

Church News

Community Brotherhood to meet Jan. 5 in Homer

The Community Brotherhood breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 5, at 7:30 a.m. in the Don Stewart Hall at Homer Methodist Church.

The speaker this month will be Carson Hall, College pastor at Maysville Baptist Church. For more information on Maysville Baptist Church, visit their website at <https://www.maysvillebaptist.net/>

Homer UMC is located at 141 Sycamore Street, which is at the corner of Sycamore and Church Streets in downtown Homer. Brotherhood is the only ecumenical, basically lay, group in the county. Churches of every denomination are invited to participate. Tim Harper is president of the Community Brotherhood.

For more information on Homer Methodist Church, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HomerMethodistChurch>

Visitors are always welcome, leader's state.

Commerce First Methodist hosts pickleball on Tuesdays

Commerce First Methodist Church hosts pickleball every Tuesday at 4 p.m.

The church court is indoors, located in the gym inside the Family Life Center.

Players of all levels from beginners and up are invited to come play. The church has paddles for use by those that do not have them.

Commerce First Methodist Church is located at 16 Cherry Street in Commerce.

For more information, contact the church office at 706-340-8611.

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Tis the season



sherry lewis

I made a quick trip to the mall and sorted boxes for the gifts I bought online. I sat marveling over the pretty packages.

Then a thought came to me. A shiny red wagon, a bicycle, a new jacket, and many other gifts will make a child or adult smile for a moment, a season, and it may even last a few years.

Still, I'm missing something, and God spoke to my heart. Material gifts are okay, but the most important gift is to show my family, friends, co-workers, and even strangers the true meaning of the season. A relationship with Jesus will last throughout eternity, and there is no better way than to show the love of Christ during this season and throughout our lifetime.

I am quickly reminded of Matthew 6:19-21 which happens to be the first sermon I spoke in my living room, with my neighbor, Glenda, accompanying on the piano. I'm not sure why God put those words in my heart, but I preached my heart out to the two of us who were no more than ten or 12 years old. I've continued to proclaim this word over the years, and it warms my heart, to think of exactly when I first spoke those words.

Imagine me standing at a make shift pulpit boldly reading these words: "Do

not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moths nor rust destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Here I am today. It is December 2024 and I went from a young girl to grown woman and God has placed people in my life who have helped me to grow in the Lord. I am blessed that my dad and step-mom are still with us, I am blessed with a husband, children, grandchildren including our newest baby Harlow, an aunt who checks on me like I was her daughter, a hilarious brother and his beautiful wife, my nieces, and a great niece born this year. I have a good Christian home, a wonderful church, and the blessings continue to come into my mind.

Then I began to assess the gifts I received over the years. I do remember the presents I asked for and they were special at the time. I wanted a football uniform even though it seemed ten

sizes to big; that let me know my parents did what they could to meet my requests.

Of course there was jewelry, baseball gloves, clothes, and surprises.

I followed in their footsteps. I remember driving to Doraville just before Christmas to snag a toy Zach asked for and I'd been trying to find for a month or two.

I called the store to confirm they had it, and I whisked away to do my best to make Christmas for my little boy who wanted a rideable car and gas pump.

So I have wonderful memories of giving and receiving, but I promise you, the people who sowed the gospel into my life, gave me the best present I have or will ever receive. They told me about the Lord, and to become His child.

Today, I ask you to give the gift of Jesus through kind words and kind deeds. Let us show the love of Jesus to our family and let them know He is the Lord of our lives, and a personal relationship with Christ, is the most magnificent gift any of us will ever receive. It's eternal. It's everlasting, and it's God's love to us.

Sherry Lewis is a resident of Maysville and worship leader at Water's Edge Ministry.



TEMPLE BAPTIST CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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