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Cradle Building for Advent



Lee Canipe

Let's be honest. Most of us don't really know what to do with Advent. It seems like the rest of the world is barreling full-steam ahead into Christmas on board a glitzy, turbo-charged sleigh while the church plods along toward Bethlehem at a frustratingly deliberate pace. That's what Advent can feel like.

Some of us learn to live with the restlessness during these short days and long nights of

Advent—but we don't necessarily like it. We feel as though we're being forced to eat our vegetables while a huge coconut cake sits in full view just slightly beyond our reach. Others of us decide that life's too short to wait and so, following the principle of "eat dessert first," merrily plunge headlong into this most wonderful time of the year, with parties for hosting, marshmallows for toasting, and caroling out in the snow. Either way, Advent ends up being a kind of Christmas pre-game show. Some of us endure it. Some of us ignore it. Either way, I'm afraid we miss the point.

I've found it helpful to think of Advent as an invitation from a patient God who knows we're not ready for all the love He wants to give us. We don't have enough room in our hearts. At least, not yet. Advent gives God's Spirit time to do its holy work in us, getting that room ready to welcome God's Son. I recently read a short essay by Eugene Peterson that did a nice job illustrating this idea. He writes about the experience of learning that he's about to become a first-time grandfather and driving, with his wife, Jan, to go visit his son and daughter-in-law. It's worth quoting him here at length: *

"As we got closer to greeting them Jan's anticipation heightened, but somehow this pregnancy hadn't penetrated my emotions. I felt dull, flat, routine.

"Driving back home the next day, I complained of my lack of ebullience, an emotion Jan had in excess. 'What's wrong with me? Why don't I feel anything?'"

"Jan said, 'It's because you've never been pregnant.'

"I said, 'Well, that's just great; so what am I going to do about it?'"

"She told me to build a cradle.

"When I got home I went to the public library and found pictures of cradles. I decided on an early American hooded cradle, sketched out plans, went to a specialty wood shop, and chose some Honduras mahogany. Most afternoons I came home early from my parish duties to my shop and worked on that cradle. I decided to finish it with applications of Tung oil. I worked on each piece of that cradle with the finest grade of sandpaper, over and over. Each application of Tung oil deepened the color. After several applications it seemed like the wood glowed from within. I worked with each piece of the cradle—shaping it, holding it, rubbing it over and over—and all the time anticipating the baby who would be in that cradle, over and over and over.

"Jan's prescription worked; I got pregnant. Week after week of shaping that cradle—my hands and fingers working the wood, over and over anointing with the oil that set the mahogany on fire from within—I imagined the developing baby who would soon be swaddled in that cradle, praying in gratitude and anticipation for the life in our daughter-in-law's swelling womb. By the time the cradle was ready, I was ready, prepared to receive the gift of new life."

Think of Advent worship, Advent devotions, Advent prayers, Advent acts of service and generosity, then, as cradle-building: the slow, deliberate, careful work of creating a suitable space for God's love to come, stay, and grow in our hearts. It's not something to rush through, nor should it be an exercise in impatient endurance. Our Christian tradition wisely sets aside these weeks before Christmas for this most necessary work. After all, that baby's coming—and he's going to need somewhere to sleep. Maybe this Advent, we'll finally take advantage of this gift of time to engage in some cradle building of our own. I hope so. "And yet, when the Son of Man comes," asks Jesus in Luke 18:8, "will he find faith on earth?"

May the peace of Christ be with you!

* Eugene Peterson, "Learning to Love the Church," *CT Pastors*, 2017, p. 32-33

Installation Service

Sunday, December 11th

4:00pm Service (Sanctuary)

5:00pm Reception (Crouch Fellowship Hall)

Join us for this special service as we pray for God's blessings on Lee as our spiritual leader and minister.

On Second Thought

Have you signed up for Lee's "On Second Thought" Monday morning email? If not, email ssneed@providencebc.org to get connected!



Student Minister Search

Throughout December, the Student Minister Search Committee will be conducting listening sessions designed to identify what members feel is most important in Student Ministry and in our next Minister to Students and their Families.

The committee will target specific groups, but will also offer church-wide listening opportunities so that all members can be heard.

