



Family Movie
Night Dec. 8
Movie is 'Elf'
Bring your own
dinner at 6PM
and we will start
the movie at
6:30PM

The votes have been tallied! Our Children's Ministry has a new name, "Kingdom Seekers". See the monthly newsletter insert and stay tuned for details on upcoming adventures!

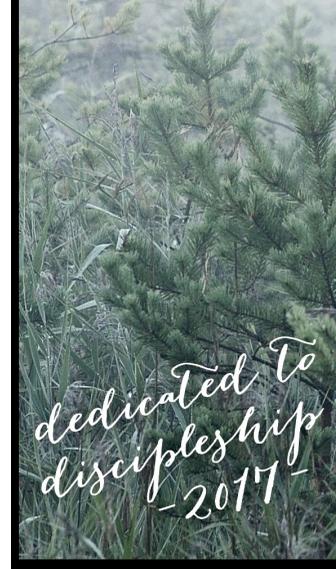


*No matter who you are,
where you've been,
or what you've done,*

welcome
TO TODAY'S
praise &
worship

ASSEMBLY
*where imperfect people
serve a perfect god*

December 3, 2017



Meditating on Advent
Today is the first day of the season of Advent. It is a time of both reflective and anticipatory celebration of the coming of Jesus into the world. The season lasts for four Sundays each year, beginning either early in December (as it does this year) or late November (as it was last year), leading up to Christmas.

The word Advent means arrival, and the purpose of the season is to reflect on what the world was like before Jesus came. We can contemplate during this season what our lives might have been like if we were among the millions who lived and died prior to his coming into the world. We can remember our own lives before God's salvation came to us, and who we might have been if Jesus had not saved us from our sins. Advent is about remembering the world's anticipation of salvation before the Savior came, and to stir in our hearts the sense of longing that surely every faithful person must have felt before his coming.

Advent is also about anticipation of Christ's second arrival - longing for him to come again. What has happened once can easily be imagined happening again, and in this we are not dreamers. He has promised to return. His next appearing will not be as a helpless babe as he came the first time, but as triumphant King, Savior of those who have longed for his return.

We could celebrate and meditate upon these realities at any time during the year, but if we are honest, we know that we don't do that the same way as we do this time of year. If we are not careful, we won't contemplate these realities at all, and our lives would be poorer for it. The festivities of the holiday have their effects and do their work on us. The lights on the houses around town, the movies we watch, the foods we eat - they all set our hearts in a particular direction to remember, and to anticipate. We can settle our hearts and minds more deeply into these truths at this time of year because it is this time of year. If we are wise about how we use the season, it can be spiritually beneficial to us.

Of course we do not know when Jesus was born, any more than we know when he will return. But it is good to set aside a part of our lives with God to concentrate on these two realities together. He came among us, though we could hardly hope to deserve that. He is coming again, though we could never earn that. It is by his promises and for our salvation that he came and is coming again. And we, who love him, remember and watch and wait, full of hope and confidence that our Lord keeps his promises and will not disappoint us.

—Ethan Brown

**Living Generously
Auditorium class (Winter QTR)**

When Jesus said, "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." What did he mean? How do I live this out in my life? Living Generously is the first of a three-part series that explores this teaching by our Lord. There is a video presentation with each lesson followed by a discussion. We will use a series of teachers as we did in the Fall Qtr. Bill McKelvey will lead on December 3 and 10 and Bob Huff will follow on December 17 and 24.

If you want to learn what "Living, Loving and Leading Generously" looks like, come to this class!



Celebrate with those that have birthdays in December and enjoy a cupcake in the lobby.

There are still a few months left on the signup sheet for Communion Preparation for 2018. The list is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

**Sunday,
December 17th,
Christmas Luncheon and Caroling**
Please sign up to bring soup, sandwiches and/or desserts to share.

Also, please bring cookies, Christmas candy or other treats to put in treat bags to deliver to those we visit. Encourage your children to make and bring cards or small decorations. After lunch, we will assemble the treat bags and load up to go visiting and caroling.

You are invited to the lunch even if you are not able to stay to visit and carol.



