

Life on the Road

Updates from City Road Chapel



December 17, 2023

3rd Sunday in Advent

Hope Is Coming!



Advent and Christmas at City Road

Today is the first Sunday of the season of Advent, the time in the life of the church when we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ – both as the child in Bethlehem and his future reign. This is a time for reflection and renewal, thinking about the meaning of God becoming flesh (incarnation) in our lives. While we always think about love, peace, joy, and hope at this time of the year, this Advent we are placing a special emphasis on hope, preparing for its coming, and celebrating that it has come. May God bless you during this holy season.

Advent Devotional Guides

There are special devotional guides for the Advent season available in the Welcome Center. These are provided by the Society of St. Andrew and their ministries to help the hungry.

Christmas Eve Schedule

As you are finalizing your plans for the Christmas season, we want to remind you that Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. **We will be having our normal Sunday morning service at 9 a.m. with a focus on the 4th Sunday of Advent.** Later that night, **we will have our traditional service of lessons and carols, communion, and candlelight at 10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** We know that many in the community appreciate the late-night service as it allows them to do Christmas Eve celebrations with family and then come to worship to welcome Christmas. Please put both important services in your calendar and come celebrate the birthday of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS

EVE



FEAST

@ CITY ROAD CHAPEL
THE MADISON COMMUNITY MEAL

Today, December 17, 2023
Volunteer at 4, Dinner at 5
Come love on our neighbors!!

Holiday Office Schedule

The church offices will be closed on December 25 and 26, and January 1. If you have a pastoral emergency, please leave a message on Jay's voicemail and he will get back to you.





As of 12/14/2023

- Bishop Bill McAlilly -- ankle replacement on Dec. 28
- Rick Camp (Kaye's husband) -- knee replacement
- Darryl Ford (Jerry Armour's cousin) recovering from heart surgery
- Brian Billingsley -- recovering from surgery to remove tumors
- Coneale Bethurung -- Cancer
- Genie McMurtry -- cardiac issues
- Mae Helen Diamond -- cardiac issues
- Gwynn Howell
- Brenda Davis (Jimmy Rager's sister) is dealing with cancer
- Louise Walden (Jim's mom)
- Linda Capps -- Stage 4 Cancer
- Marcia Jefferson -- Cancer
- Nola and James Dyer
- John Evans -- dealing with cardiac issues
- Sheryl McIlvane's brother Tom, dealing with Parkinsons
- Gail Donelson
- Lydia McGuire
- Dorri Donnell Stanfill (Anita Kay Schofill's daughter)
- Joy Luthy
- Clint Camp (Kay Camp's son)
- Fred and Linda Tudor (friends of Peggy Hickman's)
- The residents of our Mobile Housing Navigation Center and our Family Navigation Center
- Linda Bingaman (Jerry's mom)

This Week at City Road Chapel

Sunday, December 17

3rd Sunday in Advent

- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:45-8:15 a.m.
- Choir Rehearsal – 8:15 a.m.
- Sunday Worship – 9 a.m.
- Discipleship Classes – 10 a.m.
- Chasing Francis Study – 2 p.m.

Monday, December 18

- Showers of Blessing – 7 a.m. – noon
- RCI Christmas Dinner in Gym
- Prayer Shawl Ministry – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20

- Showers of Blessing – 7 a.m. – noon
- Wednesday Prayer via Zoom – 2 p.m.
- Transitions Group – 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 21

- Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 a.m.
- Living Word Christmas Party at Sandtrap – 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:45 – 8:15 a.m.
- Choir Rehearsal – 8:15 a.m.
- Sunday Worship – 9 a.m.
- Discipleship Classes – 10 a.m.
- NO Chasing Francis Study
- Candlelight and Communion Service – 10 p.m.

City Road Chapel also hosts Narcotics Anonymous Groups Mondays through Saturdays at noon, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., and on Sundays at 1 p.m.

Welcome Desk Schedule

- December 17 – Jim Neely
- December 24 – Randy Moore
- December 31 – Mac Smith

Upcoming Birthdays

- Randy Chance – December 22
- Barry Jones – December 24

Anniversaries

- Randy and Susan Moore – December 23
- Jay Voorhees & Mary Christy – December 27