During these listening sessions, members will be asked to share their thoughts on the following three questions:

1. What do you think the top three priorities of Student Ministry should be?
2. What three programs (current, past or new) do you think are crucial to the Student Ministry?
3. What three attributes of a Student Minister are most important to you?

Members will also be given a note card so that they may share additional thoughts. If you are unable to attend a listening session, please contact one of the committee members. We want to hear from you!



(l-r) Seated: Chloe Ayscue, Catherine Shoemaker Trahan, Mary Bonheimer, Chris Squier, Standing: Leigh Frame, Dalinda Fairley, Kari Banks, David Miller, Eric Gill, Lee Canipe



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Listening Sessions

Sunday, December 4th

Middle and High School Classes

Wednesday, December 7th

4:45pm - 6:00pm
Rotunda

Sunday, December 11th

Adult Sunday School Classes

Wednesday, December 14th

4:45pm - 6:00pm
Rotunda

Sunday, December 18th

8:00am - 8:30am and
9:00am - 9:30am
Crouch Fellowship Hall

Advent Hope



David Jordan

Amazingly, it is Advent already. One of the many traditions we benefit from at Providence is our use of the Advent Wreath. The first of five candles we light in this lovely symbol of our faith is called the Prophet's Candle, or the Candle of Hope.

Appraising the world realistically and in the face of difficulty, the biblical hope of this candle stands tall and shines boldly in the darkness. Not content merely to wish, biblical hope rises with initiative, offering positive alternatives and redemptive perspectives. Biblical hope knows that justice is not illusory, but the clear possibility of God's presence among us.

The prophets saw in Israel a hope for humanity, God's dream offered in new ways. Called to rise with fresh potential in Exodus, unshackled for blessings in Deuteronomy, implored to justice in Micah, encouraged to bloom where planted in Jeremiah, prepared for widened community in Isaiah, this hope was far broader than first imagined. Incarnated in Jesus, the hope of old breathed new life into a disillusioned past, just as it now can enliven the embers of a confusing present.

Biblical hope, this power-filled word we claim in Advent's first week, necessitates our response. Like its other partners in biblical imperatives, hope invokes not only what can be, but what should be. It summons love into the equation of sacred interaction; it invokes peace

as the partner confronting all that might be; it stands with justice, entices joy, enhances vision, strengthens commitment, enlivens passion, broadens fortitude, deepens courage.

So the hope of Advent offers change to circumstances otherwise mired in complexity, derailed by ignorance or stymied by anger. Then and now, through word, deed and transformation, Jesus joins the insufficiencies of all our lives in a broadened force of bold assurance: we are not alone; we are not without. Hope lives, flickering in the darkness, the first of the five candles, alone now, but preparing the glad and shining union of love, joy, peace – and the coming of Jesus.

May your Christmas season this year be one filled with a living hope that exceeds your best imaginings.

Gratefully, hopefully,

David



A Prayer for December

Surprise me this month, O God. Help me to see beyond my busyness, past the sales pitches, behind the decorations and around the distractions. Let me see what is real and true and right and good. Encourage me with a new sense of possibility. In spite of obstacles and regardless of what lies ahead, give me a steadfast hope that blossoms into the love, joy and peace given to us all in the birth of Jesus. Amen.

PrimeTimers

Thursday, December 15th

12:00pm

Crouch Fellowship Hall

Get in the Christmas spirit during this special holiday program. Concert pianist and singer Dr. Thomas Moore will be treating us to some beloved Christmas music. Don't miss out!

Tickets are \$7.00.

RSVP to 704.366.4030x211
by Sunday, December 11th.



What a GIFT!

An anonymous friend paid for our November PrimeTimers luncheon, which meant everyone who had RSVPd was treated to a fabulous lunch for free!

Whoever you are, we are grateful and humbled by your gift. May the rest of us live up to your example by paying it forward!

Wednesday Night Meals

December 7th

- Chicken Pot Pie
- Baked Peach Halves
- Steamed Broccoli
- Salad and Pizza Bar
- Muffins
- Ice Cream Sundae Bar

December 14th

- Baked Ham
- Baby Limas
- Orange Glazed Carrots
- Salad and Pizza Bar
- Yeast Rolls
- Red Velvet Cake

December 21st

Family Evening at Home

December 28th

Family Evening at Home

Adults \$7.50, Seniors \$6.50,
Children \$5.00, Max Family \$25.00

WMU Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday,
December 6th
10:30am**



at the home of Billie Simpson
8324 County Downs Lane, Charlotte 28270

Lunch will be provided.

