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## News from The Fellowship:



### **This Sunday:**

**9:00 AM**

**Sunday  
School**

**10:00 AM**

**Fellowship**

**10:30 AM**

**Worship**

Join us this **Sunday, December 3rd** at Page Middle School for Sunday School, Fellowship, Worship, Prayer, Song & Praise. Invite a friend. Bring a stranger. **PLEASE NOTE** that we are collecting for **Staff Christmas Gifts** starting this coming Sunday (more on this below).

*This Sunday at Page Middle School: Sunday School starts promptly at **9AM**. Find both Sunday School classes in the hallway behind the keyboard (front/right corner of the worship space). Proceed through the doors and follow the hallway to find your class. Fellowship will start at **10AM** and be held in the "sunroom" along the left side of the worship space. Worship starts at **10:30**. **PLEASE USE PRAYER CARDS TO REQUEST PRAYER.** Prayer cards are available in the lobby or from the ushers.*



## [Happenings at Riverside Fellowship](#)

### **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

**8:00AM:** Men's Bible Study at the home of Roland and Marsha Preston (2504 Belle Brook Drive) ([JohnWilliamMeade@gmail.com](mailto:JohnWilliamMeade@gmail.com)).

**9:30:** **ADVENTures in Christmas** children's event at Millview Poolhouse. Mark your calendar ([cjkurzrock@gmail.com](mailto:cjkurzrock@gmail.com)).

### **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

**9:00:** Sunday School

**10:00:** Fellowship

**10:30:** Worship, Praise, Song, Prayer, Readings, Teachings, More.

**2:00 PM:** College Grove Christmas Parade featuring a Riverside Fellowship float.

**Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM:** Riverside Singers practice at the home of Blair & Julie Mowery (6825 Pleasant Gate Lane).

**Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM:** Riverside Ringers practice at Arlette Eddy's home (4408 Peytona Lane).

### **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:**

**8 AM:** Morning Prayers at the home of John & Nancy Meade (7128 Brandon Park Ct. – Come around back to the lower patio door.) ([JohnWilliamMeade@gmail.com](mailto:JohnWilliamMeade@gmail.com)).

**9:30 AM:** Women's Bible Study at the home of Archie Gentry at 4408 Peytona Lane. ([bobpenv@gmail.com](mailto:bobpenv@gmail.com)).

**6:30 PM:** Wednesday Night Small Group: Join us for Dinner, Discussion, Bible Study and Prayer at the home of John & Nancy Meade (7128 Brandon Park Ct.) ([JohnWilliamMeade@gmail.com](mailto:JohnWilliamMeade@gmail.com)).

**Saturday, December 9th at 8AM: Men's CHRISTMAS Breakfast.** Location to be announced.  
([JohnWilliamMeade@gmail.com](mailto:JohnWilliamMeade@gmail.com))

**Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM: Christmas Caroling** (meet at Blair and Julie's house -- 6825 Pleasant Gate Lane).

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve at Riverside Fellowship at Battle Mountain Farm:**

**10:30:** Christmas Service at Battle Mountain Farm.

**5 PM:** Christmas Eve Service at Battle Mountain Farm.



**SHHHHH!!**

**It's A**  
**SECRET....**

To help celebrate the Christmas season we are collecting donations for staff Christmas gifts to be presented on Sunday, December 17th. If you would like to contribute, just drop your check in the offering basket and mark your check "Staff Gifts". Our current staff include Kevin Wood, Amy Tate Williams and

Laura Ward. See Buff Groth with any questions.



# **THIS SATURDAY**

## **ADVENTures in Christmas**

### **Children's Event**

Join us this Saturday morning December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 – 11:00 at the Mill View Pool house for Christmas Crafts, songs, and stories.

Bring your kids, grandkids, and neighbor kids for a wonderful Christmas kickoff!

It's all about STARS & ANGELS. All are welcome.



## Men's Bible Study:



### **Saturday, December 2nd:**

Men's Bible Study is on **Saturday Mornings at 8AM** at the home of Roland and Marsha Preston (2504 Belle Brook Drive). Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month. Contact John Meade for more information at [JohnWilliamMeade@gmail.com](mailto:JohnWilliamMeade@gmail.com).

Here is what to expect: This bible study is a group of five to seven men, hosted in our homes, meeting on Saturday mornings. George Rembert facilitates an open, in-depth discussion, centered on ten to twelve verses each week. There is no homework or special knowledge required. The meeting usually runs about 90 minutes. All are welcome.

