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# White Steeple Banner

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How do you train a 20-something medical school student to feel genuine empathy for senior citizens? Enter "The Age Man Suit."

Consisting of ear-protectors that stifle hearing, a yellow visor that blurs eyesight and makes it hard to distinguish colors, knee and elbow pads which stiffen the joints, a Kevlar-jacket-style vest which presses uncomfortably against the chest, and padded gloves, the Age Man Suit, which weighs around 22 lbs., has been custom-made to simulate the physical limitations of old age.

When Dr. Rahel Eckhardt from Berlin, Germany helps strap the suit onto the med students she tells them, "Welcome to old age." She says, "My aim is to turn young energetic people into slow, creaking beings, temporarily at least. That way

they will, I hope, develop a feeling for what it's like to be old."

The Bible tells us that God became a man in the person of Jesus Christ and in so doing experienced all of the frailties of our humanity. The writer of Hebrews put it this way:

"Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:14-16 ESV).

Every Christmas, we celebrate a marvelous event in human history. God becoming a man. God becoming Emmanuel, God with us. Jesus didn't just wear a "Man Suit." He became a real human being with all of the weakness and frailties that comes with being human.

As we enter into the Advent season and prepare for the celebration of Christmas, remember the significance of what God has done for us by becoming one of us.

Carole and I wish each of you the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years.

Pastor Brian



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Wanda Kent	2nd
Natalea Rice	5th
Kay Sutton	6th
Glen Barnes, Jr.	11th
Anthony Goforth	11th
Betty McKinney	11th
Margaret Dillon	13th
Katie Wren	14th
Nancy Dorbandt	15th
Ricky Bumgardner	18th

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Dennis & Tina Spearman	1st
Ricky & Lisa Clement	1st
Kevin & Diana Lott	15th
Steve & Kay Sutton	22nd

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**Children's Christmas Party**  
Saturday, December 5th  
from 12 to 2 p.m.  
In the Fellowship Hall  
for K - 5th Grade

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH  
6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.  
IN THE YOUTH BUILDING  
BRING A GIFT FOR WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE

**Senior Adult Christmas Party**  
Saturday, December 12th  
From 12 to 2 p.m.  
In the Fellowship Hall



**Charlie's Chats**

Thanks to all of you who have been so diligent in working on the Christmas program. We only have 3 more rehearsals until we present *Mary, Did You Know?* so please make every effort to attend choir rehearsal on Wednesday night!

I'm looking forward to our annual Candlelight, Carols & Communion on Christmas Eve. It is always such a special, worshipful service for the entire family.

Who is Jared Hall, the Voice of the People, or Acton Bowen? These are names of special guests at the Youth Evangelism Celebration (YEC) we attended in November.

The first was an illusionist who used tricks of the eye as object lessons to reach students for Christ. The second was the name of the worship band who led over six thousand brothers and sisters in singing to their holy Jehovah. The last name is the preacher who spoke God's message to the hearts and minds of all present. Yet all of these pale in comparison to guest of honor this week, Jesus.

I saw students enjoy times of fun, but more importantly I saw them seeking our Lord. Thank you, Church, for providing the way to the YEC. And thank you for the blessing of allowing me to be a part of this youth group.

James

*Mary Did You Know?*



Presented by  
**The Praise Choir**  
Sunday, December 20th  
At 10:45 a.m.

Worship With Us  
*Christmas Eve*

Candlelight, Carols

& Communion

at 5 p.m.

A time of reverence and celebration with your family

SUNDAY SCHOOL

catch the Excitement!

9:30 a.m.



**FOR**  
**Nursery & Toddler Area**  
**during worship**  
**Food Bank Helpers**

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Sunday**

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Children's Worship	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir	6:30 p.m.

