Stoughton and Behler families on the loss of Donna’s mother, Trudy Behler
The Ford and Miller families on the loss of Brad’s father, Darl C. Miller
 The Kelly family on the loss of Tim’s mother, Pat Kelly
 The Tuttle and Huff families on the loss of Dianne’s mother, Louise Carol Huff
 The Beffa family on the loss of Norv’s mother, Sally Beffa
 The Vincent and Middlesworth families on the loss of Sue’s father, John Middlesworth

For pre-surgery prayer, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 636-821-2823 with surgery date and time, check-in time and hospital name. To add a prayer to the above list, please fill out the Connect Card Prayer Request section or email to prayerchain@livingwordumc.org.
 Emergency Pastoral 24/7 On-Call Phone: 636-821-2888

Sermon Fill in the Blank - Rev. Michael McIntyre January 1, 2012 - Isaiah 60:1-6

Epiphany commemorates when the Son of God dispelled the darkness and _____
 _____ and glory for everyone to see.

“Arise, shine, for your _____, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD _____ and his glory appears over you.” (Isaiah 60:1-2)

The birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ, is described in the Bible as the _____
 _____ on a very dark place. Hogmanay celebrates that the sun rises, and the darkness begins to recede once more. And my friends, this very thing is what happens to the darkness of your sin and guilt when Jesus rises in your life!

The Bible tells us that we can try and try with all of our might for the rest of our lives, and we will still _____ we long to be! See, we simply do not have it in us to will ourselves into being the people we are meant to be.

This is Epiphany – when someone trapped in the darkness of sin sees the light and believes in the glory of Jesus Christ, and allows _____, when someone finally stops trusting in himself for salvation, and starts trusting in Christ.

“Nations will _____, and kings to the brightness of Your dawn... all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.” (Isaiah 60:3, 6)

Many people call Epiphany the “_____,” because one of the main themes of the Epiphany season is that Christ is a Light, not just for a select group of people like the Jews, but for _____.

Music from today’s 10:45 worship service
 “Jesus Messiah”, “How Great Is Our God”,
 “Auld Lang Syne”, “In the Light”,
 “We Three Kings Of Orient Are”, “Marvelous Light”

Worship Attendance: December 24	
• 4:00	432
• 7:00	419
• 9:00	374
• Christmas Day	412
• Total	1,637

Connect Card January 1, 2012

Help us serve you better by filling out the information below. This will be collected during the service or you may give it to an usher.

Please print
Which service did you attend?
 _____ 9:15 _____ 10:45

Last Name: _____
Adult First Name(s): _____

Children’s Names & Ages/Grades:

Complete only if new or recently changed:
Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____
Zip: _____ **Phone:** _____
E-mail: _____

We’d like to know more about you.
 _____ A Visitor
 _____ 1st time ___ 2nd ___ 3rd ___
 _____ A Regular Visitor (4 or more times)
 _____ A Member

What brought you to Living Word?
 ___ Friend ___ West NewsMagazine
 ___ Website ___ Other

I would like more information about ministries for:
 ___ Toddlers & Pre-K
 ___ Elementary School Children
 ___ Middle & High School Youth
 ___ Adult Groups & Studies
 ___ Missions Opportunities
 ___ Care & Support Groups
 ___ Music & Drama
 ___ Other: _____

PRAYER REQUESTS

Person(s) you would like us to pray for:
 Name(s): _____

Relationship to you: _____
 Please pray specifically for: _____

___ Prayer Chain (not printed)
 ___ Confidential (Pastoral staff only)
 ___ I desire a phone call from Pastoral Staff
 Phone Number _____

In order to protect confidentiality, do we have this person’s permission to print in the Carry Out and Beacon?
 ___ Yes ___ No

If “no” or unchecked, prayers will go to Prayer Chain Ministry only.

Permission to send card: ___ Yes ___ No
 Address: _____