



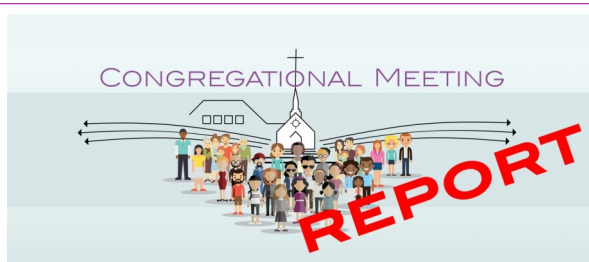
Pray for Missions

World Mission Offering

When we give our regular church offering we support the missionaries/mission personnel of the International Mission Board and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

The Christmas Season provides many opportunities for these servants around the world to offer the hope and love of the Christ we celebrate. Please continue to pray for them and the people they were sent to serve.

You have the opportunity to give an additional offering collected through Jan. 14 by using the envelopes provided in the mail or at the sanctuary entrances; Global Mission Offering (CBF); Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (IMB).



2024 BUDGET APPROVED IN CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY

This past Sunday, the congregation approved the 2024 Financial Ministry Plan (a.k.a. Budget). As adopted, the plan calls for \$278,743 in expenses, with a projected \$291,490 in income.

While it may seem that we adopted a Financial Ministry Plan with a projected surplus, two important factors must be taken into account:

- ⇒ To meet the projected income goal, we will have to significantly improve our General Offering Income. Over the past year, our projected General Offering has only been about 92% of the \$234,000 that was projected, leaving us \$18,720 short.
- ⇒ In order to offset the potential shortfall of General Offering Income, the Plan calls for eliminating the Administrative Secretary position, at a savings of \$26,000.

Moving into 2024, we are counting on each one of us to remain diligent and faithful in our support of the ministry of our church; and where possible to increase our financial stewardship.

Since the adoption of this Financial Ministry Plan on Sunday, we received word of the closing of the Child Development Center. This will reduce our anticipate income by \$9,900 for 2024. This reinforces the need for each of to participate fully in the support of our church's ministry.



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Week of December 24, 2023



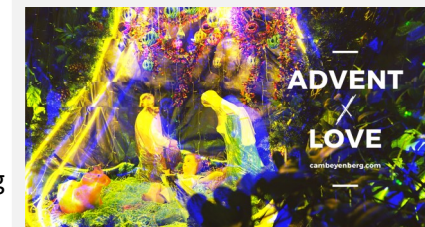
Jim's Jottings

The story of Jesus' life often goes something like this— Jesus was born in a manger in a cattle stall, with sheep, goats, cattle, etc. braying, lowing, whatever they do. Mary and Joseph are kneeling by the manger in hushed devotion, adoring the Christ child. Meanwhile angels appear to shepherds and sing beautifully, prompting them to go to Bethlehem and see Jesus.

Some thirty years later, Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River and begins his public ministry. Over time things begin to go south when the religious authorities begin to plot ways to discredit and eventually get rid of Jesus. This results in Jesus being tried and crucified—a tragic end to a story that started out so well.

But God is not done, so he raises Jesus from the dead and seats him at the right hand of God the Father. Joy and celebration turns to tragedy and death, but God redeems the situation by way of the resurrection.

But what if Jesus' life did not begin as beautifully and pastorally as we often picture it. Think about for a moment.



Luke records that the reason Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and not his hometown of Nazareth is because cruel dictator in Rome decided he to tax everyone, including the poorest of the poor. This led Mary and Joseph to make a 93 mile journey on foot, with Mary about to give birth. To make matters worse, the only place she had to lay her child was not in a barn, but in a filthy animal pit attached to a house. Jesus was born in cruelty and he died in cruelty.

And we haven't even touched Matthew's account, which has Mary and Joseph fleeing to Egypt to escape the abject cruelty of Herod.

