

January 2025



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Live Nativity
- Baby Onjukka Dedication
- Progress on the School Gym
- Miscellaneous

12th Annual Live Nativity

I would like to thank EVERYONE who so willingly helped to make the Live Nativity happen once again! It truly is a testimony of the unity of our church family.

A special thank you to our new tour guides this year: Holly Sivula, Emily Walechka, Jim Shwauke, and Alisa Dalgleish. It is a big role to take on and they all did it very well. Other first time cast members this year included the Krueger family and Hunter DeGrave who acted the part of the shepherds and Ginger and Heather Dalgleish and Elizabeth Copening who joined the angel choir. This was a brand-new scene that was inspired by a suggestion of one of our Tour Guides from last year. Our guests were able to experience what it may have been like to actually be the first to arrive at the manger with the shepherds and interact with Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus. All of the shepherds did an amazing job at portraying the awe and wonder of that moment.



The Coursey family was also a new addition to our cast in the Jerusalem scene. Here our guests witnessed the wiseman's first stop in search of the newborn king and encountered the doubts and deceit of the Pharisees.



Probably one of the most important scenes is the final one, when the tour guides direct our thoughts, not only to the first coming, but to the Second Coming of Jesus! Here each guest was encouraged to search the scriptures as the wisemen and shepherds of old. Everyone was given an "It Is Written Bible Study Guide" to point them to that great and wonderful day when Jesus will return to take us home! Our prayer is that our efforts truly gave God glory and honor and that the effects of this experience will last far beyond the Christmas season and have an eternal impact.





The closing song, “We Shall See the King”, begins “We shall see the King where the angels sing”. And it was so.

Nine people portrayed hundreds of angels for the Live Nativity. Nine people enclosed (mostly) for three hours each of two nights in a small trailer. But what a blessing!

We started with prayer both evenings. We talked about the Lord being where the angels sing and affirmed that He was there for He promised that where two or three are gathered together in His name, He would be with us.

When the angel of the Lord announced the birth of the Messiah to the shepherds, the shepherds were filled with joy and went to see the baby Jesus. But the angels first sang, “Glory to God.” As we tried to portray the night, joy filled our hearts too. Bringing a blessing to others became our blessing. Thank you, Wilson church family, for being willing to bless others.

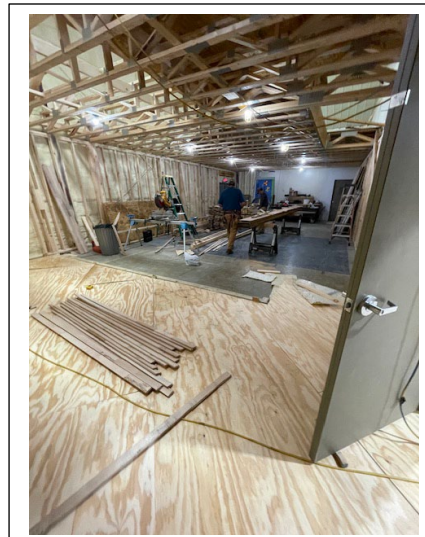
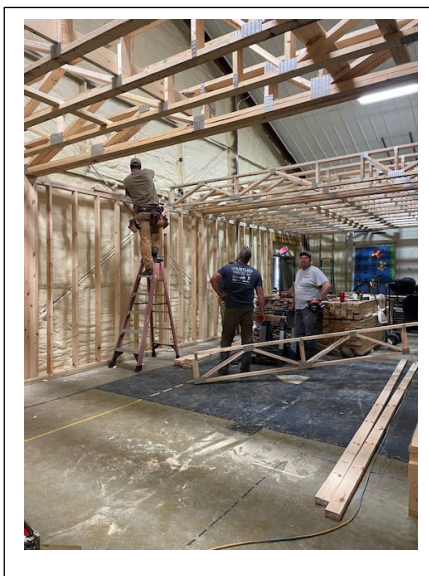
By Valerie Messersmith



In December, baby Elliott Onjukka was dedicated to Christ.

(pictured from left to right: Lei Makaehu, Sarah, Baby Elliott and Bryce Onjukka)

Progress on the School Gym



Miscellaneous Announcements & Classified Ads

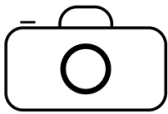


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