

“Look! The virgin will conceive and bear a son, and they will call him Emmanuel,” which means “God with us.”

Matthew 1:23

“Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, for I proclaim to you good news that brings great joy to all the people: Today your Savior is born in the city of David. He is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:10 11



## AT A GLANCE...



There are over 100,000 people in Etowah county. 32% of our neighbors are under the age of 26. 18% of our neighbors live in poverty, dealing with food insecurity and lack access to many health services.

Those living in poverty are disproportionately female and caucasian. 17% of our neighbors are over the age of 65. 7% are raising their grandchildren.

We believe God is inviting us to make an impact!

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## CHRISTMAS OFFERING



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There are three (3) unique ways to participate:  
give in person, give by mail, or give online

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## SO THIS IS A CHRISTMAS OFFERING

What better way to celebrate the birth of Christ than by dedicating ourselves and our resources toward growing the kingdom of God. Our love and compassion for God and others shows not only through our words but also through our generous giving. We can make an impact in the lives of others when we join Jesus in transforming the world.

### FULLTIME STUDENT PASTOR: \$12,000.00

Your kids and grandkids matter to Jesus and to us! It is our deep desire to do our part to help you raise the next generation of world changing, Jesus loving, women and men. To do that, we feel like the Lord has invited us to dedicate a full time student/young adult pastor to this work. We believe that an investment here will be rewarded with a 100 fold return!



*Growing capacities for loving God and others*



*Leaning into God through self awareness & leadership*

### FOOD PANTRY : \$10,000.00

Wherever someone is hungry, Jesus is there with them, just as hungry as they are. It is our dream to meet Jesus, one meal at a time, in the hope that food insecurity will no longer be a barrier for anyone. To reach this goal means we need to take our efforts to the next level and the next level requires a serious financial commitment on our part.



*Volunteers are the lifeblood of this community ministry*



*They are the living and active body of Christ*

### FAITH IN ACTION WEEKEND: \$3000.00

Scripture reminds us "faith without works is dead!" Since we are not dead, we are not finished doing the good works of God throughout our community. We want to put our "YES!" to God on the table and let his Spirit direct us toward making an impact right here in our own backyard. Financial resources will help make that possible.



*Bringing the Kingdom of God near to our neighbors*



*Building our community through loving relationship*