## **THIS SUNDAY at 2PM:** **College Grove Christmas Parade**



The College Grove Christmas Parade will be held at **2:00 PM on Sunday, December 3**, and Riverside Fellowship will have a float in it! Martin Welch will bring his vintage John Deere tractor to pull the wagon holding our live nativity scene.

### **VOLUNTEER:**

We need adults to walk alongside the wagon to throw candy to the crowd. We need kids to ride on the wagon as angels, sheep, shepherds or wise men. We will provide or help with costumes. If you would like to participate, see Traci Wood, Cindy Kurzrock or Kathy Heard. **Bring your left over Halloween candy to church this Sunday to be shared at the parade.**





## Women's Bible Study

**Women's Bible Study** will meet on **Wednesday, December 6th**. If you are not part of a small group, consider joining us on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am for fellowship, prayer and study. We meet in the

home of Archie Gentry at 4408 Peytona Lane, Franklin, TN at 9:30 am. If you want more information, please contact Penny Vaughan at [bobpenv@gmail.com](mailto:bobpenv@gmail.com) or (615)218-9417.

## Join us Wednesday, December 6th:



Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM for prayer, dinner, bible study and more at the home of John & Nancy Meade (7128 Brandon Park Ct.). Potluck dinner is followed by a sermon-based bible study where we dig deeper into Sunday's readings and message.



## Christmas Caroling

Join us on Monday,  
**December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** for a joyous night of caroling in the Falls Grove neighborhood. We meet at the home of Blair & Julie Mowery (6825 Pleasant Gate Lane) to start.



## Choir Practice – December 4th Calling all singers!!

**Come join us for Christmas music!!** Riverside Singers, led by Amy Tate Williams, will rehearse **MONDAY** night at 6:30 PM at the home of Blair & Julie Mowery (6825 Pleasant Gate Lane). All are welcome. For more information contact Amy at 615-497-4567.



# Call to Membership



Earlier this year, Pastor Kevin's message invited us, as we are called by The Holy Spirit, to become members of Riverside Fellowship. There is a membership book to sign when you are called. Questions? Speak to Pastor Kevin.

## **Riverside Fellowship | What We Believe**

**Riverside Fellowship adheres to the historic, orthodox statement of faith made in The Apostles' Creed. The doctrinal statement below is a more fully developed expression of our beliefs and convictions. You can view the complete Constitution of Riverside Fellowship here:**

<https://riversidefellowship.church/about-riverside-fellowship/what-we-believe/>





## **Riverside** **Ringers**

**Join us on December 5th.**

We will meet on  
**TUESDAY** at 6pm at  
Arlette Eddy's home. We  
have prayers and

devotion time, enthusiastic joyful noise and much loving  
laughter. Please consider joining us. No experience or music  
reading required. All ages are welcomed. Contact Cindy Kurzrock for  
more info. ([lu.kurzrock@yahoo.com](mailto:lu.kurzrock@yahoo.com)).



## **Men's** **CHRISTMAS** **Breakfast**

Join us **Saturday,**  
**December 9th** at 8AM for  
a delicious hot and hearty  
breakfast, fellowship, and  
devotional. Location to be  
announced.

For more information  
contact John Meade

([JohnWilliamMeade@gmail.com](mailto:JohnWilliamMeade@gmail.com)).



**Ten percent of every offering, tithe, and donation to Riverside Fellowship goes directly to Missions.**



Franktown is one of Riverside Fellowship's Mission Partners. Franktown is involved in the lives of over 170 young men and woman from Franklin's at-risk neighborhoods. Whether playing a game of basketball, providing a home-cooked meal, or helping with homework, we are making a difference in young people's lives. Visit the FrankTown Website at:

## **FrankTown Open Hearts**

<https://franktownopenhearts.com/>

Riverside provides dinner for 35-40 staff and kids on the first Monday of each month during the school year. **Look for a sign-up sheet in the church entry for the menu items and to be a volunteer server.**

These are the remaining dates for 2023-24 school year: **Dec. 4**, (Jan. no school), **Feb. 5**, **March 4**, **April 1**, **May 6**.



## Volunteer Opportunities

Sign up Today!

### 2023 Festival of Lights

FrankTown Festival of Lights runs nightly from **November 17th to December 31st** at the **Williamson County Ag Expo Center in Franklin, TN**. The Festival of Lights is a rain-or-shine event, and 100% of all proceeds go to benefit FrankTown.

Volunteers are needed each night from **4:30 PM - 9:00 PM** (individuals and groups) – you must be 18+ to volunteer. Children ages 12-17 must be accompanied by an adult.\*\* Come with your men's group - your Sunday School Class - your service club - your extended family...it's a great opportunity to serve individually or in a group.

