

**Prayer needs:**

- **Civil servants:** Circuit Court II: Honorable Judge Kelsey Hanlon
- **Church of the week:** Pastor Adam Hill, McCormick's Creek UPC
- **Other:** Missionaries, Will & Theresa (& Ellie) Reed's Serge team in Fort Portal, Uganda; Thomas & Hauwa Shelwah & our sponsored friends & families in Liberia.
- **Health:** Our friends battling cancer: Cindy Altoff, Marcia Nguyen (teacher @ MCES), Joshua Stuiso (friend of Beckwith's), Jan Clark, Roger Gerard (custodian at SES), Rachel (Khrista Beliles' friend), Sharron Davenport, Linda Blackwell & Peggy Schrougham (teachers at SES), Jim & Rita Ervin (Mike's brother & sister-in-law), Tom Stierwalt (Gail Horn's cousin), Kelly Hughes (friend of Horn's), Cyndi Capps (Marilyn Hill's niece), Karina (friend of Bivi), Ron Warix (friend of David Tarrence), Camy Quiggins (8 yr. old niece of Chad & Terri Dow). Meghan Truesdel, pneumonia; Danny Hutchison (Caleb's grandpa), heart surgery, 12/12; Junior Wyatt (Joe's father), dementia; Annie Bright (Becky Schrock's sister), ear/vertigo issues; Linda Graham (Shari Rowell's mother), gallstone & BP issues; Jesse (Anne Basey's father), health issues; Nancy (Bestman's daughter); Heidi Lillard (Phil & Karen Eckart's daughter). Healthy pregnancies: Amanda Hutchison, Alissa Drewes, Jessica Parmer, Ashley Griffin (Dawn & Mark Murphy's daughter).
- **Recovery:** Kennedy Gunderman & Stacy Shields, car accident; Trent Heckman, teacher @ OVHS; Mattison Quiggins (niece of Chad & Terri Dow), surgery.
- **Sympathy:** Our sympathy to Marv Tryon & family on the passing of Marv's mother, Lou.
- **Military:** Sam Allen; Wesley Deckard (Kelli Borders' brother), in Norfolk, VA; Kyle Chambers (Sharon's grandson), stationed in Tucson, AZ. Lt. Daniel Gibson (Dan Drewes' brother-in-law, friend of the East's), back in Indiana. Ryan Keene (Dawn Murphy's son); Jessica Parmer, in California; James Sparks; Shane Hickman (Linda St. John's nephew), in Idaho; Nick Hickman (Linda St. John's nephew), in Colorado. Please keep all our military service people and their families in prayer.
- Our church family; our country and government leaders; our leadership, finance and building teams, for wisdom and discernment.

**Statistics for Week of 12/18/16:**

**Attendance: 103      Roots: 19**

**\*Week's giving: \$2,288.00**

**\*2016 Weekly need amount: \$3,108.35  
(This is to cover OVCF operational expenses)**

**Current building fund total: \$91,352.68**

**Sunday Morning Children's Programs...**

**Elementary (grades 1-5):**

12/24 & 25-no classes  
1/1-Kim Henson & Chad St. John

**Preschool (3-K):**

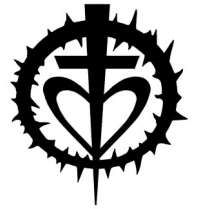
12/24 & 25-no classes  
1/1-Stacy Sims & Gracie Wainscott

**Nursery (2 and under):**

12/24 & 25-no classes  
1/1-Judy Tucker & Aleah Spires

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**Our mission:**

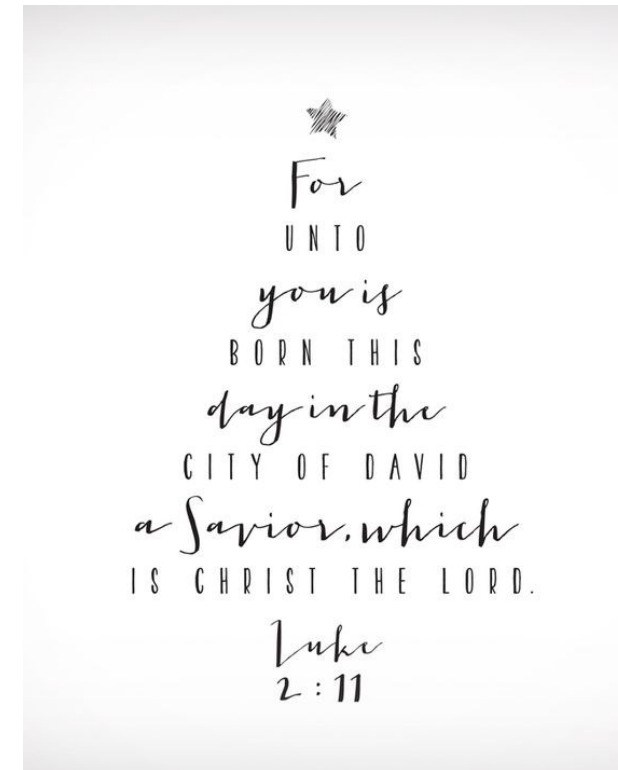
To connect people to Jesus

**Our vision:**

Be passionate pursuers of Christ

Be models of truth and love

Be involved in our community



Merry Christmas & much love to each of you!

Bill, Ryan and Diana



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Giving Tree project. You made Christmas brighter for others in our church family & community!

FYI: The church office will be closed on Monday, December 26th.

# December 2016-January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Dec. 25</b> Community breakfast 7-9 AM  Christmas morning service 10-11 AM NO Roots	<b>Dec. 26</b> Office closed	<b>Dec. 27</b>	<b>Dec. 28</b> NO Deeper NO 66	<b>Dec. 29</b>	<b>Dec. 30</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b> New Year's Eve
<b>1</b> NO Roots	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Deeper 4-5:30 PM Route 66 7-8 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Pastor's prayer mtg. 8:30 AM
<b>8</b> NO Roots	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Deeper 66	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Roots 5-7 PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Deeper 66	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Legislative breakfast
<b>22</b> Roots	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Deeper 66	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Roots	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

December 24 & 25, 2016  
 Theme: It is Written  
 Series: God's Gift of Christmas  
 Title: What the Birth Tells Us  
 Scripture: Matthew 1:1-17



## I. THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS, NOT GOOD ADVICE

Matthew begins with the words “This is the genealogy of Jesus Christ.” He is grounding what Jesus is and does in history. He is not a metaphor. He is real.

Christianity is not about (\_\_\_\_\_). It is not just a place to get some inspiration and guidance for life. It is a message you need to be saved, and you are not saved by what you can do but by (\_\_\_\_\_).

## II. THE GOSPEL TURNS THE WORLD'S VALUES UPSIDE DOWN

Matthew did not start with “Once upon a time.” The genealogy is saying, “This is who Jesus is.”

Five women are included in Jesus' resume:

- 1) Tamar, a Canaanite and a trickster
- 2) Rahab, a Gentile and a harlot
- 3) Ruth, a Moabitess (Gentile)
- 4) Bathsheba, an adulteress
- 5) Mary, a virgin who conceives out of wedlock.

## III. GOD MAY TAKE HIS TIME, BUT HE KEEPS HIS WORD

You cannot judge God by (\_\_\_\_\_).

“Though the mills of God grind slowly...they grind exceedingly fine.”

THEME: 2017 theme: “I Am Fifth”  
 SERIES: I Am Fifth  
 NEXT WEEK: “I Am Fifth. Say What? Acts 17:22-34