

# THE METHODIST TRIBUNE

## CHURCH EVENTS

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*Sunday, Dec. 12 – 2-6:00pm Christmas  
Store*

*Sunday, Dec. 19 – 4:00pm Christmas  
Celebration*

*Friday, Dec. 24 – 7:00pm Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Our US Military**

**Our Schools**

**Reba Finch**

**Jewell Spivey**

**Laura Virgil**

**Tom & Nancy Venable**

**Katherine Johnson**

**Tyler Stafford**

**Butch Barlow**

**Lori Davenport**

**Martha Moore**

**Brenda Heinrich**

**Scott Heinrich**

**Harold & Betty Martin**

**Jaymon Loftis**

Please send *Margaret Anderson* a  
birthday card, she will be 100 year  
old on Dec. 20. Let's celebrate her life!

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

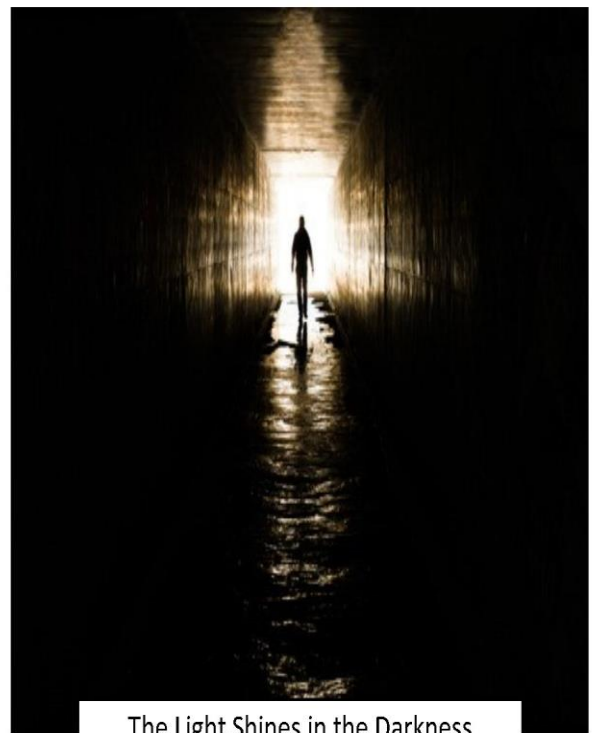
*John 1:5*

Christmas comes to us here in Tennessee in the wintertime. While winter is not officially here, we are getting a foretaste of what is yet to come. Winter is a cold time. The land is barren, frozen, frigid, the days are filled with darkness, and the world seems to be silent. Did you know that it’s actually quieter in the winter? It’s not just your perception. When snow falls, it absorbs sound leaving things much quieter than any other time of year. Maybe this is just a description of a season of the weather. Or maybe it describes your life, emotions, and attitude lately.

Over the next four weeks we will be celebrating the advent season. This is a season that celebrates the advent, or coming, of Jesus Christ into the world. Christ did not come into a world filled with sunshine and rainbows. He came to a world of suffering, pain, and despair. He came as a light into this dark world and brought us the precious gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love.

To a nation of slaves with no future, he brought hope. To a society filled with war and fighting, he brought peace. To a people in misery and mourning, he brought joy. To those who have grown indifferent, he brought love. All of these are

phrased as past tense representations. But there is a present reality. Christ did not just bring these gifts to people long ago, he is here today, standing in the midst of a hurting and broken world, offering these wonderful gifts to you and I. Jesus wasn’t just the light of the world. He is the light of the world. And as John said above, the light shines, and it is currently shining. And for 2000 years, the darkness has yet to overcome it. During this season, let us remember that he is not just the light of the world, but he is the light coming into our dark world as well.



The Light Shines in the Darkness

Advent 2021

November 28 – December 24

Gainesboro First UMC

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## ALWAYS THERE

### **Margaret Anderson**

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she will be a centurion!***

### **Reba Finch**

104 Cox Avenue

Gainesboro, TN 38562

### **Ann Hart**

141 Shorewood Drive

Long Beach, IN 46360

### **Katherine Johnson**

Mabry Health Care

Room B-4

Gainesboro, TN 38562

### **Nancy Venable**

820 Quarles Hollow Road

Gainesboro, TN 38562

### **Martha Moore**

2105 Griffin Town Road

Sparta, TN 38583



## BIRTHDAYS

### ***December***

2 Rosemary Henry

3 Terry Montgomery

4 Katherine Johnson

11 Emily Burgess

12 Bill Russell

14 Sue Zion

17 Susan Burgess

19 Tony Hunter

20 Margaret Anderson

21 Jordan Hunter

25 Timmy Huffines

27 Rob Montgomery

30 Madyson Burgess

### ***January***

8 Gretchen Collins

10 Frank Montgomery

13 Lindsey Loftis

20 Charlene Cox

22 Bill Draper

24 Peg Russell

## ANNIVERSARIES

### ***December***

30 John & Faye Willmore



Send a card to those who cannot be with us,  
birthdays and anniversaries, thinking of you  
cards!



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## *Memorials*

*Pat J. Forkum*

## Landscaping

Jean Richardson

Frank & Terry Montgomery

BASIC Sunday School

Linda Prill

Elaine Craighead

## Operating

Stella Cain

## Building

Jim & Karen Eberly

## **Christmas Celebration** **Sunday, December 19** **4:00pm**

Come join us as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas! We will meet in the Sanctuary to sing! There will be some special guest singers and we will sing together, so if you have any requests, please let us know!

After the singing we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to eat and enjoy a meal together. Pastor Tim will prepare shredded BBQ. Please bring a side dish or whatever you think will go with BBQ and please bring desserts!

I hope to see you there!

**Merry Christmas!**