Jesus was born in the midst of human suffering. Jesus experienced, from his birth to his death, the suffering and cruelty caused by human sin. It is important to remember that when we are tempted to separate ourselves and our faith from the suffering of our world.

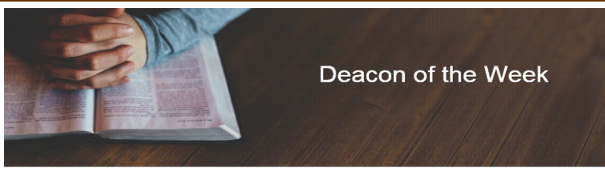


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Deacon of the Week

Tim Vanderhoof

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SUNDAY

10:45 a.m.

Morning Worship on Facebook®

YouTube®,

& lyndonbaptist.org



7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24



SCRIPTURE READERS

Dec 24
Jack Rogers

Dec 31
Vera Ruwe

Jan 7
Ruth Holladay

Jan 14
Merri McDonald

Jan 21
Lindsey Harris

Jan 28
Gary Hicks



Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m.– Candlelight Communion

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Office Closed

1:30 p.m. - Al Anon Group

Wednesday, December 27

Office Closed

**St. Matthews Area Ministries
Child Development Center**

"Where Kids Are Special People"

**St. Matthews Area Ministries
to Close Child Development Center**

We learned early Tuesday morning that the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Area Ministries had voted to closed the Child Development Center, located at Lyndon, effective Friday, December 22. They will continue to pay us for use of the building through the end of March 2024.

Our hearts go out to the parents, children, and staff who have had their lives disrupted so quickly right before Christmas.

The effect on Lyndon will be the loss of some \$11,000 in income, as well as the loss of our ability to express our care for children.



December 29: Patricia & Fernandez Edwards



Merry Christmas from Olive Branch Ministries

As we eagerly anticipate the snow adorning Appalachia's hills, our hearts are touched by the boundless generosity and compassion from friends like you. Your steadfast support, whether individual or from churches, has become a beacon of hope, illuminating even the darkest corners of despair.

Together, Olive Branch Ministries remains a source of solace, sustenance, and faith for those in the heart of Appalachia. Your gifts, be they time, resources, or love have ignited ripples of joy, profoundly transforming lives.

This Christmas, we express our deepest gratitude for your pivotal role in bringing comfort and joy to those in need. May the season warmth grace your homes with peace.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with kindness.

Scarlette Jasper

Fellowship Dinner Menu

January 3

Fried Chicken
Mac&Cheese
Green Beans
Cole Slaw

January 10

Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Salad

January 17

Chicken Fried Steak
Green Beans
Cheese Grits
Cole Slaw

January 24

Soup and Salad Meal
(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

Please make or change your reservation by
NOON on MONDAY
so we can give the caterer an accurate count.

425-7150



STOP THE SPREAD
Take everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of flu viruses!

#FIGHT FLU

As 2023 closes and as we enter 2024, the Health Ministries Team wishes all of our church community the healthiest and happiest holiday season. We are in the midst of a busy season of gatherings with family and friends where things other than joy and well wishes might be shared, with several respiratory illnesses spreading quickly. We encourage all our church family to enjoy the holiday, and to take recommended precautions to remain healthy. We look forward to 2024 and the opportunities it will bring for our church and community.

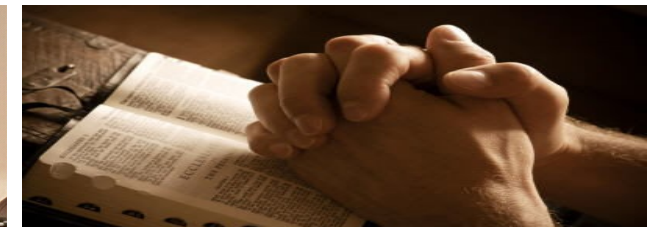
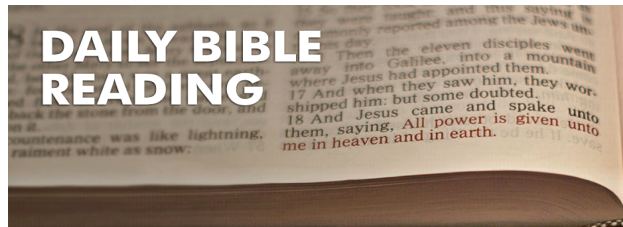
CHRISTMAS
begins with
CHRIST

