SOLID ROCK CHURCH

The Cornerstone Connection

Building lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

December 2026

What do Global Methodists believe?

Exactly what do Global Methodists believe? The denomination answered just this question with the adoption of the Articles of Faith in September at the most recent General Conference. While the document is technically new, the Articles within have very deep roots, beginning in the Church of England in the 1560s, with later modifications by John Wesley.

The Articles of Faith clearly state the core biblical and theological beliefs of the Global Methodist Church, providing a shared foundation for teaching, preaching, worship, and discipleship. They preserve the Church's historic Christian and Wesleyan heritage while guiding its members in understanding and living out their faith.

Learn about them yourself at a session to be held on December 5 at 11:00 a.m. at Solid Rock. This will be a quick one-session overview (with the possibility of one or more follow-up sessions if any in attendance desire to go deeper). A brief review of Solid Rock's administrative structure will also be presented. Plan to join us!

Christmas Caroling



Plan to join Solid Rock for Christmas caroling at Heritage Point! We will meet in the Cove at 5:15 p.m. on December 13. All are encouraged to participate, regardless of singing talent!

Following caroling, all are invited to a movie night at Solid Rock Church. The Little Rockers will provide snacks.

Carry-in Lunch



There will be a carry-in lunch on December 20, right after the service. Bring your favorite holiday dish to share! Ham will be provided.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox! We had 50 packed boxes and 11 online boxes. God knows exactly which child is going to get the box you filled! Praising God that 61 children are going to learn about Jesus and that they are loved and special to Him.

If you have ideas on how to make packing the boxes more fun next year, please let me know.

Blessings to you!

LeAnn Buzzard

Celebrate Christmas at Solid Rock!



During the worship service on December 13, the children of Solid Rock will be sharing a Christmas play.

December 20 is Christmas Sunday. The service will center on the celebration of the birth of our Savior. Following this service, we will share a carry-in lunch.

On Christmas Eve, December 24, we will gather at 8:00 p.m. for our annual candlelight service, conducted by the Solid Rock youth.

Plan to join us for any or all of these celebrations!

Snow Removal

The trustees are looking for someone to provide snow removal services for the church for the coming winter. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, contact the church office for details.

"The Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the Incarnation." — J.I. Packer

A Christmas Gift

By Becky Brown

This is like a Hallmark story without all the drama. It is more of a feel-good, heartwarming Christmas story that includes a special gift.

When John and Susan Mills were engaged, they discussed having children. It was decided they would have two, unless the children they had were of the same sex, then they would adopt a third child. If they had a boy and a girl, then two was enough.

We skip ahead 11 years. Susan and John had two boys. They started the adoption process in 1981. They started at the local welfare office because they had children to feed and couldn't afford a private adoption agency. The local welfare office did the home study and got them ready. They said they would take certain children with disabilities and an older girl if necessary. They were not being offered anything. At that time, they said girls were harder to get because mothers thought they were easier to raise than boys.

Once or twice a year, Susan would go into the welfare office to see if she needed to update her information and be in line. She was afraid they'd stick them in a file and forget about them. Also, during this time, an Indianapolis TV station would highlight girls and boys ready for adoption. They tried several times to adopt a girl from there, but to no avail.

After three years, John and Susan began to talk about foreign adoption. Susan believes God gave them these three years to prepare John's heart. When she first approached John about foreign adoption, John said no; he wanted an American baby. After three years, when she approached John again, he said, "Let's look into it."

She went back to the local welfare office and talked to them again. She expressed the desire to adopt a foreign baby. They gave her a list of agencies in Indiana she could contact. She wrote to all of them, but they were unwilling to work with John and Susan because they had biological children.

She returned to the local welfare office to ask for more ideas. The office told them of a couple in Huntington. The wife was Colombian, and they had just returned from adopting a child in Colombia. The couple was willing to share their phone number with others who might be interested in adoption.



