



# Muncy Baptist Church Newsletter



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Have you ever thought about what would happen if Jesus moved into our neighborhood? Not in a spiritual way, because He is already in our neighborhood and community silently cheering us on and fighting for us daily, but what if He moved into our neighborhood in the flesh? What if He took on a human body once more and lived like us once again? (John 1:14)

What would that be like for the people living there?

Would some of us hide in fear wondering if we would be judged on how we live our daily lives, constantly living on edge, looking over our shoulder as we take out the trash, maybe wanting to then move out of the neighborhood to get away?

Would some of us gossip or whisper to others on the street about the new mysterious neighbor; maybe some people wouldn't even know who this guy is and couldn't care less?

Would some of us show up at His doorstep with baked goods, introduce ourselves and our families and welcome Him to the neighborhood, would we make Him feel comfortable to be a part of a new community, like He truly belonged?

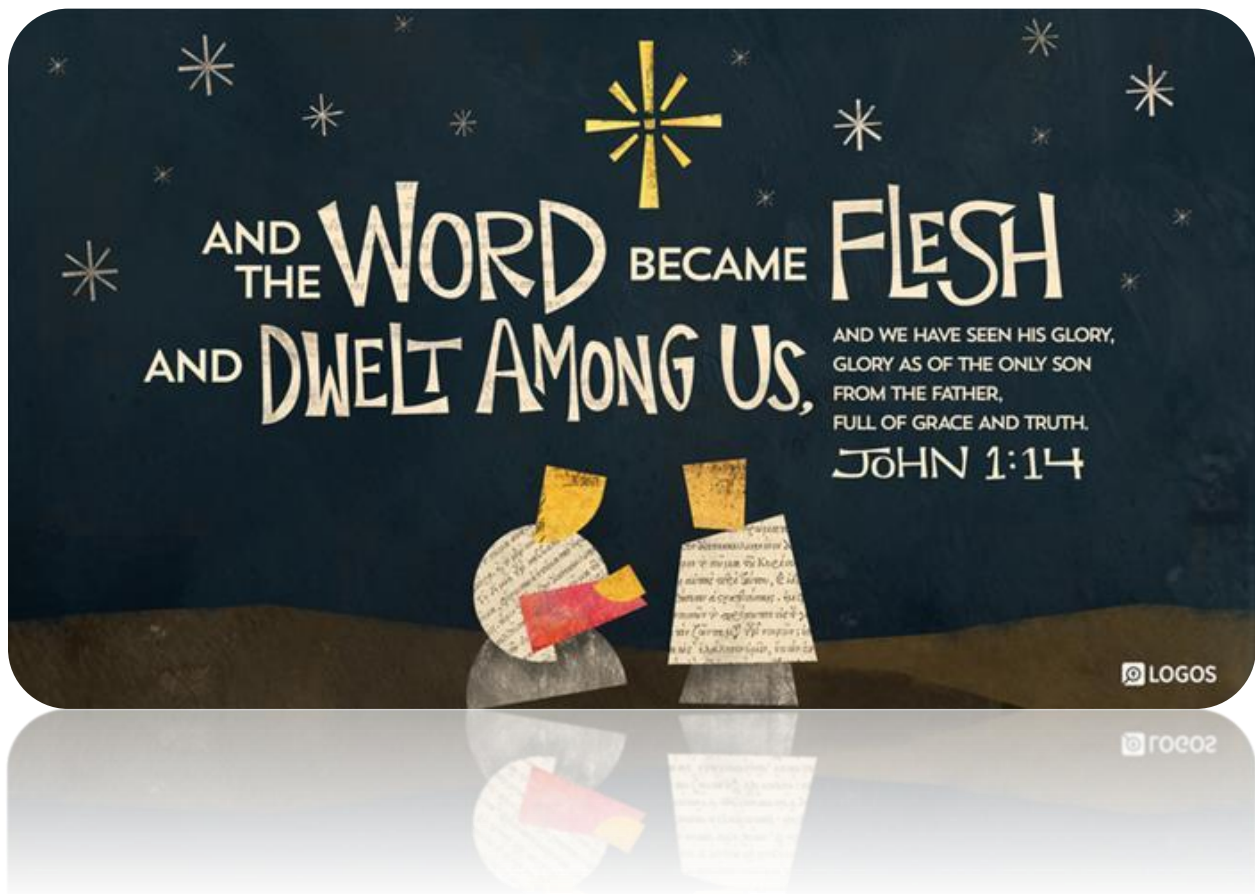
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How do you think He would feel?

