

PRAYER NEEDS FOR OUR PEOPLE

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OUR LOVED ONES ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE MILITARY

Imani Blocker, USA
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AUGUSTA GARDENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

We have all enjoyed a Christmas party or two this year, now it is time to give back! You are invited to help with the annual Burns Methodist Christmas Party for the residents of Augusta Gardens. We usually have about 25 residents join us as we sing carols and share sandwiches, cookies, drinks, etc. To see how you can help, contact Bill Williams. The event is this Tuesday, December 19 at 10 AM.

PLEDGE DRIVE

We are having our annual pledge drive this month. Please prayerfully consider make a pledge to the church for 2024. Completed pledge cards can be placed in the offering boxes.



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesday, December 20, 6 PM

Come join us for fun and fellowship!!!

Menu:

Breakfast for Supper!!!!

(Please Mark Number Attending and put in offering box.)

_____ **Adults** (\$ 8) _____ **Children 4-12** (\$ 4)

_____ **Children 3 & Under** (Free)

Name: _____



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

To spread some Christmas cheer, come out Tuesday night, December 19, and join with others to sing Christmas carols! This is a community event, sponsored by the South Augusta Pastors Association. It is nice that Baptists, Catholics, Lutherans and Methodists can all sing for joy celebrating the birth of Jesus! We will meet at the Burns Family Life Center at 5 PM, get organized into groups, and then set out to sing. We'll meet back at Burns at around 7 PM for hot chocolate, coffee & cookies! All are welcome to join us!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

A wonderful way to make Christmas special is to attend the Christmas Eve Service at 6 PM on December 24. Here at Burns, we will have the traditional service of Lessons and Carols, with soloists from our own congregation as well as a guest musician, and talented guitarist, David Leinweber. The service will conclude with Holy Communion and singing Silent Night by candle light. Merry Christmas!

QUOTABLE

“Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.”

— **Corrie Ten Boom** (1892-1983) Dutch watchmaker, concentration camp survivor, Christian writer and speaker



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 9:6, KJV

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder:

And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

HYMNS Angels From The Realms Of Glory 131 (B)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed

Let us unite in this historic confession of the Christian faith.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

God is good, **All the time!**

ADVENT WREATH WEEK THREE

HYMN Infant Holy, Infant Lowly 143 (B)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

God of stable, stars and surprises, of light and hope and new life: open our eyes and hearts to your presence in our world;

Forgive our obsession with property and possessions;

Forgive our compromises and narrowness of vision.

Open us to your grace, that we might hear again the song of the angels, and respond with a song in our hearts, and in our lives. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER CHORUS Away In A Manger 157 (B) vs. 3

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

VIDEO CLIP The Paradox Of Christmas

SCRIPTURE John 1:1-5, 9-14, 18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

MESSAGE The Reach Of God

HYMN O Little Town Of Bethlehem 141 (B)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



It is so nice to have you join us this morning at Burns Memorial! We are glad you are here!

If you have any questions about the service, restrooms, hearing devices, Children's Church, Nursery, children's activity bags or anything else, please ask one of the Ushers.

THIS WEEK AT BURNS

Monday, December 18

Morning Movers 10:30 AM

Tuesday, December 19

Community Prayer Breakfast at First 8:00 AM

Presbyterian Church, 638 Greene Street

Augusta Gardens 10:00 AM

Morning Movers 10:30 AM

Christmas Caroling 5:00 PM

Wednesday, December 20

Morning Movers 10:30 AM

Family Night Supper 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 21

Master's Table 10:30 AM

Morning Movers 10:30 AM

Friday, December 22

Morning Movers 10:30 AM

Saturday, December 23

NA Open Meeting 9:00 AM

Sunday, December 24

Sunday School 9:30AM

Choir Practice 10:20 AM

Worship Service 11:00 AM

NA Meeting 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM

Dee will be out of the office from December 22 – January 5.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

LITURGIST Bruce Moore USHER CAPTAIN Wayne Allen
SONG LEADER

PIANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR Mike Kelley SUNDAY COUNTERS Mark Jackson Janet Ford

NURSERY WORKER Colleen Browne AV TECHNICIANS Thomas & Jordan Donaldson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Alex Kelley