The day they met the Colombian couple, their boys had come down with chickenpox, so Grandma came and watched them. They met the couple and the little girl. The caseworker at the welfare office assumed the Colombian couple had adopted because the wife was from Colombia. She informed them that was not the case; all kinds of Americans were in Colombia adopting children. Clara, the Colombian wife, helped translate everything to Spanish. She helped the Mills with the paperwork.

The following part is where God shows not only His handiwork but also His majesty. In June, they received a picture and a letter from the agency in Colombia telling them a girl had been assigned to them. (Katie was six months old at this time.) They asked Susan and John if they wanted her. She is convinced God "cooked" that little

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October Financial Update

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OUR VISION
We seek to be a Christ-centered church family where every person is equipped to discover and to use their God-given gifts to serve and share God's love.

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ance of their Christmas service. Although those are nice, my desire for wanting this for Christmas is that I want to see as many people as possible to hear the real story of Christmas and the reason why Jesus came.

I want people to know the story of Christmas as told through the Scriptures. I want people to hear why God gave His only Son as a gift to mankind to redeem their souls from sin and death. I want people to know that God made Himself accessible to us from where we were at, regardless of our social status, our ethnicity, our gender, our abilities and disabilities, or anything else you want to throw into the mix. I want people to know that God loved us so much that He gave that we might live for all eternity in a restored and renewed relationship that we were originally created to have with Him.

I want people to know that if they are broken, God can restore them. If they are hurting, God can heal them. If they are alone and afraid, that God is with them and will comfort them. I want people to know that it is not only God who longs for them, but we also long for them. We desire for them to be part of us and our fellowship. We long to be able to reach out and meet the needs that they have and to empower them to help not only develop the call that God has on their lives, but also to empower them and disciple them into whatever it is that God places on their hearts. We want people to know that this is a safe place for them to be and that they do not have to fear being alone anymore. And most importantly, how deeply we love them through the power and love of Christ Himself.

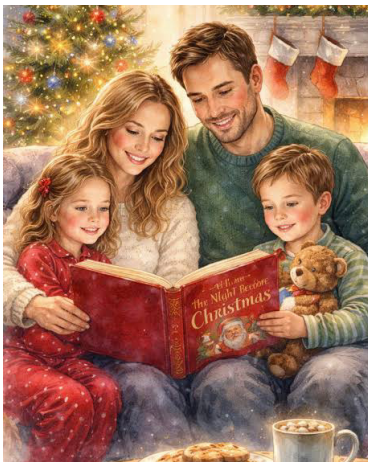
If we had this in the world, maybe someone would stop contemplating suicidal ideation and discover that they matter to us and to those who love them. Maybe people would know that somebody cares about them and is not trying to use them or manipulate them for their own purposes. Maybe broken families would come together and reunite. Maybe strained relationships would become more intimate. Maybe the sins of the past could be finally laid to rest and all could move forward in the peace that passes all understanding with the Prince of Peace. To me, that sounds like the perfect Christmas.

If you feel that you are alone, even though you may be surrounded by a multitude of people, you don't have to be alone anymore. If you believe that you are unforgivable, come and see the forgiveness that you can receive from God the father through Jesus Christ. If you are looking for a place to grow in your faith, come. There will always be a seat here for you, a hand that will greet you, arms that will hold you when you need to be held, and prayers said for those who may not know how to pray themselves.

All I want for Christmas is for you to discover what we have found out for ourselves: Jesus Christ is born! His life, death, and resurrection bring us to the throne of grace where we can once again have intimacy with God because of the birth of a Savior. Instead of being alone at home, take time during the Advent season and allow us to bless you and introduce you to the savior of the world. If you don't have a church home, please feel free to reach out to the churches around you and are eager to meet you. Our doors are open always, and so are our hearts. Merry Christmas!

Making Room for What Matters

Julie Reynolds of Snohomish, Washington, tells of one Advent season when all her young children came down with chickenpox. Everything planned was put on hold or forgotten altogether. They missed many church and community activities, as well as gatherings with family and friends.



But Julie discovered something during that unexpected pause: she had time to enjoy being with her children. They were well enough to take part in family activities that the usual Christmas rush might have prevented.

