

Today we celebrate the baptisms of Malik Miller and Wilson Edwards.

The Deacon Ordination of Susan Smith and Danny Fox will be **Sunday, January 17th**.

Coat Drive – We are collecting new and used coats. There is a large collection box in the closet opposite the Lair Sunday School classroom. Each time the box is full, the coats will be taken to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. Give the gift of warmth!

S.E.E. starts tonight, January 10, at 5:00pm, and will continue to meet the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Jeff's study will be the book of Acts - *Gathering a community. Breaking down walls. Spreading the word. Taking a stand.* These four phrases organize this study of Acts and will guide readers through a world alive with God and God's mighty deeds. All of us who have "drunk too deeply at the wells of reason and rationality" will once again pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe. Stephen Brady will lead a study in the Rock House based on *The Comeback – It's Not Too Late and You're Never Too Far* by Louie Giglio. It is a study on several characters in the Bible who made serious mistakes, yet God was able to use these imperfect individuals to further his Kingdom.

Bible Study will resume Wednesday, January 13 at 10:00am in the Activity Building, and we will continue studying *The Divine Conspiracy* by Dallas Willard. Please join us, and bring a light dish to share for lunch after the study.

Brotherhood will meet at Calvert's Kitchen at 6:30pm on Monday, January 18.

Mission Team will meet at the Rock House Tuesday, January 12, at 6:00pm.

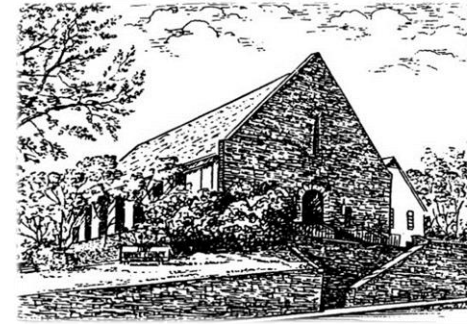
Offering Envelopes – 2016 Offering Envelopes are in the Sunday School classrooms and the Sunday School foyer.

January 3, 2015

Weekly Budget Giving	\$	5,659
Weekly Budget Goal	\$	6,683
YTD Budget Giving	\$	5,659
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Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Baptism of Jesus

The Worship of God

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Words from the Water

Romans 6:3-4

Jeff Harris

Prelude

Call to Worship

Candace Wilson

Almighty God, who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit
and revealed him as your beloved Son;
inspire us, your children,
who are born of water and the Spirit,
to surrender our lives to your service,
that we may rejoice to be called
the sons and daughters of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Baptism of Wilson Edwards

Baptism of Malik Miller

† Hymn of Praise 243

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

MANNA

† Invocation

Lawson Carter

† Passing of the Peace

Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Children's Time

"Mr. Skip" Williams

(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time)

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7 (p. 638) Shelvie Foust

Responsive Reading Psalm 29 Lydia Miller

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;

and in his temple all say, ‘Glory!’

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

New Testament Reading Acts 8:14-17 (p. 121) Candace Wilson

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer Candace Wilson

†Hymn of Dedication *Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed* DUKE STREET

Wonder of wonders, here revealed; God's covenant with us is sealed,
And long before we know or pray, God's love enfolds us every day.

This child of God, though young or old, we welcome now into Christ's fold,
to know with us God's loving care; here all our joys and sorrows share.

Here in this practice may we see God's grace unbound, for all, for me!
May we respond with joyful praise in loving service all our days.

Our vows of faith we now renew, stretch wide our sights to global view,
and claim with Christians far and near a larger family held dear.

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Offertory Prayer Phillip Edwards

Offertory and Meditation *Only Trust Him (Medley)* -James Stevens

†Doxology 253 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100th

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (p. 60) Jeff Harris

Anthem *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* BEACH SPRING

Sermon “An Absolute Soaking Mess” Jeff Harris

†Hymn of Response 390 *We Are Called to Be God’s People* AUSTRIAN HYMN

†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response *May God Give You Peace* -arr. Pepper Choplin

*(May God give you peace through every trial. May God give you courage for every mile.
May God give you comfort and be your friend, and give you life eternal, life without end.)*

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†Postlude *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* -arr. J. Wayne Kerr

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 10	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	5:00	pm	S.E.E.
	6:00	pm	Refuge
Monday, January 11	7:00	pm	Sisterhood
	Tuesday, January 12	10:30	am
6:00		pm	Mission Team – Rock House
Wednesday, January 13	10:00	am	Bible Study – Activity Building
	6:00	pm	Bell choir rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel choir rehearsal
	Sunday, January 17	10:00	am
11:00		am	Worship, Deacon Ordination
5:00		pm	Children’s Choir (grades 1-5)
6:00		pm	Refuge

If you are a guest, we are grateful you are here. Please complete a welcome card, which can be found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate, so we can send you a written word of greeting. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence with us.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex.

Acolytes for today’s service are Laney Littlefield and Durham McEntire.