

Rogers Chapel United  
Methodist Church

# The Messenger



Growing Friends, Family, & Faith

## Our Prayer Needs:

Jesse Thigpen	Shirley Morgan	Betty Faye
Red Nichols	Paulette Bratcher	Dolly Hendrix
Rod Townsen	Louis Bead	Virginia Wright
Pam Pruitt	Bobby Givens	Billy Gamble
Cathy Hines	Neler Keeton	Faye Ginn
Bill Stutts	Bobby Wilson	Johnny Ginn
Charles Young	David Michael	Shirley Norred
Destiny Wood	Keiren & Warfelli Family	

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” – Philippians 4:6*

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### Bible Trivia Challenge: Christmas

**Deadline: December 26, 2014**

**Congrats to Our November Winner:**

**Peggy Liles**

Everyone is welcome to participate in our Bible Trivia Challenge! There will be a set of 4 questions each month to answer. Each correct response enters you into a monthly drawing for a prize! There are several ways to enter your information. You may: Send an email to [rogerschapelchurchumc@gmail.com](mailto:rogerschapelchurchumc@gmail.com), Become a fan on Facebook and send us a message there, text/leave voicemail at 256.335.0455. Please be sure to provide information to contact you back when you are the winner!

1. The shepherds and the wise men went to see Jesus. Which group followed a star and which group went to find the baby because an angel told them where to look?
2. How old was Jesus when the wise men found him?
3. What is the name of the priest who was told he would not die until he saw the Savior?
4. Matthew 2:8 says that Herod asked the wise men to inform him where the baby Jesus was. Why does this verse say he wanted to know?

## ***A Christmas to Remember***

*The author of this poem wishes to remain anonymous. However, the story it tells is factual!*

Once upon a time, it was Christmas time.  
Three little boy sit in a room, their hearts full of gloom.  
Their dad had left them a year earlier, you see  
And there were no presents under their tree.  
Mother worked and worked hard, too  
But to pay the bills was all she could do.  
“Santa will come, wait and see!” said the baby, he was only three  
“There is no Santa!” the oldest replied  
“Whoever said it was told a big lie”  
“How do you know?” the middle one sighed.  
“There’s always been presents before!” and he ran off to hide  
Mother found him behind the door  
With tears in his eyes flowing onto the floor  
“Hush now darling, dry your tears  
there is a Santa and has been for years.  
He’s not a man with a big fat belly  
that shakes when he laughs like a bowl full of jelly  
Santa is people who really care  
and have good fortune they’re willing to share.  
“Santa will come, wait and see”  
she said as she pulled him upon her knee.  
She put him to bed and tucked him in tight  
Kissed his check and turned out the light.  
She stumbled to bed her body aching  
But worst of all her heart was breaking  
She wanted to believe Santa would come to be  
She said a small prayer as she fell on her knee  
“Heavenly Father, hear my plea.  
Please help me be what you’d have me to be.  
Thank you for my sons so dear  
And thank you for your Son who’s always near.  
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It must have been sad to watch Him die  
I know how it hurts to hear mine cry.  
But mine cry for worldly good and Jesus died on a cross of wood  
To wash away our sins and give us new life  
That’s what I’m teaching in my strife.  
I know your Gift is most precious of all  
but, please Father, they are so small  
Send them something they can touch it would me ever so much.  
And in exchange I will explain  
how Jesus suffered in so much pain.  
I will teach them the way every single passing day.  
To walk with Him and sing His glory  
and witness to all His wonderful story.  
Christmas is but three days away  
answer this prayer, Father I pray!”  
The next morning’s light brought a wonderful sight!  
A bright red truck in the drive with toys and games over the sides  
Santa’s helpers were making a stop  
Three little boys began to hop!  
Their eyes were shining, their faces glowing  
The happiness in their hearts was really showing  
The gifts were brought in and stacked under the tree  
And to the top as far as you could see  
“It’s too much!” mother exclaimed  
“It’s because we care!” the helpers explained  
Three little boys listened with dismay  
Looked at each other, then they knelt to pray.  
“Thank you, Father, for answering our prayer  
Thank you for people who really care!”

*December Birthdays & Anniversaries:*

### **No Known Anniversaries**

#### **December Birthdays:**

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hattie Carter  
December 4<sup>th</sup> – Sadie Holland  
December 15<sup>th</sup> – Bobbie Wilson

## ***Upcoming Events!***

**December 2, 2014** - Advent  
“Peace”

**December 5, 2014** - Church Christmas Party  
Fellowship Hall 6:00pm

**December 6, 2014** - Kids’ Night Out  
“Galaxy of Lights” All Kids Welcome!

**December 9, 2014** - Advent  
“Joy”

**December 9, 2014** - Board Meeting

**December 16, 2014** - Advent  
“Love”

**December 16, 2014** - Community Singing  
Pisgah UMC 6:00pm

**December 20, 2014** - Christmas Musical  
The Rogers Chapel Choir Presents:  
“I’ll Be Home for Christmas”

**December 24, 2014** - Christmas Eve Service

### **Worship Opportunities:**

Sunday School – 9:45am  
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:55am  
Sunday Evening Worship – 5:00pm  
Wednesday Bible Study – 6:30pm  
Worship Choir Practice – Wednesdays 5:30pm  
Christmas Musical Practice – Sundays 3:00pm

*And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy--the Son of God.  
Luke 1:35*