

## THE MT. COMFORT CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS AND ONE ANOTHER, WHILE SERVING GOD TOGETHER.

12.24.2023

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Leader Mario Alvarado

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Prayer Len Sharp

Welcome Nathan Jorgenson Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7

Salvation Belongs to Our God Jesus is Lord

Communion/Offering Clayton Williams

Tell Me the Story of Jesus (Children's Offering)

Scripture—Nathan Jorgenson Matt 1:18-24; Luke 2:1-7

O Little Town of Bethleham O Come All Ye Faithful

Scripture—Nathan Jorgenson Luke 2:8-20; Matt 2:1-12

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Scripture—Nathan Jorgenson 1 Jn 4:9; John 3:16

Why did My Savior Come to Farth

Shepherds Blessing Al Morningstar

Joy to the World

**Attended Nursery** available in Room 106, intended for babies in the two year old class and younger. This is available during the entire worship service.

There will be no children's church today.

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: NATHAN JORGENSON

What is the greatest gift you ever received? When we are speaking of earthly gifts, my list starts with: Lynne, my kids, my grandkids, my church family. If you note, my list has to do with people. Because the gift of one another far surpasses any physical gift we can ever receive. And the greatest "people" gift ever given was the Son of God, coming to this earth, becoming us for the sole purpose of dying for us to give us the opportunity for eternal life. Imagine, God coming in the flesh! But even more astounding, humbling himself by being born into poverty, walking in His ministry owning nothing, beholding to others for food or shelter, determining to bring the message of His Father's love for us face-to-face. The gift of salvation that Jesus established through His sacrifice is a gift beyond any human ability to measure. It is the gift of eternal life, of home in heaven with God Almighty. This time of year, billions of people remember the story of the baby in a manger. The miraculous birth thru the Holy Spirit. Let's celebrate a manger AND an empty tomb-both truths of Immanuel, God with us.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00pm
Dec 27	Combined Holiday Service at Center St @ 7:00pm
Dec 31	Youth Group Lock-in @ Mount Comfort 8pm—8am
Jan 12- 14	Digital Parenting Workshop  Details Inside

## **PRAYER LIST**

Prayer Requests will be printed on this list for up to 3 weeks at a time, unless further updates are received by the church office. Requests can be submitted by email through Thursday mornings to office@mountcomfort.org. Thanks!

**Neal Limberg**, a member of Farmington Church of Christ and the Brother-in-Law of Emily Smith one of our Sonshine School teachers, had an aneurysm rupture followed by emergency surgery last week. He is in ICU at Washington Regional. He is showing signs of improvement. Please pray for his complete healing, for comfort and strength for his wife and his family during this holiday season and thereafter.

Mary Bruce's PET Scan showed some problems.

## **SYMPATHY**

**Louise Neal,** mother of **Lisa Jorgensen**, passed away on Dec 17th. Louise was a long-time member of the Baldwin congregation. Please remember the family in your prayers as they grieve her loss.

## **CONTINUE TO REMEMBER...**

Eddie Kinzer Lorene Adams
Kyle Hunter Jessica Collins
Becky Tyree Johnny Dockery
Glen "Pops" Wade Kathy Walsh
Amy Ware Wendi Super
Montie Bailey Janet Riegle
Lila Campbell Mary Bruce

## THOSE SHUT IN...

Joe Conley Idella Courtright Kathy Hayes Lewis & Libby Laningham Jack & Brenda Richardson Margie Slasor Janice Umberger

	HAPPY BIRTHDAY		HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
12/24	Garrett Sims	12/30	Jerry & Sheri Homishak	
12/25	Lynda Dotson	12/31	Gerald & Sandra Guillot	
12/26	Rainey McNatt			
	Grayson Stepanovich			
12/27	Wyatt Eaton			
	Glynis Rardin			
	Sue Winn			
12/29	Noah Warmack			

# **NEWS AND NOTES**

## Combined Holiday Service @ Center St

On Wednesday, December 27th at 7pm we will have a combined holiday service with other area congregations at the Center St Church of Christ. We will cancel our devotional and classes at Mount Comfort on that day so that we are all able to attend. Center St's address is

310 W Center Street Fayetteville, AR 72701

#### Children's Church Update

We will **not** have Children's Church on Sunday, December 24th, which will be our Christmas worship service. Also, as noted elsewhere, there will be no Wed. night Bible classes on Wed., Dec. 27, to allow for the gathering at Center St.