**Sunday Mornings at 9:30AM
Beginning December 3rd
Annex Classroom**

- ◆ Engaging Bible Study
- ◆ In-depth Discussions
- ◆ Build Friendships
- ◆ Rotating Discussion Leaders
- ◆ Casual Small Group Setting

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Hotdog and Hug donations:
canned drinks & snack cakes

*Please be
Praying for...*

Our sick and hurting

Tina Davidson Debbie Davis
Ron Farley Suzanne Gore
Pete & Vel Hunter Evans Learned
Jim Lyda Ruth & Vance McCraw
Mamie Snipes John Tyler
Collie Whitted

Family & friends to remember

Nancy Adkins, Hugh Price's sister
Ashley Baillairge, Susan F.'s granddaughter
Marie Bain's mother, in rehab
Ruthie Flint, Lil LaFever's sister, now home
Bob Godley, heart issues
Steve Grogan, Ron Farley's cousin
Gary Henry, Darlene's brother
Bill Hickerson, Sherri LaFever's dad, health
Lee Hickerson, Sherri LaFever's brother, job
Susan Jarvis, (nephew's wife), breast cancer
Gary Keevert, Jim's brother
Larry Morgan, friend of Morrows, cancer
Will Sink, Paula's son, recovery from accident
Bryan Smith, friend of Bice family
Rex Stephens, Bolin's son-in-law
Blake Thomas, Jessica Bain's brother
Betty Walden, Jim Lyda's mom
Brian Smith, friend of Bice's, (needs lung trans-plant)

*Please write requests and updates
on the back of your attendance card.*

Pray for and Visit our shut-ins

Reba Haynes
Mary Francis Lykins
Brenda Senn
Helen Swayngim
Collie & Lena Whitted



Calendar of Events

12/3 Winter Quarter Bible Classes Begin
12/7 Ladies Class @ 10AM
12/9 Movie Night @ 7PM
12/10 Youth-Led PM Service @ 5:30PM
12/17 Christmas luncheon and Caroling
12/17 PM Singing Service @ 5:30PM
12/24 PM Candlelight Service

Please donate your coupons for the troops.
The donation box is in the Foyer.



We rejoice that Tina Davidson has returned home now and is continuing her recovery at home.

Pray for our Mission Efforts

Domestic

Jerry Senn (Burnsville, NC)
Palmetto Bible Camp
Southeastern Children's Home (SC)

Foreign

Eastern European Missions
Mission Lazarus (Honduras)
Nekemte (Ethiopia)
Samrit Kammanee (Thailand)
Steve & Dianna Teel (Baxter Institute)



An attended nursery is available for ages 0-2yrs. Busy Bags are in the lobby for all ages.

TONIGHT
Service in the Auditorium @ 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY
HVL Café 6-6:30PM
Menu is:
BBQ Sandwiches & Sides

Make reservations by filling in the space on the attendance card or contact the office before noon on Monday.
Donation of \$5 per adult is accepted, kids eat free.

Classes @ 6:50PM

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

-SUNDAY-

9:30 am—Bible Class
10:30 am—Morning Worship
5:30 pm— Evening Worship

-WEDNESDAY-

6:00 pm— HVL Café (everyone welcome)
6:50 pm— Bible Class

OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Friday, 9AM—3PM
SECRETARIES Karen McGee and Kylie Cochran

MINISTER Dr. Ethan Brown —1-806-789-3606

ELDERS

Duncan Blake—828-242-8326
Lloyd Cain—891-4459
Fred Gore—828-606-8752
Bill McKelvey—891-4787
Hugh Price—698-3841
Sam Williams—1-828-748-3263

Morning Worship

Welcome Members and Visitors! Everyone, please fill out Attendance Cards and place them in the collection tray.

Song Leader ▪ Matt Carpenter
Blessed Be Your Name—Slides

Welcome

You Are My All in All—484
Had It Not Been the Lord—Slides

Opening Prayer ▪ Bob Huff

One Day! - 353

Communion

Serve: *Bill Frye, AJ Shaffer, Bill McKelvey, Talmadge Penland, Tim Carter, Tom Bullard

Medley: O Little Town of Bethlehem—996
O Come, All Ye Faithful—997

The Gift of Waiting ▪ Ethan Brown

One Day! - 353 (verses 1 & 5)

Announcements & Prayer ▪ Sam Williams

Worship Coordinator: Duncan Blake
Ushers: Garrett Adkinson, Zack Adkinson
Nursery: Mary Cain

Sound Room: Evan McGee/Jacob Bullard

Recent Weeks' Statistics

Attendance	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
Sunday AM	138	164	121
Sunday PM	56	n/c	60
Contribution	\$4,698	\$4,176	\$3,919
Budget			\$4,967
YTD Budget			\$238,385
YTD Contribution			\$238,972
YTD Weekly Average			\$4,979