She read Christmas stories to them. Using blankets, walking sticks, and other objects, the children reenacted the story of the Holy Family traveling to Bethlehem. Together, they discovered the joy of family fellowship and spent time reflecting on the meaning of Christmas.

Julie recalled other Christmases when she had been so busy shopping, decorating, cooking, and running about that she missed Jesus. She said, "I completely missed celebrating the joy of His birth in my own heart. And the emptiness I have felt at those times brought a sorrow and regret deep in my soul."

No more! Now she deliberately schedules "open days" on her calendar, especially during Advent. These are days for waiting upon God, praying, listening, and enjoying His peace. They are also days for truly being with her family, strengthening their bonds and nurturing their relationships. Today, she looks back with gratitude on the lesson she learned during that Advent years ago.

"**A God who was only holy** would not have come down to us in Jesus Christ. He would have simply demanded that we pull ourselves together, that we be moral and holy enough to merit a relationship with him. A deity that was an 'all-accepting God of love' would not have needed to come to Earth either. This God of the modern imagination would have just overlooked sin and evil and embraced us. Neither the God of moralism nor the God of relativism would have bothered with Christmas."

—Tim Keller

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girl just for them. She was seven and a half months old when John and Susan got to hold her for the first time.

They got her picture in June and couldn't get her until August. Susan said that was the longest two months. She laughed and said her house was the cleanest it had ever been. It seems like she cleaned house to keep busy during the two months.



There were many indications that she was meant to be theirs. First, it was the nine-month thing. She always thought it would be cool to have a baby at Christmas. After she had Nathan, she had second thoughts because she realized she'd be in the hospital over Christmas.

God knew Susan's wish and her heart. This baby that God blessed them with was born during the day on Christmas Eve. Susan got her wish for a baby at Christmas.

Another wish fulfilled was Susan's request for a girl named Katie after her mom's best friend. She loved her Mom's friend dearly. She knew if she was an older child, she could not rename the child. When the adoption process was started, they told the agency they would take a child a year younger than their youngest son. When they applied for a child in Colombia, they chose a child up to preschool age. They felt it would be easier for her to adjust to the change of leaving Colombia and coming to the United States.

She often prayed, "Thy will be done, God, but you know I would really like a baby." Watch what you pray for. John had thought he was not interested in a baby, but he had a change of heart.

The baby's name was Catalina. In Colombia, her nickname would have been Cat. They removed the letter "C" and replaced it with the letter 'K". She got her Katie. The middle name is a story in itself. They had one picked out. It was a longer name, but Susan couldn't remember what it was, and it wouldn't go along with Katalina. So, they had to choose another middle name. Susan decided on a naming contest. John and the two boys turned in names. Tyler's name was chosen. Nathan was anxious to have a sister, but Tyler wasn't into babies, and Susan couldn't get a handle on how Tyler felt. Tyler was a quiet child. The name he chose that day was "Joy." Now Susan knew how Tyler felt about his little sister.

The day they went to get her was in August, and John had just hurt his back and couldn't lift anything. This was her first commercial flight. They flew from Indiana to Miami with a six-hour layover and then to Bogotá. Susan was very organized from the very start. She made sure the papers she needed to take with her were secure. She had the addresses of all the places they were to go written on a page in a notebook so that if they got a Colombian driver who did not speak English, she could show him where to go.

After arriving in the city, they stayed with an American who had gone down 20+ years earlier. When they arrived at Danny's (the place where they stayed), they were summoned to the agency where Katie was. They thought they were going to sign papers. Danny had arranged for a driver (he did this for all couples) to drive them about. It was late in the afternoon, about closing time. They were waiting in the waiting room when they were told that Katie was being brought to them.

You were supposed to take clothes for them to change into so they could keep the clothes for others. She told them she had not brought clothes with her. John and Susan watched as the baby was carried down the hall. Susan was about to jump out of her skin. They marched right past them and went into the office. They were called into the office to receive this bundle of joy.