Join us as we fellowship, eat and hear reports from our student mission trips (Philadelphia and Jamaica) and the recent adult trip to New York City.

Young Professionals

**Monday,
December 19th
6:45pm**

@ LeRoy Fox

Meet other Young Professionals in an intimate setting, ask the hard questions and get straight answers.



FAITH. DISCUSSION. QUESTIONS.



'Tis the Season!

The Christmas season is almost upon us. As we begin to prepare our hearts and our homes for this beautiful season of the year, allow me to offer a few suggestions for celebrating the birth of Christ with preschoolers.

The Gifts of the Wise Men.

At Christmas, preschoolers tend to receive an incredible number of gifts from Santa, family and friends. I encourage you to begin the tradition of limiting Santa to three gifts in honor of the three gifts that the Wise Men brought to Jesus. This will help with gift expectations as your child grows (and gets more expensive gifts), and it will help your budget!



The Nativity. Allow your child to have a nativity to play with at home. At church, we use the Fisher-Price nativity in each classroom. This can be ordered online from www.Christianbook.com for \$30.

The Bible. Every preschooler needs a Bible to “read” and use at home. We suggest the “Read to Me Bible for Kids” because it has the pictures and stories that the children hear at church. This Bible can be ordered online from www.Christianbook.com for \$15 (enter the title HCSB Read to Me Bible for Kids” in the search). This Bible makes a great gift from grandparents.

Christmas Books. Purchase Christmas books that tell the story of Jesus’ birth. Look for books with realistic pictures and text that is true to the story. An example is

“The Christmas Story” by Patricia Pingry. (Available for \$6 at www.Christianbook.com.)

Family Gifts. Preschoolers typically have many loved ones who give gifts at Christmas. To limit the “stuff” in your house, encourage family to give “experiences” (such as gifts cards to Discovery Place, the zoo, Monkey Joe’s, Great Wolf Lodge, etc.) and “activities” (ballet lessons, gymnastic lessons, music lessons, etc.). You can also encourage contributions to the child’s college fund!

Ornaments. Begin a collection of ornaments for your child. Let these be reflective of their interests. Place a small Christmas tree in their bedroom that will hold their homemade ornaments and their ornament collection. At young adulthood, this collection of ornaments will go with them to their first apartment! Also, this ornament and new pajamas (for good looking Christmas morning pictures) make great Christmas Eve gifts from Mom and Dad.



Christmas Eve. We invite you to join us at 10:00am for a service geared to the interests of young children! I hope your family experiences the joy of Christmas during this season!



Rev. Julia Wright
Minister with Children and their Families

Children at Advent

December 2nd at 6:00 pm
Family Advent Dinner

December 14th at 5:45pm
Christmas Around the World

December 24th at 10:00am
Children, Candlelight and Carols

December 4th at 9:45am
Baby’s 1st Christmas Party

December 18th at 9:45am
1st Grade Christmas Play
4th Grade Video

December 25th at 10:00am
Family Worship
(No Sunday School)

December 11th at 9:30 am
Preschool Angel Breakfast



Music and Worship in December

On December 18th, we will do something never before attempted at Providence (well, at least not in the last two years) – we will have TWO special music offerings!

During the 8:30am worship service, the band and vocalists will present *Behold the Lamb of God*, an epic journey from Old Testament segments of the Bible through to the coming of the Messiah. Unlike most retellings of the Christmas story, this one does not begin with Mary and Joseph but with an unfolding of God’s story throughout the Bible. The songs proclaim the powerful story of His birth, death, and resurrection, reminding us of the true meaning of the season. *Behold the Lamb of God* is an entertaining, charming and uplifting telling of a true tale which is as relevant today as it was then.

This unique musical leaves listeners pondering the theological implications of the birth of Christ and the events and things in the Old Testament that foreshadowed it. It makes listeners think about Christmas in a way that few do, as more than just the birth of Christ, but also the fulfillment of years of promises.