Come dressed warm and get into the Christmas Spirit! [SIGN UP HERE.](#)

[Festival of Lights Tickets Click Here:](https://franktownsfestivaloflights.com/) <https://franktownsfestivaloflights.com/>

[To Volunteer at Festival of Lights Click Here:](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D45AFA62BA0F94-2023#/)  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D45AFA62BA0F94-2023#/>





## 2023 Christmas Shopping Event

Volunteers are needed to shop with the kids, bring food, gift wrap, etc.

Click here to sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D45AFA62BA0F94-45070671-2023#/>

Click here to donate: <https://franktownopenhearts.com/donate/>

This event is a tradition at FrankTown. Chaperone families (we call "Shopperones") are paired with students, and they take them shopping for Christmas presents for the student's family. After shopping until they drop, the Shopperone volunteers bring the child back to the church for a Christmas feast, pictures, and gift wrapping, after which they take the child home with their presents and meet the child's family.

Will you help give a kid Christmas and join us in creating special memories?

**Christ Community Church**  
**Saturday, December 9th**  
**9:00 AM**

The logo features a dark blue background with a starry night sky. A large, bright, multi-pointed star is positioned in the upper right. Below the stars, the text "GraceWorks" is written in a white, elegant script font, with "MINISTRIES INC" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font directly underneath. The word "MANGER" is written in a large, bold, yellow, serif font at the bottom.

# GraceWorks MINISTRIES INC MANGER

**December 11-15** at Franklin First United Methodist Church, GraceWorks is hosting our annual **Free Christmas shopping experience** to help low-income families provide Christmas gifts for their children. With the generosity of our local community donating new items and volunteers' help, a "store-like" environment is created, and families are allowed to choose gifts for their children.

Families can donate \$5 towards purchasing gifts offered at the Manger.

**Learn more about GraceWorks Manger:**

[https://www.graceworkstn.org/events/manger/?utm\\_source=ActiveCampaign&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=GraceWorks+Special+Thanksgiving+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=Special+Thanksgiving+Week+Updates](https://www.graceworkstn.org/events/manger/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=GraceWorks+Special+Thanksgiving+Newsletter&utm_campaign=Special+Thanksgiving+Week+Updates)

## Bringing Good News



Ian Thomson of **Bringing Good News** will be traveling to Nepal November 20-December 4. He will be working with local pastors as he and Kevin did last year. Please keep him in your prayers for a safe and fruitful journey.

Learn more about Bringing Good News by clicking here:

<https://www.bringinggoodnews.org/>



# SNACK TIME VOLUNTEERS



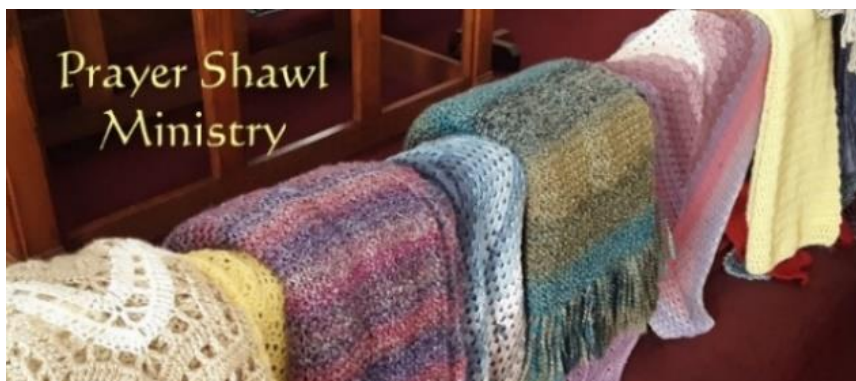
## **NEEDED:**

**Volunteers to bring snacks to Fellowship on Sundays at 10:00.**

**[Sign up here:](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445a4ae2dabf94-riverside/38611908#/)**

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# PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

