

December 3: Mysh Brownell December 8: Nick Graver December 12: Charles Railey December 19: Rex Atwell *Anniversaries*

Birthdays

December 23: John & Nancy Polhill December 29:Patricia & Fernandez Edwards

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2024 FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN

During our Congregational Meeting this past Wednesday, the Church Council and the Administrative Team presented their recommendations for our *2024 Financial Ministry Plan* (a.k.a. Budget).

Copies of the *Plan* as presented will be available at the front and rear entrances to the Sanctuary beginning this Sunday morning and by email.

You are encourage to read through this *Plan* carefully. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please share them with Tim Vanderhoof, who is the Chairperson of the Administrative Team.

If necessary, we will have a Called Congregational Meeting on December 13th to consider any substantive suggestions or recommendations that merit altering the document.

On December 17th, immediately after our Morning Worship Service, we will have a Called Congregational Meeting for the purpose of voting, without discussion, on the 2024 Financial Ministry Plan.

As you look at this plan, please note two things:

- Beginning January 1, we will be operating on a pay-as-you-go basis; i.e. our reserve funds have been depleted.
- We have had to make some painful decisions about what we will and will not fund in 2024.



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Week of December 3, 2023

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O that you would tear open the heavens and come down . . . —Isaiah 64:1 NRSVUE

Hope in the midst of despair is the theme for both our reading from Isaiah and the Psalm this Sunday. Each passage is set against the backdrop of Judah's exile into Babylon—an exile that has dragged on much longer than most people had expected. The people of God were well aware of their failures and had no

quarrel with God's judgement and discipline, but, they were beginning to wonder, given the length of their exile, if God had not only forgotten them, but abandoned them as well.

Both the passage from Isaiah and Psalms reflect on what God has done for Israel in the past, and contrasts that with their ongoing suffering and feelings of abandonment. If one spends some time with each of these passages, one can hear the pain and pathos that arises out of their feeling that God has withdrawn from their covenant and has left them to struggle on their own.



Yet, in the midst of their bewilderment and pain, both Isaiah and the psalmist express glimmers of hope. Reflecting on the unfaithfulness of God's people that led to their suffering, Isaiah still professes, "Yet, O LORD, you are our Fathers, we are the clay and you are our potter, we are all the work of your hand." [Isaiah 64:9] The psalmist petitions God over and over with these words, "Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine that we may be saved." [Psalm 80:3, 7, 19]

The hope expressed in these petitions by Isaiah and the psalmist are based, not only in their awareness of God's past working with God's people, but in their awareness of the disposition of God toward redemption and salvation.

As we begin this Advent Season, we are more than aware of the pain and suffering all around us. We encounter those who struggle with hope, wondering if life is worth the effort. At the same time we remember that the God who came in the person of Jesus Christ, is not only coming again, but through the power of the Holy Spirit, is at work in and through us in the world today.



<u>Dec 3</u> Camera– Addie Brownell Sound– Ray Powell <u>Dec 10</u>

Camera– Lindsey Harris Sound– Tim Vanderhoof

Deacon of the Week

Priscilla Mullins 327-4632 681-8386 (c)



<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:45 a.m. *Morning Worship* on Facebook® YouTube®,

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<u>Dec 3</u> Tim Vanderhoof

<u>Dec 10</u> Peggy Romanoli

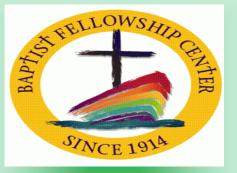
<u>Dec 17</u> Jane Hasty

<u>Dec 24</u> Jack Rogers

<u>Dec 31</u>

Vera Ruwe

CHRISTMAS BASKET OPTIONS



For a contribution of \$25, you can provide a Thanksgiving and/or Christmas Dinner for a family of four. If you would like to help families in West Louisville this year, you can make your contribution of \$25 or more through the church. Simply mark on your check or envelope that the money is to go to *"BFC Baskets."*



Monday, December 4 9:00 a.m. - Mary Adkins Quilters

Tuesday, December 5 9:30 a.m. - Al Anon Group 10:00 a.m.– WMU 1:30 p.m. - Al Anon Group

Wednesday, December 6 5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper 6:15 p.m.—Prayer Service

Thursday, December 7 9:30 a.m. - Joyous Singers

Saturday, December 9 9:00 a.m. - Korean School 9:30 a.m.—Church Council

Monday, December 11 9:00 a.m. - Mary Adkins Quilters

<u>Tuesday, December 12</u> 9:30 a.m. - Al Anon Group 12:00 p.m.– Healing Friends @ Cheddars 1:30 p.m. - Al Anon Group

> Wednesday, December 13 5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m. - Prayer Service