After spending a week in the city, they finally made it back. The boys and the grandparents met them in Indianapolis. Tyler was the first to hold the baby. Later on, Katie was just a sister, but to Nathan, she was his doll baby. Each morning he would try to beat his mom out of bed to pick out her clothes.

To finish the God story and to let Susan know Catalina belonged to her before birth, she told me this part of the story. The year before this story unfolded, Susan had her family over for Christmas Eve. Around 8:00 in the evening, she was standing at the sink doing dishes. Her mom asked Susan if she was all right. She told Susan she was quiet. Susan told her mom she thought they would have had a daughter by this time. Susan told me her mom's reply always makes her cry. Her mom said to Susan, "Maybe you do, and you just don't know it yet." This was the year before they received this precious gift. When they got the paperwork, she had been born at 5:00 p.m. that very day. Her mom was spot on. Four months later, they held their precious daughter.

I believe in my heart God knows all. I believe in my heart he knows who we will be born to and who our parents are. I believe this was a God-ordained blessing. Things had to be put in place for all of this to happen. While John and Susan might have been upset about the

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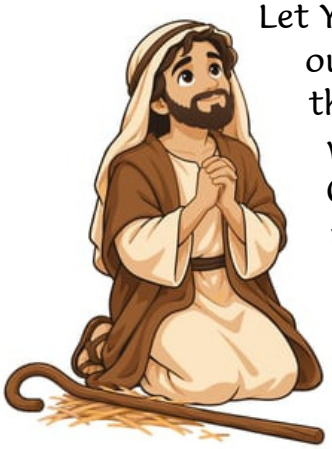
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adoption delays, God was working out the details. Psalm 37:23: "The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives."

If you are waiting for a blessing from God, remember that God answers in His time, and that things have to be in order for it to come to pass. God knows what He is doing. Our part is to trust in Him and His plans for your life.

We all know the Christ child is a gift to us from God. That year, Susan and John received a double blessing: a gift from God, the Christ child, and a gift of a daughter from God well.

A Christmas Prayer of Love and Peace

Gracious Father, as we celebrate the birth of Your Son, draw our hearts toward the quiet wonder of Bethlehem. Help us receive Jesus with the joy of the shepherds, the reverence of the wise men, and the faithful love of Mary and Joseph.



Let Your peace settle over our homes and reach those who feel lonely, weary, or forgotten. Open our eyes to the needs around us, and make our hands willing to serve. May every gift carry kindness, every greeting offer warmth, and every gathering leave room for someone who needs to belong.

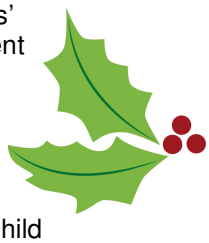
Forgive our impatience and selfishness. Teach us to forgive one another freely and to treasure people more than possessions.

When Christmas Day is done, may our gratitude remain. Help us carry the love of Christ into ordinary days, sharing His hope wherever You lead us.

In the name of Jesus, our Savior and newborn King, we pray. Amen.

Christian Symbol: Holly

With its glossy green leaves and bright red berries, holly is a familiar Christmas decoration rich in Christian symbolism. Its prickly leaves recall Jesus' crown of thorns, while its berries represent the blood He shed. Its evergreen foliage reminds us of eternal life through Him.



Though old legends connect holly with Christ's footsteps and cross, these stories are folklore rather than Scripture. At Christmas, holly reminds us that the child born in Bethlehem came to bring salvation, hope and everlasting life.

Jesus, the Anointed One

In biblical times, a man was often identified by his father's name. The Hebrew word "ben" means "son of," so Jesus might have been called Jesus ben Joseph—Jesus, son of Joseph. But he was more than the people around Him understood: he was the Christ.



The word "Christ" means "the Anointed One." In biblical times, kings of Israel were anointed with oil as a sign of their calling and authority. When Samuel anointed Saul, he poured oil on his head (see 1 Samuel 10:1, NKJV).

The early church proclaimed Jesus as God's Anointed One—Lord, Savior, and King. The New Testament affirms his kingship in passages such as Acts 17:7 and Revelation 17:14 (NKJV). His resurrection revealed his victory over sin and death. As Peter declared, "This Jesus God has raised up. … God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:32, 36, NKJV).

