

# Childrens Ministry

Hi Kids!

This is my last chance before Christmas to write to you, so I wanted to just start out with a great, big MERRY CHRISTMAS to you all from us! Even though I can't be ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE since I am currently limited by my inability to move around in time the way I might like to, I am 99.9939909% sure that the Christmas party yesterday was a tremendous success! One thing I do know for sure is that there were a lot of people who were willing to help when we were looking for volunteers to get the party together. There are a lot of good things for me and my family about working with the people here at RRCC, but one of the nicest is the way our church makes us feel like the kids and the work we do for them is essential and worth supporting. So, thank you very much to everyone!

Speaking of members taking an active part in the ministry, I would like to show some appreciation to Emily Nielsen who, for the past few months, has taken it upon herself to plan a monthly family outing for our group! The December trip is this **Thursday the 22nd at 10am at Max Air** in Marion. The cost will be \$5 per child, but the price per family is capped at \$10, which is really a pretty good deal. We hope a lot of you can make it, and thank you Emily for getting this all together!

Next, I need to say how proud I am of the many students who I have heard reciting Bible facts and verses in our Wednesday night Bible Discovery class these past few weeks. Congratulations to **Daisy Gary, John Gary, Lilly Gary, Violet Gary, Lauren Hildreth, Blake Hoggatt, Madelynn Hoggatt, Miles Howard, Madalyn Lewis, RJ Patterson, Liam Rossiter, and Noah Charles Shepherd!** Way to go, guys!

Talk to you soon!

-Ryan

Find the letters in the picture below.  
IMMANUEL GOD WITH US



The Birth of Christ Through the Book of Ruth

## THE KINSMAN-REDEEMER

I Peter 1:18-21

A \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_

Scene one: Naomi, the \_\_\_\_\_ -

- Ruth 3:2-5
- Ruth 2:20
- Ruth 3:6

Scene 2: A \_\_\_\_\_

- Ruth 3:7-8
- Ruth 3:9
- Ruth 3:10-11

Scene 3: A \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_

- Ruth 3:12-13
- Ruth 3:14
- Ruth 3:15
- Ruth 3:16-18

THE \_\_\_\_\_

Seeking the \_\_\_\_\_ of

- Ruth 4:1
- Ruth 4:3-4

\_\_\_\_\_ up the \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ruth 4:5
- Ruth 4:6

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of

- Ruth 4:8-10

\_\_\_\_\_, our \_\_\_\_\_.

- Galatians 3:22-23
- Galatians 4:4-5
- Romans 8:3
- Mark 10:45

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Seth Rossiter



Richland Road

# Church of CHRIST

December 18, 2022

## Holiday Schedule

Next Sunday

Christmas Day

One service at 11:00 A.M

No Bible Class

Sunday, January 1

New Years Day

Regular service and class times



# Staying Connected

**YEAR IN REVIEW RECAP!** The elders shared the six following categories: Fellowship, Benevolence, Building & Grounds Projects, Safety Team, Financials and Auditorium Refresh. We have accomplished many great works with the help of the Lord and each of you working together! If you missed the meeting this past Wednesday, please ask an elder for a quick recap, proposed dates for 2023, statement of activity comparison or watch it on the RRCC YouTube Page. The theme for 2023 will be “*God is Able*” taken from Ephesians 3:20.

**THE WINTER PARABLE!** Many people celebrate the birth of Jesus as December 25, though it’s unlikely that he was born that day. It is believed that this date was adopted, possibly in the second century A.D., because it corresponded to the ‘winter solstice’ — when the daylight period begins to lengthen.

The winter solstice is the darkest day of the year. Think about what this means for everyday thereafter. Each day after the winter solstice, more light reaches our top half of the earth. The sun draws sooner, it sets later, and the days become brighter. Compare this truth with what Isaiah prophesied about Jesus’ birth (9:2, 6) “The people who walked in darkness have seen the great light; those who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Our world is dark! Evil and ignorance are widespread today just as they were in Isaiah’s time. Read through Isaiah 8, and you’ll see people who were trying everything to find light from the world. They looked to the world, specifically mediums and wizards (8:19, KJV), to solve their problems. What were the results? They were thrust even deeper into darkness.

