

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER
December 2021

Pleasant Chapel Community Church
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Worship 10:00am



For
unto us
a child is
BORN, unto us
a Son is given
and his name will be
called, wonderful, counselor,
mighty GOD, the everlasting Father
the Prince of Peace

Isaiah
9:6-7



Birthdays

Dec 2 Stephen Dolby
 Dec 3 Robert Lahr
 Dec 3 Richard VanDuyn
 Dec 6 Jeri Johnson
 Dec 8 Diane Sherbahn
 Dec 9 Dale Law
 Dec 9 Matt Whitaker
 Dec 10 John Rogers
 Dec 10 Tom Nei
 Dec 11 Elizabeth Stocker
 Dec 15 Maddie Fairchild
 Dec 15 Andy Amick
 Dec 15 Makaihla Raichart
 Dec 17 Jill Law
 Dec 18 Rev. John Morris
 Dec 18 Dorothea Souers
 Dec 22 Grace Fairchild
 Dec 22 Kevin Beck
 Dec 23 John W. Rogers
 Dec 26 Lilly Ayers
 Dec 31 Mike Ayers

Greeters

Dec 5 Larry and Joyce
 Dec 12 Julie and Lillian
 Dec 19 Brent and Matt
 Dec 26 Candy and Jill
 Jan 2 Roger and Ellen
 Jan 9 John and Anna
 Jan 16 Andy and Andrea
 Jan 23 Leona And Sarah

Acolytes

Dec 5 Colclessers
 Dec 12 Magnusons
 Dec 19 Amicks
 Dec 26 Hands
 Jan 2 Colclessers
 Jan 9 Magnusons
 Jan 16 Amicks
 Jan 23 Hands

Anniversaries

Dec 30 Jim and Cynthia Chesterman

| 2021 <i>December</i> | | | | | | |
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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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Events

Dec 6 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Dec 11 – Breakfast with Santa 9-11
Dec 13 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Dec 20 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Dec 23 – Christmas Eve's Eve 7pm
Dec 27 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30

Bible Studies - All are invited to Parson's home each Monday at 6:30 (unless otherwise announced) for an hour of study and discussion.

Thank you to each one who has furnished snacks for the coffee/cookie table. Everyone enjoys this!

Thank you from the Salvation Army in Huntington to Pleasant Chapel for our donation of \$50.00 in November 21.

Thank you to everyone who filled shoe boxes to send for Samritan Purse Organization Christmas Child. A total of 11 boxes was sent from PC.

Children's Church is held each Sunday morning after the children's

story for preschoolers and up to third grade. Thank you to Ellen Colclessers and all of her helpers who make children's church a great experience for our young saints!

Mailboxes - If you want to give Christmas cards to any of our church family, please use our mailboxes. The mailboxes are arranged alphabetically.

Breakfast with Santa here at Pleasant Chapel on Saturday December 11th from 9:00 to 11:00 in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.

PC Women's Group The Pleasant Chapel Women met on Wednesday, November 11th at 1:00 at Joann Dolby's house.

President Jill Law opened the meeting with devotions, reading from Psalms 131: 13 -19.

Roll call was answered by 4 ladies.



Minutes were read and approved.

Correspondence: a thank you from Candy for the birthday party we had for her. Also a thank you letter from Love INC for our \$75 donation for the Love Unity Feast on October 19th.

Cards were signed to send to friends and shut-ins.

We are planning to visit the gingerbread house displayed in Fort Wayne on Monday, November 29th.

Joann gave the program using John 21: 1-19, with Thanksgiving coming an family and friends sharing meals together, Jesus shared meals with people many times.



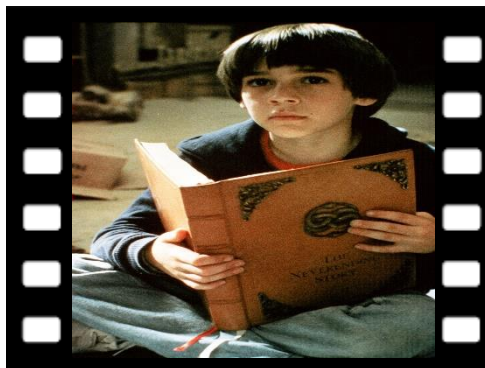
Another Great Tenderloin!
Thanks to all of those who helped with this year's fall tenderloin supper on November 13th. It was a great success. Over 300 people were served and over \$2200 was netted for the Trustees.

The curbside pickup was a hit especially since the weather was kind of nasty making it easier for



people to not have to walk outside and down the steps to the basement.