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of this promised Savior, the King of kings. With joyful hearts, we join in the familiar words: "Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King!'"

The Sound in His Heart



During an examination, a doctor thought a 4-year-old boy might enjoy hearing his own heartbeat. He placed the stethoscope in the boy's ears and held it over the boy's heart.

"What do you hear?" the doctor asked.

The little boy, who attended Sunday school regularly, listened carefully and replied, "Is that Jesus knocking?"



Shepherding Moments

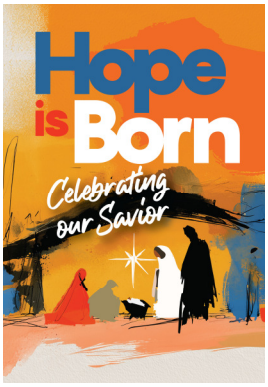
by Pastor John Boyanowski

All I Want for Christmas…

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:6-7; ESV.

As we get ready to enter the Advent season, it is very frequently that we hear the question, usually from everyone around us: What do you want for Christmas? Just recently I asked my wife Marsha about this and vice versa and we gave each other a list of things that would be nice to have. We also had a few things on our own hearts that we will secretly get for one another. It's all part of the Christmas season.

However, both Marcia and I are at our stage in life where it is not as much of the material things that we are searching for under the tree to make this a beautiful holiday season. Because of us both being believers in Christ and followers of Him, we know fully that the greatest Christmas gifts besides that of Jesus Christ are time with the family/friends and making memories together. Maybe playing games together, watching some mindless TV, opening presents and eating delicious food, and whatever else you want to throw in there. Of course, the main focus is on the birth of Jesus Christ and what that means to us.



I know one thing that I would love to be able to say, and I truly mean this from the bottom of my heart—All I want for Christmas is that for the entire Advent season, I would love to see all of our family and friends attend church services here at Solid Rock (or the church of their choice). Now, you may think that I want this for reasons other than what I'm about to share: You might think that I want the church to look full and give ourselves a good appearance on our YouTube page, or maybe because we are wanting to have that end of the year Christmas giving and gifts, or maybe because we want our children to be excited to have a large audience watching their perform-

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SOLID ROCK PRAYER REQUESTS

Other

Abortion - Addiction - All Missions - Bargain Basement - Our Nation & Leaders - Missionaries - Local Churches - Solid Rock Ministries
Bread of Life Food Pantry - WAMA - Healthcare Providers & First Responders - Schools and Educational Leaders - Our Service Men & Women

Cluster Churches and Pastors

Liberty Center Community/Rev. Diane Samuels - Bluffton First UMC/Rev. Sherrie Drake - Markle Riverside John 3:16/Pastor Dan First
Epworth UMC Bluffton/Pastor Marlene Ellis - Ossian UMC/Rev. David Herr - Lancaster Chapel UMC/Pastor Dewey Miller - Boehmer UMC/Pastor Steve Neviu
Petroleum Community/Rev. Greg Andrews - Poneto Faith Community/Pastor Roy Nevil - Solid Rock/Pastor John Boyanowski

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

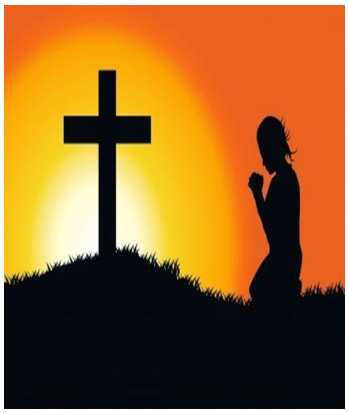
Prayers for Health & Healing

Dave Amstutz
Jessica Bendorf
Richard Blair
Tiffany Booher
Cindy Boxell
Keith Boxell
Marsha Boyanowski
Jerry Brown
Phil Brown
Wendy Brown
Cole Campbell
Mike Carey
Sue Carpenter
Matthew Carpenter
Pam Cloud
Steve Cress
Dana Elliot
Betty Green
LaTishia Horrell
Carol Ingram
Judy Long
Ted Oiler
Harold Plasterer
Jen Plummer
Mandy Ramsey
Duane Scribner
Cammy Shaw
Barbara Souder
Eric Snively
Rick Swope
Tom Tallman
Autumn Teeple
Lou Ellen Vetor
Sharon Williams
Ted Williams

Please let the office know if someone listed above is doing better and can be moved to prayers answered or if someone needs added for prayers of health and healing.

