

Westminster Window

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The Advent season is upon us and churches are busy with adorning their sanctuaries with festive colors to mark this season of hope and expectation. Special services are being planned, choirs are rehearsing, and costumes are being readied. All to tell the good news of Christ's birth and celebrate God's gift to us in human form. Yes. You're probably well-versed in how to prepare for those inside the church.

But, what about those who are on the outside of your church building; those searching for meaning in this holiday season; those looking for a place to be invited in and welcomed with outstretched arms of grace and love?

Advent is a time when the internet is buzzing with those searching for connections. **NOW is your opportunity to take a new look at your website and social media platforms so they are ready and welcoming for searchers!**

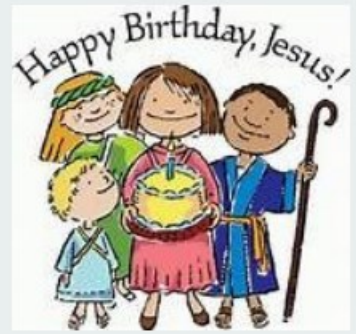
Is your website easy to find? Are you using key words that will be picked up by search engines? Do you have a "what to expect when you visit" page so visitors can be prepared? Are your special services front and center with times, locations, and nursery options? Does your mission page show how you are actively engaged in your community and beyond?

When was the last time you updated your social media platforms? Are your special services pinned to the top of your page? Do you have pictures so searchers can see you? Are their links to your YouTube services?

How do you record and broadcast your worship services? Do you have a YouTube channel? How do people find it? Do you provide links on your other social media platforms so searchers can find your worship services?

Advent is a season of hope for those in your pews and can be a season of connecting for those who are searching. It is a time to reach out to the many who drive past your building and invite them in to hear God's story and experience God's abundant grace.

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2023



Advent Mini Presentations will take place during worship as follows:

Dec 3	Hope— <i>The Prophet</i>	11:00
Dec 10	Peace— <i>John the Baptist</i>	11:00
Dec 17	Joy— <i>Shepherd</i>	11:00
Dec 24	Love— <i>Christ Child</i>	11:00

Dec 21	Longest Night Service, Thurs	5:30
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service	5:00

Bob Howard	16
Leon Gatry	22
Sara Reed	30











The secret to being a "morning person" has nothing to do with what time you wake up. ** It doesn't matter if your morning starts at 4:00 A.M. Or Noon** - That is your morning and I've learned that the way I treat it will determine what I get back from it. If I growl and grumble, it's gonna bite ;). Instead, when I wake up, I decide to be grateful I woke up. I decide to count my blessings instead of complaints. I decide to be patient instead of frazzled. I decide to smile instead of frown. I decide to notice every little joy and count them as such instead of taking them for granted: running water, a bed, a roof, a job, a family, blue sky out my window at a traffic light, tires on my car that take me where I want to go... These are some of the things that helped me to become a morning person, and come to think of it these are also some of the things that helped me to become a happy person. ~Neat how that works.~ A string of small decisions, made moment after moment, day after day... But it all begins - each day - with one... I decide to be grateful.



Merry
Christmas

From the
Mimbs:

Arzetta, Keith,
Devonia, Sam,
Sandra, Sterling,
Wyatt & Stella





Sixty pre-school children had a blessed Thanksgiving due to the generosity of WPC's Food Boxes. Each family received a turkey or ham, along with a box of items to prepare their meal. These families were so grateful and wanted WPC to know that they made a difference for their families!

THANK YOU!!



Larry and Connie both grew up in Northeast Mississippi. They met at Ole Miss and will celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary this December.

Larry has had a rewarding career in pharmacy for almost 40 years, and Connie has enjoyed volunteering in both the church and community. They have two adult children. Logan finishes his medical residency in December and will begin practicing family medicine in January. Mary Charles is a UNA Cinematic Arts graduate and works in marketing.

The Ramseys also have a furry family member, Reilly, who has been a joy and delight to them all for the past 13 years.

The Ramseys fell in love with Florence when visiting Mary Charles during her college years and are excited to be retiring to The Shoals in the near future. They have enjoyed worshipping at Westminster for the past several months and have so appreciated the warm welcome from everyone.



*Larry & Connie
Ramsey*



Logan & Mary Charles





Christmas Potluck Luncheon

When: Friday, Dec 8, 12:00

Where: WPC Parlor

What: Sign up for a dish in the Narthex

Call Linda Seme with questions 985-640-8489