Saturday, December 16 9:00 a.m.– Korean School 9:30 a.m.– Church Council

Monday, December 18 9:00 a.m. - Mary Adkins Quilters

Tuesday, December 19

9:30 a.m. - Al Anon Group 1:30 p.m. - Al Anon Group <u>Wednesday, December 20</u> 5:30 p.m.– Church Family Christmas Dinner and Party

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.– Service of Lessons & Carols

> Monday, December 25 Christmas Day Office Closed

<u>Tuesday, December 26</u> Office Closed 9:30 a.m. - Al Anon Group 1:30 p.m. - Al Anon Group

Wednesday, December 27 Office Closed



Christmas Card Delivery

Collection of cards for church people will begin December 10. Cards can be dropped in Room #214 Volunteers will sort and deliver the cards. These cards are for in-church delivery only



December 5 Meat Loaf Green Beans Mac & Cheese Salad

December 12 Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Slaw

December 17 Grilled Pork Chops Vegetable Medley Cheese Grits Caesar Salad

December 24

Ham Sweet Potato Casserole Green Beans Grilled Carrots Salad Cranberry Sauce



Prayer for God's World Mission

In hope for peace we lift the people in prayer traumatized by current wars in Gaza, Israel, and Ukraine. Our mission personnel are sharing in places that need our prayer support Who we celebrate at Christmas and what gifts God brings the hope, peace, joy, and love God brings in Christ and in continued presence of His Spirit.

Join in the prayers of the IMB missionaries featured today in your bulletin insert. Next Sunday the insert focuses on the CBF mission personnel— Equipping with Every Good Thing. Other information is available in the sanctuary entrances—Prayers of the People, Fellowship Magazine (CBF); Impacting Lostness Together, Prayer Points (IMB). This Wednesday you can see videos of the mission work.

You have the opportunity to contribute to the mission efforts of IMB through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and of CBF through the Global Mission Offering. Envelopes are in member's offering packet and at sanctuary entrances. Please prayerfully consider your support.

PRAYER GUIDE December 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, ad keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you lie and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ne God, now and forever. Amen



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday – Psalm 79; Micah 4:1 – 5; Revelation 15:1 – 8

Tuesday – Psalm 79; Micah 4:6 – 13; Revelation 18:1 – 10

Wednesday – Psalm 79; Micah 5:1 – 5a; Luke 21:34 – 38

Thursday – Psalm 85:1 – 2, 8 – 13; Hosea 6:1 – 6; I Thessalonians 1:2 – 10

Friday – Psalm 85:1 – 2, 8 – 13; Jeremiah 1:4 – 10; Acts 11:19 – 26

Saturday – Psalm 85:1 – 2, 8 – 13; Ezekial 36:24 – 28; Mark 11:27 – 33

Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent

Psalm 85:1 – 2, 8 – 13; Isaiah 40:1 – 11; 2 Peter 3:8 – 15a; Mark 1:1 – 8



PRAYER FOR WORLD MISSIOINS



Please use the prayer guide included with the Prayer Guide as you pray for mission personnel this week.

Prayerfully consider how you will support the International Mission Board and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship with an offering to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Offering for Global Missions.

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

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Praver for Family and Friends

Evelyn Adiputra Friend of Ruth Holladay

Rylan Applegate Grandson of Steve and Ann Sturdevant

Liz Aulino Friend of Lindsev Harris

Kyp Bellinger Family of Jim and Ruth Holladay

John Biesel Father of Lindsay Harris

David Brinkley Nephew of Jane Hasty

Brian Bullock Friend of Barbara Whitley

Paul Christiansen Family of Madge Garwood and Merri McDonald

> **Billy Compton** Son in Law of Dickie Cox

Alex Delano Friend of Lindsey Harris

Erin Ford Friend of Lindsey Harris

Randall Ford Family of Marty Hamilton

Ronald Furguson Father of Addie Brownell

Lisa Gilmore Friend of Derek Harris

Cousin of Diana Flemister

Son of Gary and Victoria Hicks

Family of Ben Hilbert Friend of Ruth Holladay

Teresa Holsclaw Cousin of Connie Black

Emily Janowik and Family Friend of Lindsev Harris

> Hahn Family of Sandy Hahn

Sara Beth Lowe Friend of Derek and Lindsey Harris

> **Maggie Westwood** Friend of Lindsey Harris

Forrest Morehead

Brother-in-Law of Sharon Wood

Donna Prim

Friend of Gary and Victoria

Hicks

Sean Ruwe

Son of Vera Ruwe

Jenny Sidert

Friend of Connie Black

Gladys Smith

Family of Addie Brownell

Mark and Amy Snyder

Family of Sandy Hoover

Sean Stearman

Grandson of Jan Raper

Gloria Waltemyer

Aunt of Shaunna Hoover Gragg

John Taylor Webb

Family of Becki Sikes

Jessica Weisenfels

Friend of Lindsev Harris

Nelson Gruppe

Ray Hicks

Deb Jennings and Jordan