Heritage Pointe

Darrell Blair
Jackie Blinn
Pat Boxell
Mary Clark
Rochelle DeHaven
Don Douglas
Becky Parker
Dee Pattison
Norma Smith
Wanda Spahr
Carolyn Winters



Prayers Answered

Rose Broyles
Ms. Bustos



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share 2 p.m. Little Rockers Praise Team practice 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4 Card Ministry outing at The Brickhouse 6 p.m.	5 Church reserved all day
6 2nd Sunday Advent Little Rockers "outfits" and practice 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Communion Rock Solid Youth 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	7 Bible Study 10 a.m. PJ's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	8 Sign Language 10 a.m.	9	10 S.O.S. 7 p.m.	11	12 Men's Fellowship 8 a.m.
13 3rd Sunday Advent Little Rockers at church 9 a.m. Worship Service and Children's Christmas program 10 a.m. Caroling at Heritage Pointe meet at 5:15 in the Cove	14 Bible Study 10 a.m. PJ's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	15 Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share Christmas party 2 - 4:30 p.m.	16	17	18	19
20 4th Sunday Advent Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Carry-in Lunch after service Newsletter info due to Gary W. Rock Solid Youth Christmas	21 Bible Study 10 a.m. PJ's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Solid Rock works Food Pantry 2 - 4 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	22 Sign Language 10 a.m.	23	24 Christmas Eve Service by Youth 8 p.m.	25 Merry Christmas 	26
27 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. January birthdays & anniversaries	28 Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	29	30	31		



December Helpers

Liturgist



6 Debb Smitley
13 Mindy Rider
20 Jane Hitzfield
27 Addy Wiley

Greeter

6 Dave & Jorita Banter
13 Marg Bentley
20 Pastor John & Marsha Boyanowski
27 Mike & Rita Bolinger

Nursery 10 a.m.

6 Lyvonne Nightenhelser
13 Brenda Conner
20 LeAnn Buzzard
27 Stacy Kaylor

Children's S. S. Teachers

6 Jazmine Plummer
13 Brenda Conner
20 Jazmine Plummer
27 Shelley Preston

Snacks

6 Susan Mills & Marg Bentley
13 Robert & Marie DeWeese
20 Sharon Williams & Jane Hitzfield
27 Bruce & Noreen Preston

Acolytes

6 Blake Craig & Kaley Campbell
13 Lily Lichtenberger & Kinley Goodspeed
20 Kamryn Krinn & Kodi Craig
27 Malcolm Voght & Kerrigan Goodspeed

Please contact the church office at 375-3873 by Wednesday prior to Sunday, if you are unable to be an above helper. Thank you!



12/1 John & Marsha Boyanowski
Brad & Jenifer Myers
12/15 Max & Lois Spahr
12/28 George & Barbara Keplinger



12/4 Jessica Boxell
12/5 Donna Bolinger
12/6 Lois Hildebrand
12/7 Barbara Souder
12/8 Whit Conner
12/11 Nick Krinn
12/12 Jane Landrum
Stacy Kaylor
12/15 Trudy Buffenbarger
12/16 Laura Farr
12/17 Tim Kane
12/20 Sharon Williams
12/23 Tony Benefiel
12/24 Katie Moser
12/27 Matt Walter
12/28 Samantha Gross

Solid Rock Holiday Events

Dec. 13 - Children Christmas program
10 a.m. church service
Caroling at Heritage Pointe
5:15 p.m. in the Cove
Movie at the church after Caroling

Dec. 24 - Youth Christmas Eve Service 8 p.m.



