



Times of Worship

- Sunday Bible Classes:** 9am
- Sunday AM Worship:** 10am
- Sunday PM Worship:** 5pm
- Wednesday Bible Study:** 7pm

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Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

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Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to patcawthon@gmail.com

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The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year?

Growing up, Christmas was the biggest holiday we celebrated. We had lots of decorations to put around the house, our artificial tree to set up, and sometimes hanging lights on the outside of the house. Presents would keep piling under the tree throughout the month. I would find my presents, shake them and try to figure out what I got. It was a time of great anticipation and lots of fun.

I have always enjoyed the music surrounding the Christmas holiday. I love driving around and looking at all the Christmas lights. As the late Andy Williams sung, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." For some it is, but for others, it is not. Some might say it's the most difficult time of the year.

Think about those who do not have their loved ones to talk to and laugh with. Think about the momma who no longer has a child to buy a present for and place under the tree. Think about the wife or husband who lost their spouse and now faces a Christmas without them for the first time. This very special time of the year is not nearly as wonderful without the one they love.

As we dwell on our blessings this month in particular, we should be extra thankful for those who

New Songs

- ◆ Heaven's Jubilee
- ◆ Be Still My Soul

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ◆ Hallie Seaton (12/12)

Calendar Items

Singing Class this afternoon at 4pm at the building

Women's Bible Study Resuming January 10th at the building at 11

Today's Lessons

- ◆ Contentment
- ◆ Walking By Faith

Midweek Bible Study

- ◆ Luke 5:27ff

are still with us. This is a blessing too many people take for granted. There are many who would give just about anything to have their loved one back with them for just one day.

Romans 12:15 tells us to, "Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep." Notice this verse does not rebuke those who are weeping. It is okay, good and very natural to weep. **Ecclesiastes 3:4** reminds us "there is a time to weep and a time to laugh."

We have an opportunity to be a blessing to those who are weeping. Be watchful for those who may be struggling. Pray for them asking God to bring healing in ways only He can. Let them know you love and care for them.

One of the greatest blessings God gave us is the the church. We are each other's spiritual family. *"And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it."* (**1Co 12:26**) "Regard others as more important than yourselves." (**Phil 2:3**) If we as brothers and sisters in Christ don't support those of us who are hurting, who will?

To those of us who believe this is the most wonderful time of the year, remember it's not for everyone. May we show each other the love of Christ and remind one another through our actions the blessings of family go beyond our physical families to our spiritual family. As Paul told the church in Thessalonica, "you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another...but we urge you, brethren, to excel still more" (**1Th 4:9-10**)

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