I would like to think that if Jesus were to move into the neighborhood that He would be one of those neighbors that would always be there when you need Him. Do you need a cup of sugar? He has one. Do you need help in your garden? He will grab the shovel. Does your kid have a game or a play this weekend? He will be there cheering in the crowd. Are you struggling and need a friend? He will stop by for a cup of coffee with a listening ear.

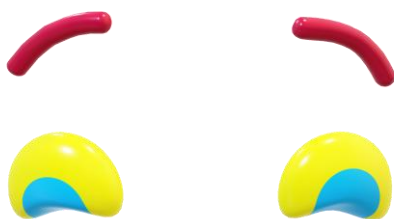
I think He would take on this modern world much like He did when He walked this earth once before. He would walk among us, teaching us, encouraging us, and maybe even perform a miracle or two. The world would not suddenly be rid of all the problems that it has, as there would still be violence, sickness, and sorrow. But maybe there would be something that feels a little bit different within yourself, maybe a new sense of hope, forgiveness, healing. And until the day that He truly returns, it is our responsibility to “move in” for Him and be the ones to live in such a way that continues to spread His light to others throughout our neighborhoods, our homes, and our community. (Matthew 5:16)

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# A Willing Witness

**Let's Make Grace Amazing Again**  
with Rev. Dr. Don Edwards, Associate Pastor



*"All heaven is interested in the cross of Christ, all hell terribly afraid of it, while men are the only beings who more or less ignore its meaning."*

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The good news of the gospel is that, in the cross of Calvary, God extended grace toward humanity. My words cannot express the wonders of His grace so graphically illustrated in that bloody cross. Grace can be defined as "unmerited favor to the infinitely ill-deserving" or, in other words, **"God's Riches at Christ's Expense."**

Roman's 5:20 clears up the distinction between Law and Grace and tells each of us, *"Moreover, the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more."*

What is amazing is this when sin abounds, grace "much more" abounds, and according to Scripture, the things that make sin abound are the Law.

Charles Spurgeon said that "the Law serves a most necessary purpose." How true his words regarding sinners, "They will never accept grace, until they tremble before a just and holy Law."

Ray Comfort, of "Last Days Ministries," stated, "Paradox though it may seem, the Law does make grace abound, in the same way darkness makes light shine. It was John Newton (the writer of 'Amazing Grace') who said that a wrong understanding of the harmony between Law and grace would produce 'error on the left and the right hand.'"

Let's do all we can, say all we can, and witness by Making Grace Amazing again.

To help sinners understand that grace is utterly amazing, you can use the Moral Law of God. As John Wesley advised a young evangelist, for effective evangelism, preach 90 percent Law and 10 percent grace.

# God at Work

## Check out What's Happening at Muncy Baptist Church



**Touch-A-Heart:** Please sign up in the back if you would like to participate. Gifts are due back on Sunday, December 14. Please speak to Whitney Bernan if you have questions.

**Wednesdays:** 8:00 a.m. Men's Group meets. There will be **no** Men's Group on Wednesday, December 24 or December 31.

**Friday, December 12:** Sole Souls Cookie Baking at the church. Please speak to Esther Henninger if you are interested.

**Sunday, December 14:** Congregational Meeting, following the worship service.

**Sunday, December 21:** Soup Supper and Caroling, following the worship service.

**Wednesday, December 24:** 7:00 p.m. Carols, Candlelight, and Communion.



**Annual Report:** The new year is quickly approaching, which means it will soon be time for our Annual Report and updates to our Directory. If you have any recent changes to your address, email, or phone, please contact Danielle Hurne at [muncybaptistoffice@gmail.com](mailto:muncybaptistoffice@gmail.com).

# Anniversaries & Birthdays

## Anniversaries in December

Robert & Roxann Kolbrich	12/08
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## Birthdays in December



Ashlee Mull	12/01
Pauline Johnson	12/03
Melissa Sones	12/03
Millie Schreffler	12/07
Vanessa Mowrey	12/07
Zachery Armstrong	12/08
Doris Holmes	12/09
Ken Gottschall, Sr.	12/12
Jen Rice	12/13
Mya Fish	12/13
Harvey Geib	12/14
Andy Frontz	12/16
Craig McKibben	12/17
Owen Sones	12/18
Terri Rice	12/19
Kendyl Bartlow	12/21
Novella Oyewo	12/21
Gary Truckenmiller	12/22
Reda Vermilya	12/25
Wayne McPheron	12/27
Naomi Elser	12/28
Nick Flick	12/29
Alivia Johnson	12/31

**Don't see your anniversary or birthday?  
Please let us know, so we can celebrate with you!**