When our kids were younger, one of our favorite movies was The Neverending Story. Bastian is a young boy and the main character in



the movie. He is struggling with the death of his mother and is often bullied. Once when avoiding his attackers, he sneaks into a bookstore and begins to read a book which is entitled The Neverending Story.

The book is about the mystical land, Fantasia, where there are all kinds of strange creatures who live together in harmony. However, in the land of Fantasia there is a dark force that is threatening to destroy everything.



It's called *The Nothing*.

The child Empress of Fantasia has fallen ill and the illness is tied to *The Nothing* that is taking over all of the land. The rest of the movie is seeking to find a solution to the problem of the destructive forces of *The Nothing*.

Throughout the reading of the book, Bastian has feelings of a closeness to this fantasy story. He is strangely attached to the plot and characters. The climax of the story is at the point when Bastian realizes that the only person that can save Fantasia is described in the book, and in the story, is him! The description of the one who can save all of Fantasia is Bastian himself - the one who is reading the book. It's too much for him to handle. How can one who is reading the book



participate in the story of the book? But just as *The Nothing* is about to overcome all of the land and kill the Princess, Bastian reads that all he has to do is give the Princess a new name. It is a step of faith for Bastian to shout out the new princess's name but he does and gives her the same name as his mother.

The reader of the story, Bastian, is the hero of the story! At that instant *The Nothing* is destroyed and all of Fantasia is restored to normal. Happily ever after. And the credits roll.

It is a fun movie and provides some good entertainment. It follows the same recipe of good stories, plays, and movies. There are characters that are developed, there is a crisis that arises, heroes and villains, and a climax to bring resolution to the problem.

But what is unique about this story is the dependence and involvement of the reader of the story. Bastion had to participate in the story in order for the conflict of the story to be resolved.

I think about that a lot because that is so much like this great story of our Christian faith. If you think about our story, there are all of those characters of our faith, there is the great conflict of good and evil, sin and righteousness. Jesus is the hero of the story that brings the great conflict to climax which happened on a cross and an empty tomb.

And in a way, you and I are much like Bastian in The Neverending Story. We have this book called the Bible that allows us to come to know the characters, the plot, the hero, the conflict and its resolution. I believe as we grow in our faith, we become aware that we are participants in this story. Just like Bastian realized the one who could defeat *The Nothing* was him, this great story of our faith calls us to become engaged in the story. We are players in this story. Our never ending story began in a garden so long ago and will continue on into all of eternity.

The part of the story we focus on in these next few weeks regards the

coming of our hero. The cosmic conflict of sin that needed fixed was going to be fixed as God himself would become low, take on flesh, and come to us as a child dependent upon that poor couple to raise him.

The child would grow, teach, provide signs of his authority, introduce a new covenant for all humankind, die and be raised again for the forgiveness of the sins of the world. That's why he came. The purpose of being born in that manger was to die for the sins of the world, mine and yours.

It's not just an adorable story that we look at like a nativity set with a cute little baby. There is so much more going on to the story and the story calls for us to not just be mere spectators or readers of the story, but rather ones who actively engage the story. To become integrated into the story by becoming participating kingdom builders from this point until the second coming of Jesus Christ.

May each of us, during this season of reflection of the greatness that God has done for us by the bringing of the Son to us and for us, truly seek to find the ways in which we can become more affective players in the greatest story ever told.

Luke 2:4-14(NIV)

