



## OUR CONDOLENCES...



To Michael Cole and his entire family at the passing of his wife, Geraldine Cole. A viewing was held on Friday at Burke Tubbs Funeral Home in Freeport. The Memorial Service was held on Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Dixon.

## The Christmas PLEDGE

1. To remember those people who truly need my gifts.
2. To express my love for family and friends in more direct ways than presents.
3. To rededicate myself to the spiritual growth of my family.
4. To examine my holiday activities in light of the true spirit of Christmas.
5. To initiate one act of peacemaking within my circle of family and friends.

*from Unplug the Christmas Machine. | by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppic*

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT REHEARSAL

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

Solos: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Ensemble: 7:00 – 7:45 PM

(Praise Singers Plus)



*Christmas*  
CONCERT  
&  
MESSAGE \*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 \***

JCC presents the message of Christmas in song through the Children's Choir, vocalists, and musicians. It will set the tone for your celebrations!

*Christmas*  
Service

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

JCC will feature traditional and contemporary songs of the Christmas season. This service will rekindle the Christmas story for you!

DECEMBER  
TEACHING SERIES

# VINTAGE Christmas

Dec 01 » God Has Given Us a Sign  
Dec 08 » God Has Given Us Hope  
Dec 15 » God Has Given Us a Child  
Concert & Message  
Dec 22 » God Has Given Us Great Joy

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### ► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick L.       | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike F.       | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Aricioglu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan K.     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler M.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill S.       | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S.        |
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### ► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Suzie S. » Health Issues   | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » MS            | <input type="checkbox"/> Don H. » Health Issues     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny D. » Nuerological    | <input type="checkbox"/> Keith M. » Cancer          | <input type="checkbox"/> Valerie C. » Seizures      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley K. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Craig B. » Leukemia        | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafael » Cancer            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toni R. » Health Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrine A. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Tommy P. » Anxiety         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael C. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Marvin L. » Health Issues  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danny R. » ALS             | <input type="checkbox"/> Bethany » Health Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley B. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis L. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Denny G. » Health Issues   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Betty W. » Health Issues   |   |

### ► OTHER

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"In the manger, God loves you. Through the cross God saves you." —Max Lucado*

## METRICS THAT MATTER (12/01/19)

ATTENDANCE ► 52    GIVING ► \$2,197    GUESTS ► 4  
VOLUNTEERS ► 21    DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0




VINTAGE  
Christmas

GOD HAS GIVEN  
US HOPE



SETTING THE *Scene*

- It's about forty days after the birth of Jesus.
  - Jesus had been circumcised.
  - It's been forty nights since the shepherds heard the news.
  - A little more than ten months since the Angel Gabriel visited Mary.
  - Back at the temple there are two ceremonies taking place:
    - The purification of Mary—after the birth of Jesus.
    - The dedication of Jesus as first born.
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Simeon's

SONG AND BLESSING

*Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."*

Luke 2:25-35



# Simeon TOOK JESUS IN HIS ARMS

- He lived for **ONE** thing.
- He waited for **ONE** thing.
- He wanted to see **ONE** thing.
- He was driven by **ONE** thing.

## TO SEE *Jesus!*

- This is no ordinary child.
- This is the one whom the ages have waited for.
- This is the one whom the prophets pointed to.
- This is the one from the tribe of Judah.
- This is the Promised Messiah!



## THE POWER OF *Hope*

This devout and righteous man was waiting in Jerusalem, longing expectantly for Scripture's fulfillment.

*Comfort my people.* — Isaiah 40:1  
*Bring good news to Jerusalem.* — Isaiah 40:9  
*People have seen a great light.* — Isaiah 9:1-2  
*Unto us a child is born.* — Isaiah 9:6



## HOPE IN *Christ...*

**1** GIVES US A NEW WAY TO **LOOK**

**2** GIVES US A NEW WAY TO **THINK**

**3** GIVES US A NEW WAY TO **LIVE**

THE *Best* IS YET TO *Come!*



JUBILEE CHRISTIAN CENTRE

INVITES YOU,  
FAMILY & FRIENDS  
TO A

# Christmas

CONCERT

Sunday

DECEMBER 15

10:00 AM

677 Luda St. Elgin, IL 60120

CHILDREN'S  
CHOIR &  
ENSEMBLES