

The Steeple: December 2024

Prayer Requests

Lois Stephens
Nancy Stephens
Jay Rice
Alice Cox
Angie Conner
Jimmy Meggs
Kerra Cheatham
Melissa Cheatham
Pam Aseff
Joan Murray
Melba Brown
Judy Evans
Kelly Conn
Melinda Holmes
Doris Gray
Pastor Sarah Goodwin
Rochelle and Joel Bendall
Lauren Pate
Gary House
Steve Bridges
Krystalyn Boman

Please help us pray for those on the prayer list, and for our congregation, local, state, and federal governments, US military their families, and our church staff and leadership.

December Birthdays

12/01 Terri Watkins
12/03 Terry Smith
12/06 Jeanette Kelley
12/08 Linda Jones
12/09 Taylor Burge
12/19 Carol Glass
12/19 Diane Allen
12/23 Kevin Elliott

TMC Quilting

Taylorville Methodist Church Quilters will meet on December 7th and December 21st at 9AM. If you would like more information contact Peggy Snider at 574-707-5743.

Gifts from God

Gifts from God totals this year are: Building Fund—\$18,813.00, General Fund—\$20,900.00. This brings the total to \$39,713.00. If you would still like to give before the end of the year, you can mail a check to the church or bring it by the church office.

Thank You

Taylorville Methodist Church Appreciates You!

Thank you to all involved in Taylorville Methodist Church Fall Craft Bazaar! It was a good community outreach. —from the bazaar committee: Diane Allen, Randy Smith, And Betsy Murray.

Pastor's Letter:

Dear TMC Family and Friends,

I cannot express the gratitude I have for the faithfulness of God at work among us in Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit! As members of His local body at Taylorville—His holy church—I also want to commend you all for a well done Fall 2024!

Throughout the last two months, we've held a Church Wide Meeting, a Trunk or Treat, a Charge Conference, a Fall Bazaar, celebrated TMC's 100th Year of Methodist Ministry, immersed ourselves in the Gospel during worship, and began the first steps toward a transformational small group model. In all of these wonderful moments, we soaked our activities in prayer and trusted in God to spiritually form us as Christians, while also using us to leave a positive impact on the wider community.

On Christ the King Sunday we concluded the liturgical church calendar with an incredible day of worshipping Jesus as Lord! Not only did we make much of King Jesus, we also culminated our annual Gifts From God giving initiative. **Through your faithful and sacrificial giving beyond your normal tithes/offerings, God abundantly blessed Taylorville Methodist with over \$39,000! This may be the most ever given during Gifts From God!!** It is an incredible blessing for our church. Foremost, I especially praise God for His mighty provision and hand of blessing on TMC. Secondly, thank you to all who gave, and to all who prayed over our month of special giving.

Now, with our hearts made full from God's faithfulness and blessings, we shift our minds, our worship, and our discipleship focus to Advent and Christmas. Advent is a season meant to prepare us for Christmas. It's a special time where we lean into the tension, angst, and expectation we have as Christians who live between Jesus' birth and His return as King. This extended time of expectation truly shapes us in deeper and pure ways to worship and receive the reality on Christmas that God in Jesus is among us and for us!

Our Advent worship theme is titled Holy Messages. In the weeks leading up to Christmas Eve, we'll examine the angelic messages about Jesus' two advents that were delivered to His disciples, to John the Baptist's father Zechariah, to Jesus' mother Mary, and to the shepherds in the field after Jesus was born. Then on Christmas Eve, we will focus on the historical event of Jesus' birth and the theological implications of His incarnation.

On **Sunday, December 15th, at 6pm**, we will have **Christmas at Taylorville**. This will be a night of special musical selections that celebrate the birth of our Savior and Lord, featuring TMC's sanctuary choir and other musical guests. On **Tuesday, December 24th, at 6pm**, there will be a Holy Communion and candle-light **Christmas Eve service** in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

I earnestly pray and hope that despite the busyness and demands of the Advent/Christmas seasons that you will not neglect worship. Our first duty as Christians is to worship. This is the season to recommit to worshipping with greater fervor and frequency! My heart and mind for Christ are with you!

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Taylor
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Taylorville Methodist Woman

Taylorville Methodist Women will have their annual Christmas Party at Olive Garden on December 14, 2024 at 11:30AM. They will play "Dirty Santa" and the gift limit is \$20. The ladies are making donations to West Alabama Food Bank, Freedom Farms, and Salvation Army this Christmas season. TMW will host a baby shower for Pastor Taylor and Pastor Sarah on January 12, 2025 in the church gym from 2PM-3:30PM. They will have more details coming soon. Their next meeting will be on Monday, January 27, 2025. Prayer shawls, quilts, Christmas ornaments, and octopi were blessed and distributed to Hospice of West Alabama and to Northport DCH NICU. If you would like more information about TMW please contact Joan Hannah at 205-242-4444.



You can give online securely by scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera and clicking the URL that pops up!

Weekly Activities

Sunday:

9:00 AM	Contemporary Service
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Service

Wednesday:

7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
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December Calendar of Events

12/05	9A-2P	Church Office Closed-Michelle
12/07	9AM	TMC Quilters
12/14	11:30AM	TMW Christmas Party
12/15	6PM	Christmas at Taylorville
12/17	10AM	Mexican Train
12/21	9AM	TMC Quilters
12/24	6PM	Christmas Eve Service
12/25		Merry Christmas!
12/29	9AM	One Service in the Grove
12/31		Happy New Year!

Online Giving

It's now possible to set up your giving online! Simply go to <https://taylorville-umc.churchcenter.com/giving>, select whether you want to give a one-time gift or a recurring donation, enter the info, and click submit.

November Average Attendance

In-Person– 74
Online – 2

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Loving God
Loving You