At the 11:00am worship service, the Sanctuary Choir will present Daniel Pinkham’s *Christmas Cantata (Sinfonia Sacra)*, a 20th century homage to the Baroque music period. *Christmas Cantata* remains one of Pinkham’s most popular works and is one in which his

synthesis of early music and contemporary styles is clearly evident. The Latin texts are taken from the traditional responses from the Christmas masses and are set for three equal ensembles: chorus, brass choir and organ.



Timothy Hill

The first movement opens with a rather declamatory statement (“Shepherds, what have you seen? Tell us!”)

before moving into a dance-like section of ever shifting meters and syncopated rhythms. The second movement features an arched melody which is passed antiphonally between the two instrumental choirs, over which is spun a long, dreamy choral line set mostly for women’s voices.

The final movement is an extended crescendo of continually shifting tonalities, with verses taken from Psalm 100 alternating with the chorus the angels sang to the shepherds, “Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will.” (Program notes attributed to Michael Moore, Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia.)

**Special Music Sunday,
December 18th**

**8:30am *Behold the Lamb of God*
by Andrew Peterson**

**11:00am *Christmas Cantata*
by Daniel Pinkham**



If there was ever a day to attend BOTH services, this is it! Our Music Ministry is excited to present these offerings for worship, reflection and enjoyment ... and we hope you will join us. Invite others to be a part of this special day of music and worship at Providence Baptist Church!

For more information contact Tim Hill at 704.366.4030x123 (thill@providencebc.org), Diann Clark at 704.366.4030x122 (dclark@providencebc.org), Leigh Ann Hughes at 704.366.4030x121 (lhughes@providencebc.org) or Debra Wallace at (debrawallace2241@gmail.com).

Middle School Madness

Sunday, December 4th

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Laser Tag!!

Meet after the 11:00am worship service
in the Activity Center parking lot.

PLEASE sign up online!



Sign up for these events and more at:

www.providencebc.org/students



Mission Days

Sunday, December 11th

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Come make cards for "God's Love, We Deliver."

We will provide lunch and watch
the Panthers game so your
creativity will get flowing!



Mission Trips

Middle School Mission Trip

June 11 – 16, 2017

Nashville, Tennessee

Get your cowboy hats ready because
we're going back to Nashville!

Once again, we will partner with
Christian Student Ministries and
work with a variety of food banks,

homeless shelters, after-school
programs and more. We will also

be spending time in an urban-
plunge setting and other experiential
educational programs intended to produce healthy
theological dialogue over social justice issues.



High School Mission Trip

July 16 – 22, 2017

Smyrna, Tennessee

Our High School Mission Trips are always
powerful, hands-on experiences for our students.
The trips are designed to give students real-world
insight while helping local communities.

We will be partnering with Community Servants
renovating low income housing
for Burmese refugees.



GET YOUR SERVICE HOURS IN!

Earn money towards your trip by participating in Mission Days. When? December 11th.

REMEMBER: YOU MUST PARTICIPATE IN 3 MISSION DAYS TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL CREDIT!

For more information about the Student Ministry, contact George Mulley at 704.366.4030x116 (gmulley@providencebc.org).

CROP Walk Success!



A few of our small - yet strong - walkers:
(l-r) Matthew Perrone, Andrew Blackwell,
Jackson Honeycutt, Coleman Hunt,
Cooper Williams, Boone Stroupe, and
Davis Query

The 38th Annual CROP Walk was a huge success! We had 30 walkers (of all ages) and we shattered our \$10,000 goal! Our final tally? \$11,543! Thank you, Providence! You have made a difference in your very own city!



“Wrap It Up”

Everyone needs presents wrapped this time of year. What better way to get that chore checked off “the list” than to let our college students wrap the packages and tie the ribbons for charity! (Donations accepted!)

**Monday,
December 19th**
10:00am - 3:00pm
Crouch Fellowship Hall



All you have to do is bring your presents. We’ll do the rest. Let us wrap your presents for you and help us do good for others.

Wrapping paper will be available or bring your own!

Delivering “Love” in NYC

Providence Baptist sent 13 adults to minister to the people of New York City in October. Our “missionaries” came back with tired feet and achy muscles, but they had hearts full of love and compassion for the people they served.

Our partner church Metro Baptist housed our workers and provided them with a home-base. During their 5-day stay, our team prepared food at “God’s Love, We Deliver,” and then delivered the specialized meals to the hungry throughout Manhattan.