To whom do we look to fix the world, solve our problems, and give us hope? Though our society has largely moved on from wizardry, perhaps we’re tempted to see scientists or certain politicians as the solution to evil and ignorance. Some may turn to alcohol or pornography to cope with the darkness. If we look to a dark world for hope or to cope, we’ll only find darkness.

The Light of the World (John 8:12) is not from the word (John 17:16). Like the dawning sun, the Son of God is an outside force that brings life, truth, and joy to the world.

Whether or not you make a special effort to celebrate the birth of Christ this month, look to the sky and see the parable given to us by God through the winter solstice. Each day up until December 21 (our date for the solstice), notice how the days become shorter and darker. Each time you hear someone remark, “It doesn’t feel like it should be this dark outside,” think about the dark hopelessness of a world that doesn’t know Christ. Then every day following, as the sun shines brighter, remember our Living Hope (1 Peter 1:3), the Light of the World!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!  
Matt & Cindy Dahm

## INFORMATION & EVENTS

### LIFEGROUPS

MEET TODAY



**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Ken & Vicki Adkins and their family at the passing of Vicki’s father. Robert Echelberry.



**HOLIDAY CAROLING**—Join us this evening @ 5:00 PM as we go around caroling for several of our senior and shut-in members. Afterwards, we will go get a free Hot Chocolate and a donut at Tim Horton’s.



**AMAZING GRAYS**—The seniors will meet for their monthly luncheon Tuesday @ 11:30 AM, here in the Fellowship Hall for a Christmas Dinner and White Elephant Gift exchange. Sign up in the foyer.



**BIBLE DISCOVERY WILL NOT BE MEETING FOR THE NEXT TWO WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS. A GROUP BIBLE CLASS WILL BE OFFERED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR ALL CHILDREN AGE 2—5TH GRADE.**



**YOUNG FAMILY OUTING**—There will be a Young Family Outing this Thursday from 10:00 AM—Noon at Max Air here in Marion. Children are \$5 or a max of \$10 per family. See Emily Nielsen for details.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 26—JANUARY 2 FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**



**WOMEN OF PURPOSE**—Wednesday, December 28 @ noon, the Women of Purpose will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a finger food lunch and \$10 gift exchange. This group is for all women who are widowed or single.



**HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP**—On Wednesday, December 28 @ 7:00 PM we will be having a time of fellowship, games, and finger foods. Please bring snacks and games with you!

**PICK UP A DECEMBER PRAYER LIST AND POWER FOR TODAY IN THE FOYER**

*Bible Hour and Junior Worship will meet during 2nd service.*

## FOR THE RECORD December 11, 2022

BIBLE SCHOOL.....75	WEDNESDAY.....73
SUNDAY AM.....255	CONTRIBUTION.....\$4,361.96
SUNDAY PM.....93	BUDGET.....\$6,731.00



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FAMILY  
HOLIDAY  
CARDS!**



**ONLINE DIRECTORY**—For the most up to date directory information use our Universal Church Directory smart phone app or desktop directory. If you need download instructions you can find a helpful sheet in the foyer. You will need a family code to register, so contact the church office to get yours. If you don’t have a smart phone or a computer, you can ask the church office for an up to date directory print out.



**THANK YOU**—We want to thank you for the prayers, flowers, and well wishes in regards to Don’s surgery. Your Christian love is sincerely appreciated.  
**The Goins Family**

**THANK YOU** for the lovely flowers, food, cards, and calls we received from church family when Bob’s brother passed away. During this time we also both had COVID, your prayers and concern were appreciated.  
**Bob & Bonnie Godwin**

**THANK YOU** so much for the beautiful flowers and prayers.

**Sylvia Jewell**

*Richland Road Church of Christ  
2023 Theme*

*God is Able*

*Ephesians 3:17-20*