St John Church of Christ December 19, 2021



Welcome to Worship!

We're glad you're here. Bible classes begin at 10:00. For kids, Pete & Penelope, our children's puppet program, is followed by songs and classes in the Fellowship Hall.

"Basic Training" continues in the auditorium this morning. Today we're talking about why Jesus left heaven to become a human being just like us.

It all begins at 10:00 A.M. with worship following at 11:00 A.M.

If you are unable to be with us in person, our worship is shared through our website:

www.StJohnChurchOfChrist.org

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Devastation in Kentucky



Mayfield, Ky., photo via Baptist Press via The Christian Chronicle,

Killer storms topple church members' houses, businesses

Erik Tryggestad President and CEO, The Christian Chronicle

As a deadly tornado tore through the heart of Mayfield, Ky., Friday night, members of the Northside Church of Christ took shelter in the church's building.

About 20 people, including church members and neighbors, waited out the storm in the basement, associate minister Tyler Wunderlich told *The Christian* *Chronicle*. A few dared to look outside – and were able to trace the path of the tornado by following the bright power flashes as transformers exploded across town.

The building is undamaged but is without power and water, Wunderlich said. So far there are no known casualties among the church's members.

Two miles southwest of the church building, the storm toppled a candle factory, Mayfield Consumer Products, where 110 workers were filling orders in the midst of the Christmas rush. One church member was in the candle factory, Wunderlich said, but was able to leave unharmed.

At least 50 people are feared dead, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said, after a devastating night of storms that stretched from Arkansas to Illinois.

Members of the Seven Oaks Church of Christ in Mayfield have lost homes and businesses, minister Tyler Alverson told *The Christian Chronicle*. The church's building, in southeastern Mayfield, is undamaged but without power.

"We have some people who are bringing pre-made casseroles to the church," Alverson said. "We're unloading some generators so we can have power."

Church leaders are in touch with *Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort.* The Nashville-based ministry is sending trucks of relief supplies that should arrive Saturday evening, Alverson said.

The minister said he will speak with the church's elders soon to confirm, but the church likely will have a worship service on Sunday.

"I think that's what we need most right now," he said.

In St. John, we are taking up a special contribution this morning during services to aid the people hurt in this disaster.



Praise God! The Cornwells are out of quarantine and doing well.

We have a number of members who would like to be here with us, but, because of health and age are confined at home. They are not forgotten! Let's remember to pray for:

Gail Byer Don Hornbaker Garland and Dena Mansel Don Rugan

Please pray for Terry. After his bout with pneumonia, he was released from the hospital only to discover he has a serious back issue that needs to be treated.

Those Who Serve This Week

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker Welcome: Tom Turner Communion: Tom Turner Closing Prayer: TBA Sound System: Orrin Feril

Those Who Serve *Next Week*, 12/26

Song Leader: Richard Brensing Welcome: Tom Turner Communion: Gary Hornbaker Closing Prayer: Tom Turner Sound System: Orrin Feril December's schedule is posted.

