

# *Faith* Christian Church

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*MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR*



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** as of 12/14/11

Jayne Harbison, Lozell Stephens, Martha Little

**In Military:** David Dodson, Caleb Little



**December 2011 BIRTHDAYS**

20—Sherry Semrau



**Worship Attendance Sunday**

November 27—32, December 4—38,

December 11—35



**PRAYER GROUP @ FAITH**

The prayer group meeting on Wednesdays at Faith @ 1 p.m. will be taking a break during the holidays. Watch for an announcement about a new start up date. Any questions see Bernie McNeilly



### **List of events for Advent**

**\* Soup & Stories - Wednesdays in Advent (12/21), 6 p.m.**

Fellowship and dinner, followed by stories.

**\* Live Nativity and Open House - Saturday, December 17, 4:00-7:00 PM**

**\* Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Saturday, December 24 @ 8 p.m.**

**Johnny Wray will bring the message**



### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship Sunday Dec. 18.

The meeting is to vote on calling Rev. Scott Pricer as our new minister.



### **PRAYER GROUP MEETS @ FAITH**

Prayer group continues meeting at Faith CC. It starts at 1:00 p.m. and if you have any questions contact Bernie McNeilly. If you can't make it to Faith – take time out of your busy day around 1 p.m. and join us in your own thoughts





Fellowship with us!! Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.  
Please contact Betty Bodry or Janie Hurt if you would like to volunteer  
to bring food or drink.



***(Next newsletter deadline 12-14-2011) If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail please let us know....thru the churches e-mail [Faihccmemphis@bellsouth.net](mailto:Faihccmemphis@bellsouth.net)***

### **Fullness of Joy**

A friend of mine is a wonderful storyteller. He has an extraordinary sense of humor – always in good taste. His confidence in God and the centrality of Jesus Christ in his life are consistent and evident.

A few years ago he was struck with a crippling, degenerative illness. No cure is forthcoming. Decreasing bodily function is inevitable.

Shortly after his diagnosis, he addressed a major denominational group. Many had asked him “how he was doing” in the light of his illness.

He spoke with a firm and confident voice: “You ask how I am doing? I can tell you this: *I am determined that nothing will ever take away my joy!*”

Marvelous! That is exactly the way things are meant to be in God’s kingdom. Paul reminds us that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the joy that is to be revealed to us!

What a great truth by which to live. Evil, suffering, and injustice are never the last word. Resiliency empowers the believer. Nothing in all of creation will ever take away your joy.

God’s promise rings through the words of Isaiah: “For you shall go out in joy” 55:12).

# FAITH IN ACTION

## Sunday, December 18

Worship Leader: *Dennis Cain*

Elders: *Janie Hurt, Kathy Hurt*

Deacons: *Max Hendrix, Sid Hurt,  
Bernie McNeilly*

Scripture Reader: *Nancy Haney*

Communion Preparer: *Betty Bodry*

Counters: *Bill & Mimi Kirkland*

Nursery: *Barbara Bounds*

## Sunday, December 25

Worship Leader: *Margaret Caccamisi*

Elders: *Sandra Harper, Bill Kirkland*

Deacons: *Stan Pruett, Keith Von Almen*

Scripture Reader: *Dennis Cain*

Communion Preparer: *Kathy Kaufenberg*

Counters: *Stan & Kathy Pruett*

Nursery: *Janie Hurt*