December

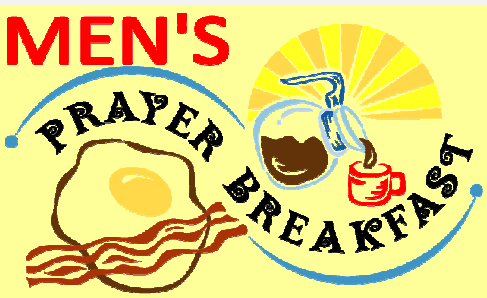
Solid Rock's monthly food pantry challenge

Chicken Noodle Soup **Crackers**
Ramon Noodles **Pork & Beans**
Juice Pouches

Thank you for all you do!
Monetary gifts are always appreciated.

WAMA Christmas Services

Dec. 20 - 7 p.m. "The Longest Night"
at 1st Christian Church
Dec. 23 - 2 p.m. "Chaplain's Christ Eve "Eve"
at Heritage Pointe
Dec. 24 - 5 p.m. 1st Baptist Church
7 p.m. Church of Christ
8 p.m. Solid Rock Church
9:30 p.m. Hillcrest Church
11 p.m. 1st Christian Church



and fellowship
2nd Saturday each month 8 a.m.
at Solid Rock Church.
All men welcome!

Weekly Bible Study Groups

Monday mornings at 10 a.m.
led by Marsha Boyanowski

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Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.
led by Pastor John

Women's Widow Care & Share
Dec. 1st at 2 p.m. and
Dec. 15th 2-4:30 p.m. - Christmas Party



CARD MINISTRY



Check out the rack for Christmas, lots of cards!

REMINDER TO ALL

Don't throw away your cards that you have received. Bring them in and drop off in the office or place in the wooden shelf under the cash box, by the card rack. Our ladies do a great job refurbishing cards as a ministry to God.

CARRY IN LUNCH
Bring a dish



Sunday Dec. 20th following Worship Service. Great fellowship and food, what more could you ask for?