Our team also put on their “gala finest” and prepped, prepared, and served the food for Metro Baptist’s fundraising gala. They were able to catch a Broadway show or two and had some fine food during their time up North. They bonded as a group and celebrated each other’s strengths as they served the Lord.

If you are looking for an experience that will change your life and leave you more compassionate than before, consider joining the crew next year!



(l-r) Sharon Dotson, Curtis from “God’s Love,” Dawn Martin, Renee Ball, Leigh Frame, Amy Shoemaker, Randy Ballard, Leigh Ann Hughes, David Frame, Caroline Frame and Lester Bradshaw



(l-r) Amy Shoemaker, Sharon Dotson, Debra Motsinger, Margaret Marshall, Cheryl Bradshaw, Lester Bradshaw, Rene Ball, David Frame, Leigh Ann Hughes, Leigh Frame, Randy Ballard, Dawn Martin, and Caroline Frame

Installation Service

On behalf of the Pastor Search Committee, I would like to cordially invite you to attend the installation service of Dr. Lee Canipe as the 5th senior pastor of Providence Baptist Church on Sunday, December 11th, 2016 at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary.

There will be a reception in the Crouch Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. This will be a meaningful service for the entire Canipe family, as well as friends, colleagues, and certainly for the congregation of our church.

Grace & peace,
Bunnie Walker - PSC Chair

*Childcare will be available by reservation only.
Contact Lauren Stroupe at 704.366.4030x125
to reserve your child's space.*

Readers' Guild



There's something special about listening to a good story. The reader has the power to transport the listener to far away times and places, captivating their

attention as each detail is revealed.

The written Word of God is no different. It is full of wonderful stories that reveal God's nature to us ... and these stories must be told!

Have you ever considered reading scripture in worship? Perhaps you can add your storytelling voice to the reading of God's Word – what greater story can be told?

Contact Tim at thill@providencebc.org if you're interested in adding your voice!



Blood Drive

Blood Drive
Sunday, December 4th
9:30am - 1:00pm

The CBCC Mobile Unit will be in the Activity Center parking lot. Sign up in the Rotunda!



Every Drop Stays Here. Saving Local Lives.

Sundays in December



December 4th
Matthew 3:1 - 12

December 11th
James 5:7 - 10

December 18th
Isaiah 7:10 - 16
8:30am Peterson's "Behold the Lamb of God"
11:00 Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata"

December 25th
10:00am Combined Family Worship

Special Advent Events

December 2nd at 6:00pm

Family Advent Dinner (RSVP required)

December 7th at 6:00pm

A Gospel Soul-Filled Christmas

December 11th at 9:30am

Preschool Angel Breakfast

December 14th at 5:45pm

Christmas Around the World

December 14th at 6:00pm

Christmas Vespers led by Lee Canipe

December 18th

8:30am Special Music Sunday

9:30am 1st Grade Play (for parents)
4th Grade Christmas Video (for parents)

11:00am Special Music Sunday

Christmas Eve

10:00am Children, Carols and Communion

5:00pm

Candlelight, Carols
and Communion



11:30pm Candlelight and Communion

Christmas Morning

Family Christmas Breakfast

8:30am in the Crouch Fellowship Hall

Combined Family Worship

10:00am in the Sanctuary

Worship the newborn babe as a family on Christmas morning. We will join in the Sanctuary for an informal time of carols and worship.

Special Music

**Sunday,
December 18th**

8:30am Worship

The Praise Band presents
Andrew Peterson's
Behold the Lamb of God



11:00am Worship

Daniel Pinkham's *Christmas Cantata*
Sanctuary Choir with Brass Ensemble

Office Closings

The Providence Baptist Church Campus
will be closed:

Monday, December 26th

Tuesday, December 27th

Friday, December 29th

Monday, January 2nd



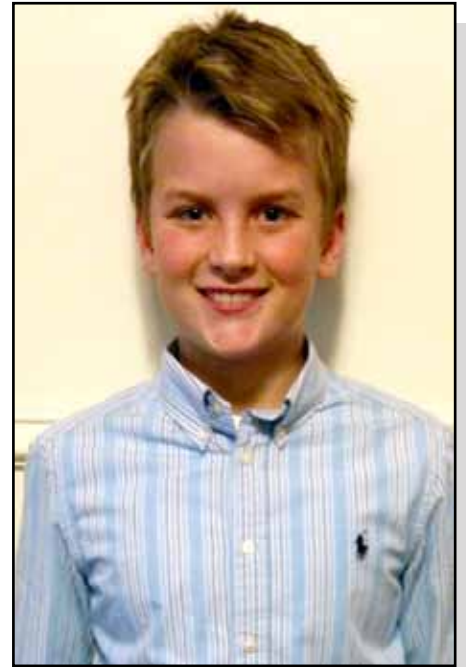
New Members



Becky Ramsey joined on November 6th and is transferring her membership from Salem Church in Rock Hill, SC.



Carson Sanford joined Providence on November 6th by profession of personal faith.



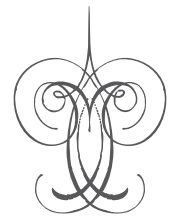
Jacob Sanford joined Providence on November 13th by profession of personal faith.

Dedications of Life



Frank and Amy Stokes dedicated Sara Hope Stokes on October 30th. She was born on January 26th, 2016.

Sara is the sister of Grace (14 years old) and Alex (11 years old).



2017 Approved Budget

The Finance Committee's draft for the 2017 Budget was unanimously approved at the 4th Quarter Business Meeting held on November 9th. The draft also included a projection for 2018 and 2019. Below is the approved 2017 budget.

2017 Approved Budget (11/9/16)

Budget Accounts	2017 BU	2018 BU	2019 BU
	APPROVED	PROJECTED	PROJECTED
Revenue	2,383,968	2,468,594	2,554,995
Tithe & Offerings	2,151,851	2,350,000	2,436,401
Other	9,360	11,000	11,000
General Endowment	50000	50000	50000
Maint Endowment	27134		
Previous Year Carryforward	145,623	57,594	57,594
Expense	2,383,968	2,468,594	2,554,995
Missions	236,105.00	246,859.40	255,499.50
Growth/Outreach	7,200.00	7,416.00	7,638.48
Pastoral Ministries	6,000.00	6,180.00	6,365.40
Education Ministries	22,004.00	22,664.12	23,344.04
Music Ministries	73,069.00	75,261.07	77,518.90
Student Ministries	42,500.00	43,775.00	45,088.25
Children's Ministries	38,700.00	39,861.00	41,056.83
Activities Ministries	11,841.18	12,196.42	12,562.31
Congregational Care	14,382.00	14,813.46	15,257.86
General Admin/Operations	78,010.00	80,350.30	82,760.81
Food Service	27,060.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Media & Technologies	75,000.00	72,379.28	72,379.28
Utilities	156,298.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
Maintenance	200,702.00	205,000.00	205,000.00
Note 1: General Endowment 25K	-25,000.00		
Note 2: Maint Endowment 27K	-27,000.00		
Debt Service	79,376.40	79,376.40	79,376.40
Personnel	1,367,720.52	1,408,752.14	1,451,014.70
Note 3: Wkdy Ed - Cook Support	-35,000.00	-35,000.00	-40,000.00
Note 4: Wkdy Ed - Custodian Support	-30,000.00	-35,000.00	-45,000.00
Note 5: Wkdy Ed - Operations Support	-35,000.00	-60,000.00	-65,000.00
General Reserve	50,325.00	79,776.60	79,776.60
Missions % of Budget	9.9%	10.0%	10.0%
Personnel % of Budget	57.4%	57.1%	56.8%
Total Change From Prior Year	5%	4%	4%
Revenue Draft Total	2,383,968	2,468,594	2,554,995
Expense Draft Total	2,334,293	2,439,661	2,479,639
Projected Deficit/Surplus/Net	49,674	28,933	75,356

Advent Studies

Monday Night Meditations for Advent

December 12th and 19th
6:00pm – 7:00pm

David Jordan will lead us in “Meditations from the Psalms for Advent” on Mondays in the Nalley Missions Center.

Advent

Each of these sessions will be a great opportunity to unwind, relax, regain

perspective, and prepare during Advent in ways that will inspire you.

You also might learn something new!