PRAYER GUIDE

December 24, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday – Christmas Day – Psalm 98;
Isaiah 52:7 – 10; Hebrews 1:1 – 12;
John 1:1 – 14

Tuesday – Luke 1:46b – 55; I Samuel
1:19 – 28; Hebrews 8:1 – 13

Wednesday – Luke 1:46b – 55; I Samuel
2:1 – 10; Mark 11:1 – 11

Friday – Psalm 148; Jeremiah 31:15 –
17; Matthew 2:13 – 18

Saturday – Psalm 148; Isaiah 49: 5 – 15;
Matthew 12:46 – 50

Sunday – *First Sunday of Christmas*

Psalm 148; Isaiah 51:1 – 62:3;
Galatians 4:4 – 7; Like 2:22 – 40

PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

- Pray for team members as they welcome friends into their homes, having an opportunity to share the real reason they celebrate Christmas.
- Pray that visa and other clearances will be resolved so team members will be able to return at the end of year.
- Praise God for opportunities for team members to gather at this time of year, offering support and encouragement to each other.
- Pray for field workers as they disciple women in the villages.
- Pray for new believers as they grow in faith and in their hunger for the good news.
- Pray for college aged MKs who are on the other side of the world from parents and siblings at this time of the year.

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

Family of Fannie Agee
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Gwen Boyce
5202 Eagle Peak Way, 40241

Myshael Brownell
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Marvin Conn
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Helen Contis
512 Cricket Court, Orange Park FL 32073

Dickie Cox
Forest Springs Care Center, Room 401
4120 Wooded Acre Lane, 40245

Ken Dorton
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Donna Douglas
4003 Pacelli Place, 40245

Family of Virginia Ford
Glen Ridge Health Campus, Room 513
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Liz Hornback
8484 Grand Trevi Drive, 40228

Gloria Landgrave
3112 Graystone Manor Parkway, 40241

Family of Gene Morris
3000 Curran Road, 40205

Doris Omerod
1706 Roosevelt Avenue, 40242

Noemi Parroco
Vitality, Room 112
4501 Springdale Road, 40241

Family of Jan Raper
326 Monohan Drive, 40207

Libby Reynolds
9808 Neuquay Circle, 40241

Ann Sturdevant
3604 Breeland Avenue, 40241

Maria Sturdevant
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Barbara Whitley
11710 Robin Lynn Lane, 40243

Pam Wright
3907 Yardley Court, #102, 40299

Prayer for Family and Friends

Evelyn Adiputra
Friend of Ruth Holladay

Rylan Applegate
Grandson of Steve and Ann
Sturdevant

Liz Aulino
Friend of Lindsey 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

Nelson Gruppe
Cousin of Diana Flemister

Ray Hicks
Son of Gary and Victoria Hicks

Family of Ben Hilbert
Friend of Ruth Holladay

Teresa Holsclaw
Cousin of Connie Black

Melvin Horne
Brother of Raeburn Horne

Emily Janowik and Family
Friend of Lindsey Harris

**Deb Jennings and Jordan
Hahn**
Family of Sandy Hahn

Sara Beth Lowe
Friend of Derek and 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

Gloria Waltemyer
Aunt of Shaunna Hoover Gragg

John Taylor Webb
Family of Becki Sikes

Jessica Weisenfels
Friend of Lindsey Harris

Maggie Westwood
Friend of Lindsey Harris