Eat and leave or stay until 1:30-2 p.m



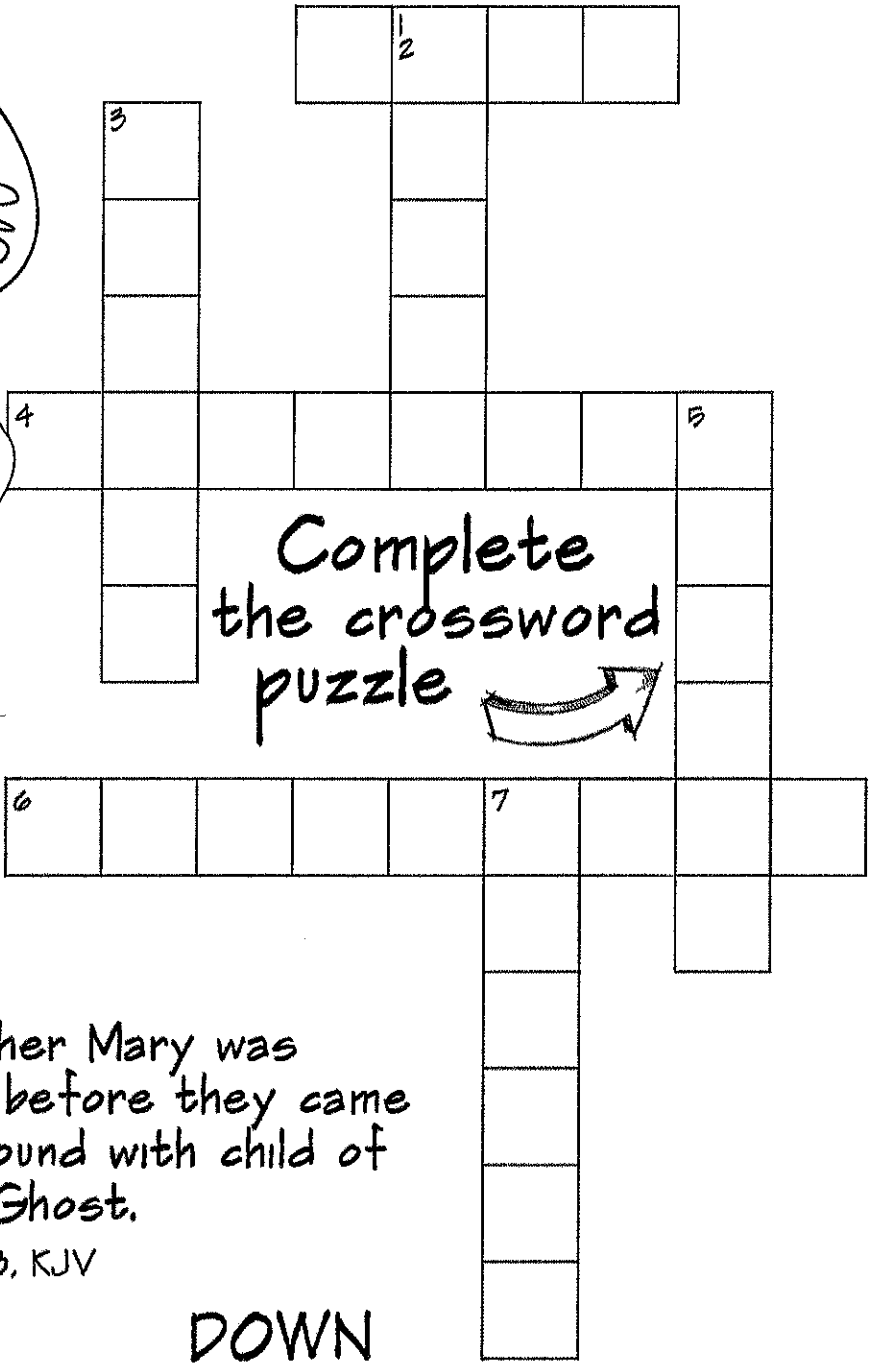


Solid Rock Daily Prayer Card for December 2026

Prayer is the greatest, simplest privilege of our lives as believers.
Thank you for continuing to pray for Solid Rock. Following are some special requests:

- Father God, We can't begin to thank You for the gift of forgiveness, restoration, resurrection, and eternal life found only in and through Your Son, Jesus. You knew from the beginning what was needed for redemption, and You gave all You had to make it possible. Thank You for selecting the right people to be obedient for Jesus' birth to become what it did - Your will fulfilled. We honor You and praise Your holy Name. Thank You! In Jesus' Name, Amen.
- Precious Jesus, At any given point in time, You could have asked God to let this cup pass; and yet, You accepted the cup and drank deeply from it. You came because of your love for the Father and Your ove for us. What do we have to offer You that could ever repay the debt we owe? You respond by asking for our heart. Lord Jesus, please take all that we are and accept our humble gift. It's all we have and all You desire. Blessed be Your Name, Amen.
- Holy Spirit, You made this season possible: the season for restoration. You foretold it centuries ago, brought it to reality, and it continues to give life eternal to this day. Help us to see its value and worth. May we accept it with glad hearts and share it with all we meet. You are beyond gracious. Please continue to draw us nearer to God. All glory is Yours alone, Amen.
- Blessed Trinity, Words escape us to proclaim Your holiness and grace. We seek for ways to honor You in all that we do. Help us to be more obedient, to listen for Your voice in the stillness of our hearts. Give us visions, directions, and understanding what Your will is for each of our lives. Help us to make You the center of our lives. Remove anything that tries to separate us from You. Peace and glory be Yours forever. Amen.





Complete the crossword puzzle

When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 1:18, KJV

ACROSS

1. The mother of Jesus.
4. The city where Jesus was born
6. Who came to visit Jesus.
7. Jesus was given the name "The _____ of peace."

DOWN

2. Who told Mary she would have a child.
3. The earthly father of Jesus.
5. Where Jesus was laid.

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Birth of Jesus Word Search

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