

Christmas . . . God's Cure for Loneliness

Isaiah 7 Matthew 1

December 20, 2020 ~ Rev. Roland Smith ~ Central Baptist Church, Crossville, TN

- Because of physical distancing and quarantines to fight Covid 19, drug abuse, suicides, mental illness and loneliness have all increased this year.
- *"Only frequent church attendees avoided downward mental health trend in 2020."*

George Gallup poll

(Isaiah 7:14 Matthew 1:23)

I. _____ is a _____ fact

- Loneliness is not:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- What is Loneliness?
Loneliness is a painful sense of being unwanted, unneeded, uncared for and maybe even unnecessary.
- According to psychologists, man has three basic emotional needs.
 1. Someone to love and love us and share with intimately.
 2. Someone who understands us and still accepts us.
 3. Someone who wants and needs us.

- What causes loneliness?

1. _____

2. a _____

3. _____

4. a _____ (Genesis 4:13-14)

5. _____ of _____

II. _____ is a _____ force

1. _____

2. _____

III. _____ is a _____ foe

- “Immanuel” means “*God with us*”

- Jesus is the answer to man’s emotional needs!



December 20, 2020
*Welcome, We Are Glad You
Joined Us Today*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Christmas Poinsettias

Memorial Christmas Poinsettias have been placed in the Worship Center in honor and memory of Centralites who have gone home to be with The LORD since December 21, 2019.

Zedenka Austin, Bob Boettcher, Ralph Blackwood, Dorothy Bugbee, Ron Cartwright, Art Christensen, Betty Curtis, Dale Falter, Linda Gabbert, Georgia Hammons, Mamie Henry, Beverly Hickmott, Ken Hobbs, Ted Hubble, Judy Mayabb, Donna Moran, Matthew Musser, Paul Ondako, Charlie Pauley, Helen Peek, Cynthia Purcell, Mark Pugh, Marilyn Rice, Melba Talbot, Bob Tindle, Joseph Warlick, Joyce Webb, John Weyant, Vancienetta Wisdom, Elizabeth Wood.

Families or friends of these Centralites may take the flowers home after today's morning Worship Service.

2020 Contributions

To get credit for contributions in 2020, please have them to the church on or before January 3, 2021.
Thank you.

2021 Offering Envelopes

2021 Offering Envelopes are available to be picked up in the Atrium. If you need envelopes, please put your name on the signup sheet provided in the Atrium.

Christmas Toy Store Ministry

A busy season of continued Ministry and giving: 37 additional families that were on a waiting list have been taken care of this past week. As of December 17, we have served 205 families and provided for 442 children. Each child received three toys, one plush item, a container of candy, a Christ centered book; each family received one roll of wrapping paper, tape, bows, handmade gift tags, a tin of cookies, box of candy canes, several stocking stuffers, *The Christmas Promise Devotional* Book, a letter from CBC and CBC brochure, *PEACE with God* tract, *PEACE* handmade Scripture card, and a \$40.00 Food Voucher to Save a lot. We will continue bagging items for families still seeking assistance.



Thank you to everyone who prayed, gave and served in the Christmas Toy Store.

Christmas Eve Service, December 23, 6:00 p.m.

We will be having our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight program on December 23rd at 6p.m. Traditionally we have had it on Christmas Eve, but this year we will be having it on the eve of Christmas Eve. This will be an intimate celebration of the "Light of the World" with candlelight and traditional Christmas hymns we all love and cherish.

Church Office Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed for the holidays on
December 24, 25, 28, 31 and January 1.



*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon
His shoulder. and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Might God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6*

MARRIAGE & FAMILY MINISTRY

Sun. NIGHT Parenting League

Dec. 20 (6:00-7:00p) - Multipurpose Room
Jennifer and I want to help you discover biblical support for your journey to raise Christ-centered children. This will be an encouraging time as we learn to manage parenting expectations and grow in our own walk with God.

Here's a taste of topics discussed:

- Model Self-Confidence for Your Kids

*Nursery and Childcare provided (PreK - 4th Grade in Gym)

(Why did I call it a, "League." Simple. One, it sounded FUN! And B, a league is defined as a group of individuals having a common goal. I like the sound of that! See you Sunday night!)

(RSVP if you require Nursery to Terry May (931-337-9235))

Wed. NIGHT WORSHIP

Dec. 23 - No Wed. Night Worship. Join us for the Christmas Eve Service in the Worship Center

Marriage Retreat - 2021

Feb 19-21 (6:00-7:00p)

The Cove / Asheville NC

Cost: \$250.00 per person

Deposit: \$50.00 due by **Jan 27** (Wed)

MEN'S MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE

2021 NO REGRETS VIRTUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 6, 2021 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Central Baptist Church, Crossville

For more info, go to noregretsconference.org

VOLUNTEERS

PARKING LOT WATCH: (9:30-10:30) Tim Lynch
(11:00-12:30) Gary Ruetenik

SANCTUARY CARE: (Dec. 21) Patti Pogel,
Myrna Swaim

HEART TO HOME VISITS (week of Dec. 21):

IN HOME VISITS: Julie Schenk, Gerri Waszkiewicz
Carol Quattrociocchi

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED: Tom & Linda Barr
Judy Dion

LEGACY MINISTRY

(50+ Adults)

SAVE THE DATES:

Grandparenting Summit Simulcast

March 18-19, 2021

Legacy Ministry Beach Week

May 3-10, 2021

Panama City Beach, FL

Each day we will offer an optional activity or two.

Make your own transportation and housing arrangements. You choose your length of stay within the week. Additional information available soon i.e. Lodging and activity suggestions.

Branson, MO Charter Bus Trip

September 13-18, 2021

Information is available at the Legacy bulletin board. Registration and Deposits will be taken beginning in January 2021.

CENTRAL STUDENTS MINISTRY

Student Worship on Wednesdays

See you next year!

Ski Adventure 2021

Winterplace Ski Resort, WV

Feb. 12-15, 2021

Packets available in the Boonies and at the ministry board in the atrium.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Worship Packets are available on the console to the right of the main sanctuary doors.

Join us for Children's Church during the 11:00
Worship Service

No Kids4Truth December 23 & 30, 2020

We will resume on January 6, 2021

Our next Family Night is January 13, 2021

Merry Christmas!

RECREATION MINISTRY

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

Practice Week #3 - Pray for the families and players to remain safe and healthy, and to be open to the Gospel message

There will be no Pickleball on Dec. 24, 28 & 31

Pickleball

Hours: 12:45 to 3:45 p.m.

Mondays-Advanced, contact Dave Southall to sign up,
931-200-8521

Tuesdays-Beginners, contact Muffin Liskovec to sign up,
931-788-2198

Thursdays-Intermediates, contact Jeanne Foster to sign up,
931-335-0433

