

I was hiking through the woods recently and sat to look at an old crumbling chimney that stood alone in a forest clearing.

The fire's warm glow on faces burns bright
In stark contrast to the bitter-cold, outer night.
A steaming pot of savory stew,
A family awaiting dinner when preparations are through.
Father is reading, Mother is cooking,
Children are playing, laughing and joking;
And in the midst of the noise the dog lies a-snoring.

These are the bright times gathered by the fire
Until family is gone and days have retired.
The chimney sits solitary in a house without walls
With no other voice near, only sounds of cricket calls.
This monument to good times reminds me today
To enjoy God's gracious gifts for nothing stays the same.
Enjoy the warm glow of family and friends
Before they are gone and day finally ends.

I have so much for which to thank our Lord Jesus, and you are some of those gifts. Blessings to you all in this holiday season.

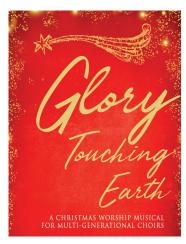
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12th Annual Fannin CLC Christmas Concert Dec. 6 @ 6:00 pm Hosted by McCaysville FBC

A love offering will be received for the Fannin Christian Learning Center





Plan now to attend this Christmas Musical with songs of worship and adoration, praise and glory.

Presented by our
Worship and Children's
Choirs
Sunday—December 13
6:00 pm

SUNDAY
DEC. 20
5:00 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME
TO PARTICIPATE.







"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." (Matthew 2:6) Every year when Christmas time comes around, my mind goes back to the day in 2015 when I first laid eyes on the Shepherds field outside of Bethlehem. The fields look the same as they did 2000 years ago. These were fields that the Shepherds would have been working on that dark and quiet night so long ago. It is a dry, rocky, and barren land. It was over this barren and rocky field that the Heavens opened up and illuminated the darkness as the angels announced the greatest news that would ever be heard by human ears. "Behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy. For unto you this day, in the city of David, is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!" (Luke 2:10-11)

I could not help but think of the difference that Jesus has made in my life. Before He came into my life, my heart was dark, rocky, barren, and dry. It wasn't until the light of Heaven had shone in my dark heart that my life was changed forever! Jesus Christ has come to save all who will repent of their sins and trust Him to be their Savior. He comes at times we are not expecting and with Him comes new life. Praise God for the coming of Jesus and we pray for His soon return. May God bless you and your family during this Christmas Season. May God help us in this season to keep on telling darkened, rocky, and barren hearts in this world the good news that was announced from those fields on that wonderful and holy night. Jesus has come to save!

From my family to yours may you have a very Merry Christmas! We love you!

Pastor Bob and family

	DECEMBER 2020							
Г	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
	Lottie	Offering  g the unreached since 1888.	1 Quilting B's 9 am	2 Homeschool 8:30—3:30 DINNER @ 5 pm	3 PRECEPT 9:00-11:30 am A/Y CENTER Aerobics 5:30 pm	4	Free Event For Families  9:30 am  A/Y CENTER	
Ch	Advent Sermon "HOPE"  Family Skating 1:00 - 9:00  FCLC  rristmas Concert 6 pm  BC—McCaysville	7 Aerobics 5:30 pm Deacons' Meeting 7 pm	8 WMU Heart to Hands 10 am Fellowship Hall	9 DINNER @ 5 pm	10 Aerobics 5:30 pm	11	12 Choir Rehearsal 10 am - 12 pm	
Woi	Advent Sermon "PEACE" rship & Children's Choir Concert ry Touching Earth 6 pm	Aerobics 5:30 pm Prophecy Class Rm. 211 6:30 pm	15 Men's Prayer Time 6:30 am Quilting B's 9 am	16 DINNER @ 5 pm	17 Aerobics 5:30 pm	18	19	
Ch	Advent Sermon "JOY" ristmas Caroling 5 pm evening service	Aerobics 5:30 pm Prophecy Class Rm. 211 6:30 pm	22	NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES	24—CHURCH OF  CHRISTMAS  EVE  Candlelight Service  4:30 & 6:30 pm	SFICES CLOSED—25 a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.	26 FELLOWSHIP HALL/ KITCHEN RESERVED	
	Advent Sermon "LOVE"  evening service	28 Aerobics 5:30 pm	29	NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES	"May those w God's Glory, con some da	ho have not seen me to see His Glory y this year." —Faith.PoetPatriot.com	JANUARY 2, 2021	

## WINTER WEEKLY SCHEDULE **Sunday Bible Study** Sun. 9:30 am (Adults only—A/Y enter) **Morning Worship** 10:45 am **Evening Worship** 6:00 pm Mon. 5:30 pm Aerobics Wed. 3:30 pm Painting with a Purpose (1st grade & up) 5:00 pm **Dinner is served (beginning September 9)** 5:45 pm **Grades 1-6** Fight the Good Fight (Bible) **Children's Choir** Age 3—Kindergarten Art/Preschool Choir Youth Bible Study—A/Y Center **Prayer Meeting/Adult Bible Study ESL Class** 5:45-7 pm **Adult Choir Practice** 7:15 pm 9:00 am Thurs. **Precepts - A/Y Center** Aerobics 5:30 pm

ı	DEACON OF THE WEEK	CHURCH SERVICE SECURITY			
ı	6 Cecil Anderson	Larry Dyer			
ı	13 Bob Brady	Fred Cochran			
П	20 Ed Brantley	Jerry Gordon			
1	27 Shan Culpepper	Hollis Hope			

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 01 Harold Dean
- 08 Dale Dyer Don Sones
- 09 Courtney Culpepper
- 13 Alyse Dressler
- 14 Kenny Stuart Gina Klatt Holly Dressler Hugh & Ann Gibson (A)
- 17 Karen Tilley Ron Williams
- 18 Ethan Arnall Virginia Bryant
- 19 David & Loucretia Morgan (A)
- 20 Johnny Scearce Roddy Turner Paula Gumaer Mark Dressler
- 21 Cindy Chapman
- 23 Mary Rucker Jason & Esther Queen (A)
- 26 Hunter Blevins
- 28 Lyn Lord Roger Watson Beverly Weaver
- 29 Joe Pack
- 30 Kathy Culpepper Kennedi Haight
- 31 Betty Cripe Ben Galloway Judy Butler

May the Lord Bless You on Your Special Day!