#### **December Combined Adult Classes**

For the month of December, we will be having combined Adult Sunday School classes in the Auditorium. We hope that you will join us as we study together! Please see the schedule on the Class List section for details.

#### FREE Digital Parenting Workshop January 12-14, Fri @ 6:30, Sat 10a-12p

The Farmington Church of Christ is hosting a digital parenting workshop with Chad Landman. Chad is known for his up to date insight on the digital age and the dangers associated with it. Topics include *How To Be A Better Digital Parent, Social Media and Its Impact, Device Control In Your Home and Beyond.* Please see the flyer on the youth bulletin board in the lobby for more details.

## **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class**

Beginning January 9th, 2024 from 9:30-11:00 in the RFC room. The topic will be "Having a Mary's Heart in a Martha World"

## **Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Class**

Beginning on January 10th in Room 209, the topic will be "The Revelation", an online study with Steve Comer.

#### **LADIES DAY**

Pleasant Valley Church of Christ presents Evangelistic Women with Hearts for God on Saturday, February 24,2024 at 9:00. See flier on bulletin board in hallway for more details.

#### **THANK YOU**

A great big THANK YOU to Phillip and his wife for removing all those leaves from my property. And to Craig Elkins for mowing my lawn all year.

-John R. Dockery

#### Member Information Form

With potential snow days fast approaching, please be sure to fill out (or update) your information asap. We are using a new system to notify everyone of cancellations due to inclement weather. You will not be contacted if this form is not submitted. They can be accessed on the church website under Member Area —> Member Forms.

While you're at it, take a moment to update your Member Involvement form as well. Men, this is how you can be added to the list to receive the text reminders if you are scheduled to serve during worship. This would be a great way to start the new year off right!

#### **Online Giving Link**

If you would like to give online from your mobile phone, please scan the QR code below to be taken to our Give+ Portal.



Thank you for joining us in the work of the Lord's church at Mount Comfort!

## **OUR SHEPHERDS**

Joe Foshe	479-601-2122
Huston Givens	479-443-2702
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Victor Proffitt	479-236-8946
Anthony Spencer	479-238-5187
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Keith Winn	406-591-5163

To email a shepherd, please send a message to

elders@mountcomfort.org

## **OUR MINISTERS**

**Nathan Jorgenson -** Pulpit Minister njorgenson@mountcomfort.org

**Justus Bobo -** Interim Campus Minister jbobo@razorbacksforchrist.com

**C.J. Grimes -** Youth Minister cjgrimes@mountcomfort.org

**Matt Wilson -** Involvement Minister mwilson@mountcomfort.org

**Sara Chance** - Children's Minister schance@mountcomfort.org

**Glenda Davis LPC, LMFT -** Christian Counselor www.mtcomfortcounseling.com

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 8:30am to 2:30pm office@mountcomfort.org



info@mtcomfortsonshineschool.org 479-316-4597

After school care until 5 pm.

Ranford House

Community Food Pantry 3281 W Mount Comfort Rd

Open Wednesdays, 9am - 11am Members anytime by appointment banford@mountcomfort.org



## RAZORBACKS FOR CHRIST

608 N Storer

Life Group @ RFC Sundays @ 5pm
Freshman Eat & Study @ RFC Mondays @ 6pm
Devo @ RFC House Tuesdays @ 7pm
Free Lunch @ RFC Wednesday 11am - 1pm
Guys & Gals Study @ RFC Thursdays @ 7pm



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## 2023 CONTRIBUTION RECORDS

Weekly Contribution	\$14,177.25	Building Expansion Project	
Weekly Budget	\$19,568.00	Total Bldg Cost	\$1,649,637 +/-
Weekly budget		Remaining Principal	\$765,632.05
Weekly Average	\$19,548.34	Bldg Contributions	\$285,221.00
Weekly Children's	\$13.31	2022 Records	
YTD Children's	\$2,536.40	Weekly Contribution	\$22,777.15
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#### 2023 ATTENDANCE RECORDS

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Sunday, December 17		Wednesday, December 20				
Bible Class	213	Devo & Bible Class	82			
Worship	387					