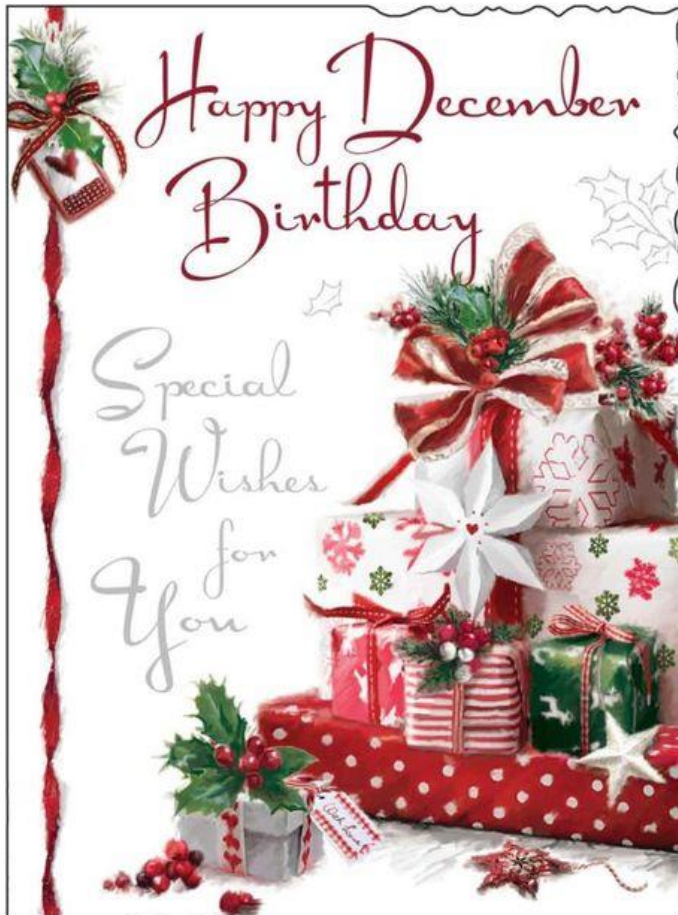


**Prayers shawls are available. Please text Bea Ball at 931-486-1967 if you have a need.**

Anyone interested in participating in the Riverside Fellowship **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, either as a distributor or with your knitting/crocheting skills, please contact **Bea**

**Ball or Jean Gunnells.**

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



5<sup>th</sup> Natasha Coiner  
5<sup>th</sup> David Baker Sr  
8<sup>th</sup> Gail Gower  
12<sup>th</sup> Maycee Davis  
16<sup>th</sup> Anita Pace  
22<sup>nd</sup> Zach Meade

*(OOOPS!! If we missed your birthday, please let us know at*  
*[JohnWilliamMeade@gmail.com](mailto:JohnWilliamMeade@gmail.com)*



## **YEAR END GIVING:**

### **Ways to Give:**

**There are several ways to give:**

- Offering Basket on Sunday Morning.
- Mail a check made out to Riverside Fellowship.
- Give Online [www.riversidefellowship.church](http://www.riversidefellowship.church)
- Text your donation to us (844) 994.3652 then enter amount (\*\*.\*\*)

**Our address:** If you are mailing us a check or other mail, our address is:

**Riverside Fellowship  
P.O. Box 680524  
Franklin, TN 37068**



### **See Our Website:**

Check out our website. Please find us at

[www.riversidefellowship.church](http://www.riversidefellowship.church) for a new calendar, more video content, better links, and a whole new format.





Riverside Fellowship Future Fund is an opportunity to invest in our future with “above & beyond” giving. See Buff Groth for details.

In January of 2023 the Riverside Fellowship church board set up an interest-bearing Money Market account with an initial balance of \$175,000. These funds were transferred from our regular checking account and do not affect our regular monthly obligations.

The purpose of this fund is to address future needs as we move towards a more permanent meeting location. Now that we have moved to Page Middle School, the church board is actively searching for a new permanent meeting space that will allow us to have a more flexible worship site that allows for future growth. The Future Fund will give us the starting capital to rent, lease or buy a space that will accommodate our growth.

While we have not established a formal capital campaign to generate additional funds for this account, we are taking donations that will be earmarked for these future expenses.



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**Facebook: Friends of Riverside Fellowship:** Follow us on **Facebook** at Friends of Riverside Fellowship. Here's the link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/964219087442030> .

**Thank you to Christ Family Church for all your generosity and hospitality in our first 2+ years. We are praying for you.**



**Kevin Wood, Pastor**

You can reach Pastor Kevin by phone or email at:

✉ [kwood@riversidefellowship.church](mailto:kwood@riversidefellowship.church)

☎ (615) 964-3032

**Riverside Fellowship**

**Sundays at Riverside: Sunday School at 9:00, Fellowship & Prayers at 10:00, Worship at 10:30**

**Worship Address: Page Middle School, 6262 Arno Road. Franklin, TN**

**Mailing Address: PO Box 680524, Franklin, TN 37068**

**Email: [info@riversidefellowship.church](mailto:info@riversidefellowship.church)**

**[www.riversidefellowship.church](http://www.riversidefellowship.church)**

***"Riverside Fellowship exists to glorify God and advance His kingdom on earth by making disciples who follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20)"***

