

Wednesday Musings December 23, 2015

To start out, let me remind you that we will hold our annual Christmas Eve candlelight service tomorrow evening beginning at 5 pm. In addition to a celebration of the Lord's Supper, Phil and Darla Bray will be singing for us, and after the Christ Candle on our Advent Wreath has been lighted, that light will be passed throughout the sanctuary as one hand-held candle passes the light of Christ to another. That is always a magical moment!

After that service, I will be heading for Ashville to celebrate Christmas with Margot and Courtney, then enjoy a week of vacation up there. This Sunday, the 27th, Jamie Fonville will be our preacher. I'll be back for the service on January 3rd. Because I'll be away, there will be no Musings next Wednesday. Also, the Church office will be closed on Christmas Day as well as New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

I do have one bit of late breaking news to report. It appears that we have an interim organist/choir director who will be working with us in the new year. His first Sunday will be January 10th. His name is Matt Rice. He has served as an interim organist before and is presently a choral music teacher at Reidsville High School. We'll publish a brief bio for Matt in the near future, but I wanted to share this bit of news even as we express our deep gratitude for the hard and loving work that Betty King, Beth Painter and Carol Fonville have devoted to the church's music ministry in Dick's absence. Matt will work with us for a month, then we will both have an opportunity to assess how things are going and extend the interim period at that time.

On the prayer concern front, please continue to keep Dick in your prayers. Also, following worship on Sunday, Sherry Massey had an incident that took her to the emergency room. She is home and doing better now, but is having a lot of trouble with her back. Also, Jim Ragland, Sherry's brother-in-law, is going through a very difficult battle with cancer. And please continue to keep Tommie Griffin, Nancy Thomas and Ben Wilson in your prayers as well.

And if you're not able to make it to the Christmas Eve service tomorrow, have a very merry and blessed Christmas!

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