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

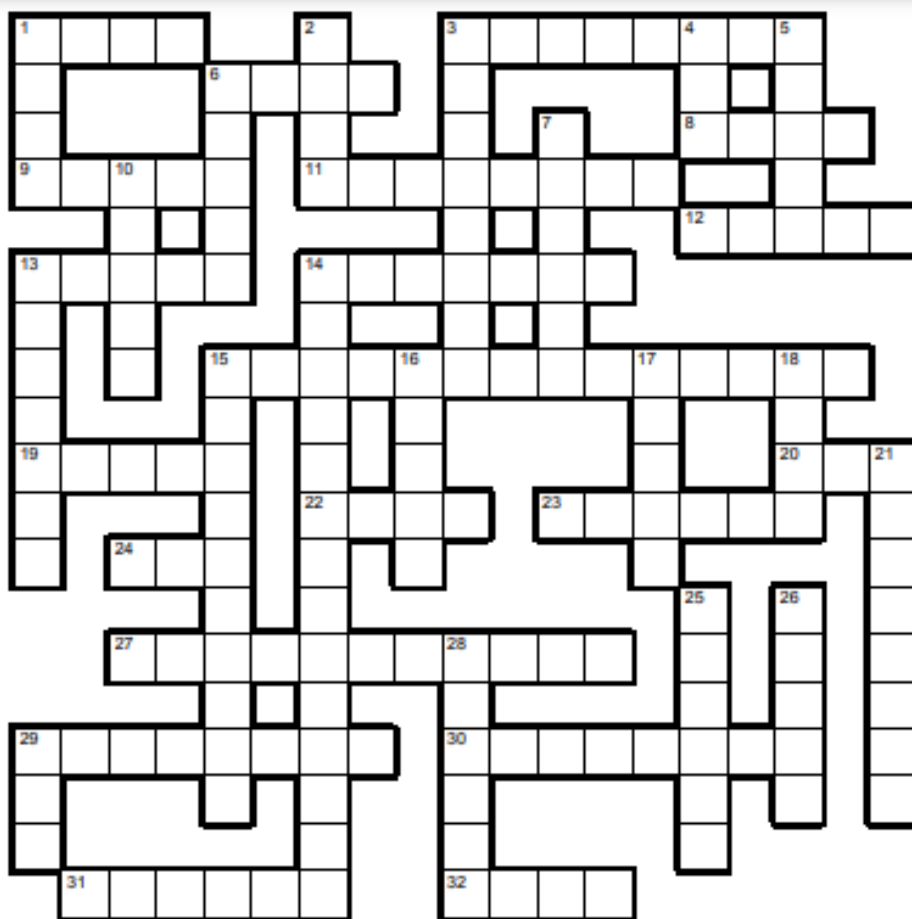
Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."



| | September 5, 2021 | September 12, 2021 | September 19, 2021 | September 26, 2021 | October 3, 2021 | October 10, 2021 | October 17, 2021 | October 24, 2021 | October 31, 2021 | November 7, 2021 | November 14, 2021 | November 21, 2021 | November 28, 2021 |
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| Attendance | 35 | 44 | 41 | 38 | 51 | 70 | 51 | 30 | 56 | 73 | 39 | 34 | 39 |
| Giving | 945 | 4679 | 691 | 1616 | 2726 | 1045 | 1790 | 496 | 1241 | 2598 | 1041 | 1664 | 1286 |

Across

- 1 Transportation for going over snow (4)
 3 Mixture of seasoned ingredients (8)
 6 Baby's bed (4)
 8 Period from December 24th to January 6th (4)
 9 Red-breasted bird (5)
 11 Twelve days after Christmas (8)
 12 Alcoholic drink normally served in a bowl (5)
 13 Jolly (5)
 14 News (7)
 15 Goes with the turkey (9,5)
 19 A type of tree used at Christmas (5)
 20 The colour of Santa's hat (3)
 22 ____ log; traditionally burned at Christmas (4)
 23 Sanctified (6)
 24 Cured leg of pork (3)
 27 Christmas song (6,5)
 29 Found under the Christmas tree? (8)
 30 Grace (8)
 31 Snow falls in this season (6)
 32 Given at Christmas (4)



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Down

- 1 Bright celestial body (4)
 2 Christmas tree type (4)
 3 Take aback (8)
 4 No room here! (3)
 5 Elvish colour (5)
 6 Sweets; flavoured sugar (5)
 7 Container usually found in a stable (6)
 10 Beginning of life (5)
 13 Amazing event (7)
 14 Written after Christmas? (5,3,6)
 15 Formal events (10)
 16 Ring out from churches (5)
 17 Accompaniment for food (5)
 18 Printed or written greeting (4)
 21 Month in which Christmas falls (8)
 25 Nature of God (6)
 26 One was born in Bethlehem (5)
 28 Sweetened milk drink, with eggs and alcohol (6)
 29 Pastry dish (3)



The Meaning of the Advent Candles

Five simple candles tell the story of Christ's birth and the reasons God sent His only Son to the earth...

The candle of Hope (Purple) reminds us of the prophet's words and the promises they shared with all those who heard. The candle of Peace (Purple) reminds us to prepare our hearts,

because it is within us that true worship starts.

The candle of Joy (Pink) reminds us how the angels came

to announce God's good news and glorify His name.

The candle of Love (Purple) is our response to God's Son

as we so humbly thank Him for all He has done.

The final candle stands tall above all the rest, because it is for the One who is brightest and best...

the candle of Christ reminds us of the reason we rejoice and celebrate the Christmas season!

