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*“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.” John 14:6*

***December 2024 Newsletter***

Dear Members and Friends of West Union Baptist Church,

Merry **CHRIST**mas! As we enter this joyous season, I pray we are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas—celebrating the birth of our Savior, **Jesus Christ**. In the holiday busyness, let us reflect on His peace, hope, joy, and love, allowing these truths to fill our hearts and homes. This is a season of great anticipation and worship as we prepare to honor the miraculous gift of God’s Son and look forward to His promised return. December will be a busy but great month for West Union Baptist Church as we come together to celebrate and fellowship in various ways.

During the Advent season, we reflect on five meaningful truths that guide our journey toward Christmas. First, we focus on **hope**, as we are reminded of God’s promise in Romans 15:13: “Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.” Next, we find **peace**, the calm assurance Jesus brings, as declared in John 14:27: “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” We then turn to **joy** as we celebrate the good news of Christ’s coming, echoing the words of Luke 2:10: “And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.” **Love** follows, reminding us of the greatest gift, as stated in John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Finally, our hearts turn to **Christ**, the light of the world and fulfillment of every promise, as proclaimed in John 8:12: “I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” As we light the candles of Advent, may these Scriptures deepen our relationship with Him and remind us of the hope, peace, joy, and love found only in our Savior.

We invite you to join us in celebrating this special season at West Union Baptist Church. We will host our annual **Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15th, at 6 PM**. This will be a wonderful evening of music, drama, and worship as we gather to reflect on the story of Jesus’ birth and rejoice in the season's joy. Please bring your family and friends to share in this time of fellowship and celebration. On **Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th, at 5 PM**, we will gather for our Candlelight Service, a cherished tradition of reverence and beauty. Together, we will sing Christmas hymns, hear the Christmas story, and worship the Lord in the glow of candlelight. It is a special opportunity to pause and focus on the peace and hope only Christ can bring. I encourage you to bring your loved ones to this meaningful service as we celebrate the Light of the World. We are also excited to announce that we will close the month on Sunday, **December 29th, with a special 5th Sunday Sing featuring “The Henry’s” at 11 AM** during our morning worship service.

May this Advent and Christmas season draw us closer to Christ and to one another as we rejoice in the greatest gift of all—**Jesus**. From my family to yours, I wish you a Merry CHRISTmas and a New Year filled with His abundant blessings. In Christ, Adam