

November 21, 2018

Making lifetime followers of Jesus Christ

CHRIST THE KING

The level of fascination with Princess Diana has faded in the years following her funeral that was watched by nearly two billion people. But the media frenzy surrounding her death (along with my jealousy toward friends who had the Princess Diana Beanie Baby) is one of the moments seared into my childhood memory. I distinctly remember sitting around the television with my family watching the coverage with keen interest. The various reporters and talking heads spoke of her beauty, accessibility, vulnerability, compassion, and common touch. All of these descriptions were correct, but none of them precisely identified the attributes that made Diana exceptional.

Many famous people have engaged in charitable activities and made impressions with their commitment to various humanitarian causes. Other celebrities have elicited near-fanatical devotion because of their beauty, talent, or skill. But Princess Diana was different. In the Princess of Wales, *majesty stooped*. That was the key to her power. She was seen as one who was willing to lay aside her royal prerogatives to come alongside the downtrodden and associate with those who had no status in the world.

This Sunday is Christ the King Sunday. It is the final Sunday of the Christian year. If it is true that there is unique power in this combination of royalty and stooping, then there has never been anything comparable to the life of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In Jesus Christ we see the One “who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness” (Philippians 2:6-7).

In Jesus Christ, the Word who was with God in the beginning comes to us as a child, born in an inauspicious barn in Bethlehem. In Jesus Christ, the same God who is so glorious that we must hide our faces from him comes down to deliver us from our captivity to sin and death. In Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, came alongside the downtrodden and associated with those who had no status in the world. On this Christ the King Sunday, we remember that, in Jesus Christ, *majesty stooped*.

Thanks be to God!



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**Christmas Parade & Brunch with Santa - Saturday, December 1st
Parade @ 10:00 a.m. and Brunch following the parade!!!**

Children are invited to ride on the FUMC float.

Sign up is mandatory and space is limited!!!

Children ages Kindergarten & younger **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Call or text Drew to sign up.



Immediately following the Christmas Parade

join us in the Fellowship Hall for Pancakes and the arrival of Santa!

\$3.00 per child; \$4.00 per adult

MEMORIALS

Bill Cosby: Melba Cosby & children

Edgar Edwards: Margaret & Carlos Mayfield

Bob Floyd: Julia & Bobby Huling

Evelyn Roebuck: George & Margaret Walker



BackPack Packing

We will pack at the Food Bank on Wednesday, December 12th, from 5:15-7pm.

Thanks for all you do! Ellen Royal 334-524-9551



2019 Commitment Cards

If you have not had the opportunity to turn in your Commitment Card, you may still do so!!!

Cards may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning or you may mail or bring them to the church office.

As of November 19, 2018, we have had 138 Estimate of Giving Cards turned in for \$880,850 pledged.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd @ 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

If you would like to participate in this special service as we decorate the Sanctuary please contact Jennifer Harper by emailing or text messaging her.

jennharp@bellsouth.net (334-734-0187)

Also we need finger foods for the reception. Sign-up sheets are located in the classrooms and at the Welcome Desk.

You may also call or email Laura. (334-745-7604)

lauraboggs@fumcopelika.org



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29th @ 9:00 a.m.

We will be assembling greenery to be used in the Hanging of the Greens.

If you would like to help please come. Bring your gloves and small shrub clippers.

Meet in the church library. For more information you may contact Beverly in the church office. beverlymarlett@fumcopelika.org



Christmas Shoe Boxes for the Prison Ministry

Wrap the box in Christmas Paper. The box and the lid need to be wrapped separately.

Each family is asked to pray for the prisoner(s) who will receive their box(es).

Monday, December 3rd is the when all boxes need to be in the church. Please place your box on the table in the downstairs hallway of the Church.

