



FIRST EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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*"To be known as a church that prays"
"To be a church that takes the word of Christ to others"
"To feel the love from Christ in a way that makes our heart rejoice"*

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Pastor Michael Lewis 330-606-2711
Jeff Cunningham, Worship Leader;
Rob Cowie & Pauline Long, Musicians

Opening Praise/Greeting Time

** "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" #196

Announcements/Prayer

Worship

"Hark The Harold Angels Sing" #277
"Angels We Have Heard On High" #278

Prayer

Offering/Offertory

Message

Pastor Lewis

Closing Video

Those who are physically able, please stand

First Church Events This Week

"Your Word is Truth" (John 17:17)

This Week:

Sunday	Sunday School 9:30 am. Worship Service 10:30 am.
Wednesday	7:00 pm bible study - Galatians 3 & 4
Thursday	Prayer & Praise 11:00 a.m. & lunch

Christmas Sunday there will be no Sunday School

Pastor's notes:

Dear church,
Jesus is a gift from God to us. We needed Him and He wouldn't be here in our life time if it was not true. Everyone needs this gift and His love, caring and guiding us to do right and to do what He wants us to do. Jesus is loved more than anyone in the world. What would we do without Him? He's our life.
Jesus is the best Christmas gift we will ever get in our life time. True fact!
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year, Love Jeannine

Christmas cards - We once again will be distributing Christmas cards for you if you bring them in. Final pick up will be Christmas Sunday.
Dec 18 - Caroling, leaving church 5:00 p.m.
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m.

Akron First Prayer Chain has 2 contacts. It can be accessed by calling Jim Dotson @330-703-4585 or email

him @jimdotson7@gmail.com, or Mike Lewis @330-606-2711 or email him @bacrides10@gmail.

“Pray and Seek God's Answer”

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December 19 Zachary Strickland
December 22 Todd Canter

PRAISES

Bill & Becky – Last week “Joy” candle lighting
Jim & Barbie – This week “Peace” candle
Trish – good report from testing
Jim & Julie, Steve & Sandy, Ralph, Barb and others health returned
All the support of Thursday Prayer & Praise
This year’s growth in the church
Chad-Mom Judith doing well

WHO'S ASKED FOR PRAYERS

Jim & Avis – neighbor Kelli's mom heart valve surgery
Jim D – Al Brown pancreatic cancer
Pauline – She & Son Don grieving
Jim B. – sister-in-law – COVID and surgery
Mike & Trish – Kinzel family health restored
Mike- mom Carol – reduced knee & back pain
Mike - Liz Ramsey – eyes and foot surgery
Mike – Jenya Bailey – Cleveland Clinic-infection
Carol – nephew Brian – loss of mom
Many people are having to be without loved ones during Christmas

PRAYER NEEDS

Safe Christmas travel & bearable weather
Rob H. – shoulder pain
Brett Faidley – upcoming Doctors appointment
John M – Energy
Carol M. – Bone doctor’s appointment
Shut-ins – Glenna Duffee, Marie Banic, John M.
Jim D.-Beth COVID
Trish-answers

ONGOING NEEDS

Tom B., Jim D.-Frank & Mattie, Avis, Gary Weakland, Cancer patients- Al, Katrina, Terice, Carol C., Leroy- Ben Mercer & Debbie, Cunningham- Audrey & Nathan & Peg Goldsmith, Jim Behringer, Melissa, Debbie Boser



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