Sign-ups are in the Rotunda. Come join us!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

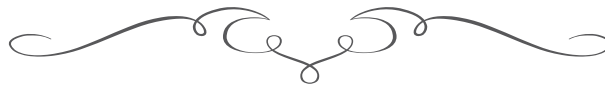
December
1st, 8th and 15th
11:00am - 12:00pm



Join us for a special three-week Thursday Advent Series led by David Jordan. Meet in the Nalley Missions Center.

Enjoy good fellowship, fine refreshments and inspiring Bible Study.

See you there!



Welcome to Our Newest

- Jenny and Daniel Smith welcome daughter Savi Lee Smith on October 27th. Savi is the granddaughter of Susan and Pike Jones.

In Sympathy

- Sharon Isley in the loss of her brother “Eenie” Jerry Strickland on October 24th.
- Steve Goad in the loss of his father, Sam Goad on October 25th.
- Lorene Hall in the loss of her son Lawrence Calvert Hall on October 30th.
- The family of Bettina Ruth Baker in her loss on October 28th.
- Pam Morton in the loss of her great aunt Lillian Smith Quick on November 1st. Lillian was also Annie Potter Campbell’s sister and LaBruce Neely’s aunt.
- Zach Hall in the loss of his uncle, James Wiley Jones on November 9th.
- Rocky and Susan Cannon and their daughter Kelly Smoak in the loss of Kelly’s mother-in-law Elizabeth Smoak on November 15th.
- Mary Bonheimer and family in the loss of her aunt Phyllis Funderburk on November 15th.

Stewardship Update

Thank you, Providence, for your generosity!
The 2016 Stewardship Campaign is a success.
To date, we have received:

- 260 cards totalling gifts of \$1,412,527
- 15 cards without amounts, but historically equal gifts of \$98,400
- 20 cards expected from those who completed cards last year and are still active totalling \$199,950.

The projected card total is: \$1,710,877

If you have not yet returned your commitment card, it is **NOT TOO LATE!** Just drop it by the church office or put it in the mail. It helps us greatly as we prepare for the coming year. Thank you!



Year-End Giving

The church office closes at 3:00pm on Friday, December 30th.



In compliance with the IRS, the following requirements allow contributions to be counted for your 2016 tax purposes:

- All contributions received during Sunday services on December 25th.
- All contributions hand-delivered to the church office by 3:00pm on December 30th, 2016.
- All contributions received with a December 31st, 2016 USPS post mark.
- All contributions received into our brokerage account by December 31st, 2016.
- All contributions received electronically to our church bank account by December 31st, 2016.

Any contribution received after December 31st, 2016 will be treated as a 2017 gift.

ON RECORD - November 20, 2016

Worship Total:	586
Christian Stewardship	
Average Weekly Requirement	*\$42,823
*The average weekly requirement is the annual budget of \$2,226,774 divided by 52 weeks.	
Revenue and Expenses	
Projected 2016	\$2,226,774
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Revenue	
Through 11/20	\$1,739,595
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Expenses	
Through 11/20	\$1,874,923
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Deficit	
Through 11/20	-\$135,328

This Month:

Deacon on Call:

704.366.4030x147

- November 30 - December 6: Sylvia Case
- December 7 - 13: Steve Goad
- December 14 - 20: Staley Green
- December 21 - 27: Kristen Hendrix
- December 28 - January 3: David Arant



Minister on Call:

- December 4: David Jordan (704.724.2766)
- December 11: Julia Wright (704.458.3710)
- December 18: Randy Ballard (704.650.9449)
- December 25: Lee Canipe (704.975.0340)
- January 1: Randy Ballard (704.650.9449)



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Blood Drive

Sunday, December 4th, 9:00am
Activity Center Parking Lot



A Gospel, Soul-Filled Christmas

Wednesday, December 7th, 6:00pm
Sanctuary



“Wrap-It Day”

Monday, December 19th, 10:00am
Crouch Fellowship Hall



Christmas Morning Worship

Sunday, December 25th, 10:00am
Combined Worship in the Sanctuary

Next Connections is January 1, 2017.

Deadline for submitting articles,
photos, announcements, etc, is
Noon, Thursday, December 15th.
Articles should be 350 words or less.
Email your submissions to:
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Thank you!



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