- ❖ ONE 5^{1/2} x 8^{1/2} pad of paper – no metal spirals
- ❖ Ten Envelopes
- ❖ Two Ballpoint pens – only blue ink pens with a clear barrel
- ❖ One sandwich bag of individually wrapped chocolate & hard candy
- ❖ One Magazine – Readers Digest, Guidepost, etc. (nothing larger)
- ❖ One Circle-a-word, Crossword puzzle, or Sudoku (size 4 x 5^{1/2})
- ❖ Five Postage Stamps – please put in a snack size baggie
- ❖ Five Christmas Cards with envelopes
- ❖ \$1.00 for Christmas literature
- ❖ One pack of new unopened playing cards

YOUTH NEWS

*SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH

Every Sunday morning up in the Cross Cafe from 9:30-10:30am. Milk and cereal and God's Word!

*NO SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH ON NOVEMBER 25th

*SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH ON DECEMBER 2nd is Hanging of the Greens at 5pm!

*WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th is Children's Christmas Concert at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary, then our Advent Festival in the Fellowship Hall from 6-7:30pm.

*UPCOMING DATES FOR DECEMBER:

12/9 - Mission Night and The Five

12/12 - O Town Ice Cream Night

12/14 - Luminaries/Live Nativity Scenes in Collinwood

12/16 - Youth Christmas Parties: Jr Hi at 4pm and Sr Hi at 6:30pm

12/23 & 12/30 - No SN Youth

LAITY MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Greeters

8:30 a.m.

Ben, Leanne, & Mary Caroline
Bugg; Randy & Oline Price

11:00 a.m.

Norma & Shawn Kirkpatrick;
O D & Colleen Alsobrook

Gathering Music

Charles Bonner

Crucifer

Martha Pugh

Acolytes

8:30 a.m.

Sam & Erin Kemp

11:00 a.m.

Caroline Couey & Shirley Pugh

Welcome Letters

Pat Brown

Sound & Video

8:30 a.m.

Nathan Goff

11:00 a.m.

Will Levins & Peter Elliott

Ushers

8:30 a.m.

Jake Thompson (Captain),
Paul Bush, Paul Kemp,

Ben Landers,

Jonathan Patterson,

Erik Speakman, & John Wilson

11:00 a.m.

Bob Boothe (Captain),

Jason Halverson (Co-Captain),

Jack Brown, Tyson Daffin,

Bill Levins,

Richard Moreman,

& Billy Ogletree

Nurturing Notes

Carole Smith

Flower Ministry:

Nell Samford

Tuesday Office Volunteer:

Jo Lovell

Hospital Visitation Ministry

November 26

Kevin Royal

November 27

Donna Moreman

November 28

Judy Smith

November 29

Jo Lovell

November 30

Mary Carol Hitchcock

Jail Ministry

Colleen Alsobrook,

Boody Brown,

Margaret Rogers,

Danielle Fornea

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

November 18, 2018

Attendance

Sunday School: 188

Worship: 386

Giving

Weekly Offering: \$12,190

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 25

8:30 a.m. - Worship

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - One Accord Ensemble

5:00 p.m. - Children's Team

NO SN Youth

Monday, November 26

8:45 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.- Sonshine Preschool

Tuesday, November 27

8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Sonshine Preschool

9:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study

5:15 p.m. - Wesley Ringers

Wednesday, November 28

7:00 a.m. - Men's Devo

5:00 p.m. - Children's Musical Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 29

8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Sonshine Preschool

9:00 a.m. - Greenery Assembly

5:15 a.m. - L.A.F.F.

Friday, November 30

Saturday, December 1

6:30 a.m. - Opelika Police Officers Breakfast

10:00 a.m. - Downtown Christmas Parade

11:00 a.m. - Brunch with Santa

1:00 p.m. - Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal

Prayer Concerns

EAMC:

Jean Meadows
Jerry Rock (*Jake Thompson's step-father*)

EAMC (Lanier): Buddy Lane
(*friend of Tonya & Starr Hollis*)

UAB:

Ginger Perkins

St. Vincents (B'ham):

Barbara Woolley

Home:

David Alexander (*Marcia Alexander's husband*)
Jimmy Allen
Cole Ashley (*Sonshine student*)
Dean Bledsoe
Caroline Bugg
John Carver
Eleanor Cole
(*Pam Alsobrook's mother*)
Mable Collins (*Arbor Springs*)
Al Cook
Bette Corley (*Nann Ogletree's mother*)
Betty & Hal Cummings
Courtney & James Daniel
C J Dodd (*Arvle & Esther Marshall's grandson*)
Nancy Einglett (*Becky Bailey's sister-in-law*)
Trey Gafford
Anne & Jim Grady
Barbara Hartley (*Marrell Hartley's mother*)
Earl Hartsfield (*friend of Laura Fuller*)
Monique Jenkins
Tom Krehling
Donna McCard (*Becky Bailey's sister*)
Jane & Phillip Moon
(*Joyce Windsor's cousins*)
Dana Morgan (*friend of Pam Hope*)
Donna Moreman
Jackie Motley
(*friend of Linda McCain*)
Dot Norrell
Theron Sorrell (*Jake Thompson's grandfather*)
Quinton & Merle Walton

Jody Wilkerson (*Deborah Mitchell's brother*)
Laurie Williams

Out of Town:

Evan Ashby (*Macy Finck's cousin*)
Mildred Beals (*Hoover*)
Hartley Brabner (*Tina Roberts' great niece*)
Beth Briele (*daughter of Charles & Elizabeth Mason & Laura Seller's sister*)
Shirley Brown (*Ginger Perkins' sister-in-law*)
Ruth Chen (*friend of Wei Beach*)
Shannon Cook (*friend of Earle & Kenny Wilkes*)
Greg Greaves (*friend of Sherri Rowton*)
Kinsley Green
(*Kyle & Sydney Bugg's niece*)
Traci Hart (*Pam Hope's sister-in-law*)
Madeline & Sam Hayes, Jr.
(*grandchildren of Sharon & Ron Rooks*)
Carolyn Hicks (*Lisa Abercrombie's mother*)
Howard Hoch (*Sue Bentley's father*)
Glynda Holliman (*Sam Bailey's niece*)
Graham Lane (*friend of Sherry & Richard Freeman*)
Buddy Loyd (*Laura Boggs' father*)
Lexi Melton (*great niece of Stanley Melton, III*)
Bob Miller (*Sam Bailey's brother-in-law*)
Cathy Prescott (*friend of Jamie Crews*)
June Pyle (*Ken Woolley's sister*)
Ed Reynolds (*Kim Epperson's father*)
Dot Rice (*Pat Mayfield & Debbi Thornton's sister*)
Marian Rogers (*Emily Finck's grandmother*)
Carolyn Sell (*Jo Vaughan's daughter*)
Gladys Shackelford (*Richard Shackelford's mother*)
Steve Smith

(*friend of Eric Canada*)
Sutton Smith (*grandson of Teresa & Ogie Ogletree*)
Jackie Spann (*Terri Knight's sister*)
Jimmy Spence (*Joyce Windsor's cousin*)
Leigh Ann Thompson (*Mike Gaston's sister*)
Susan Taylor
(*Jimmy Collins' sister*)
Greg Wheelus (*Ginny Gaberlavage's father*)
Bobby Woodruff (*Caroline Bush's uncle*)
Natalie Woods (*Valerie Smith's sister*)

Military:

Steven Alvarado
Beau Carroll (*friend of the Perkins*)
Tyler Carter (*son of Tommy & Lynn Carter*)
Michael Fischer, & T J Fischer
(*friends of Phyllis & Jim Mayfield*)
Robert Groszmann (*Bob Ingram's nephew*)
Garrett Guess (*Becky Bailey's nephew*)
Paul Leonard (*Fay Burns' cousin*)
Will McKee (*son of Mike & Ginger McKee*)
Chandler Norris (*cousin of Mary Virginia Norris & Louisa Wood*)
Alex Pendergraph (*Janet Taylor's grandson*)
Jacob Ramus (*Phyllis & Jim Mayfield's son-in-law*)
Kennard R. Smith (*friend of Anne & Sheldon Whittelsey*)
Ronnie Snyder (*grandson of Arden Snyder*)
Bubba Sumrall (*son of Leslie Sumrall*)

Christian Sympathy. . .

. . . is extended to Mark Moreman, Trey Moreman, and Melissa & Michael King and all of the family upon the death of Mark's father, and Trey & Melissa's grandfather, Marcus Moreman.