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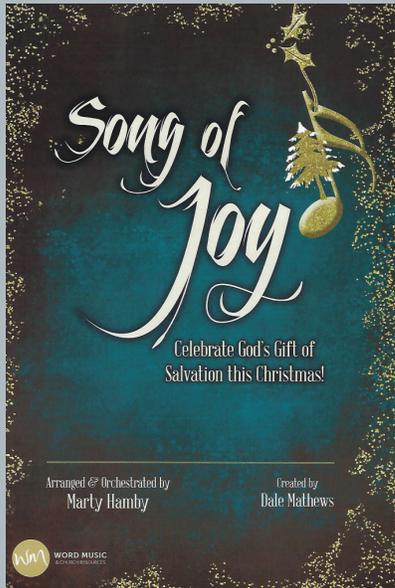
- HILTON HEAD ISLAND -

100 South Forest Beach Drive • Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Rev. Brett Myers, Pastor



December 2019



The Sanctuary and Handbell Choirs of  
First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island Present  
Their Annual Christmas Musical Program

*"Song of Joy,*  
**Celebrate God's Gift of Salvation  
this Christmas!"**

**Sunday, December 8, 6:00 PM**



*Christmas Reception*  
following the program.

**"Song of Joy, Celebrate God's Gift of Salvation  
this Christmas!"** is a musical program presented by  
the Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church Hilton  
Head Island. The choir will be performing traditional  
and contemporary Christmas classics, as we retell  
the story of the birth of Jesus through narration and  
song to help people experience the true meaning of  
Christmas. A Christmas reception will follow the  
program in the Family Life Center. The public is  
invited and there is no charge. Childcare is provided.



**Children's Church  
Special Holiday  
Presentation**

**Sunday, December 8**

**10:30 AM**

*For Children through the 5th Grade*

## **Children's Christmas PJ Party**



**Wear your  
Christmas PJ's.**

**Wednesday,**

**December 11th**

**6:20 PM-7:30 PM**



**Kid's  
Redneck  
Christmas  
Olympics**

**Details on pages 4 & 6.**

## **CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**



*We're Having  
TWO  
Christmas Eve  
Candlelight  
Services*

**4:30 PM &**

**6:00 PM**

These annual services feature Christmas music and  
a Christmas message, ending with the congregation  
lighting candles. Invite your family and friends.  
There is no childcare that evening. We invite you to  
bring your children with you into the service.

# From the Pastor...

Dear Church Family,

I count it such a privilege to be your pastor. I am so thankful for the church God has called me to pastor, and I look so forward to seeing what He does in the future through our body of believers. As we move into the Christmas season, and as we look into 2020, let's remember that the One whose birth we celebrate at this time of year is the One who gave His life for us, and the One to whom we owe everything for doing so. Let's make 2020 a year in which all things come behind making the name of Christ known, and behind God's purpose for our life.

## Weekend to Remember

From February 14-16, 2020, our island is hosting Family Life's "Weekend to Remember" at the Westin Resort on Hilton Head Island. This is a wonderful marriage conference, and I highly encourage any married couple to consider attending. Kristin and I caught one of their weekends about 11 years ago, and it was life-changing for our marriage. The conference is from Friday night through Sunday morning. I believe this is so impactful that I would even encourage you to stay through Sunday morning if you decide to attend the conference. And trust me: you will hardly ever hear me encourage you to be somewhere else on Sunday morning. If you decide to attend, you can get a couple's discount by entering the group name FBCHHI. Register at WEEKENDTOREMEMBER.COM or call 1-800-358-6329.

## Financial Opportunities in 2020

As shared at our Annual Meeting, through the job transfer of a top giving and extremely generous family in our church, God has done two things. First, this family, which shall remain nameless, has been an incredible blessing in their financial obedience of God to our church will now be an incredible blessing to the church God has called them to join where they reside now. We praise God for that, as their new church is part of the same Church (the bride of Christ) of which we are. Second, God has given us the opportunity to see what He can do if we simply obey Him in His commands regarding stewardship. We ask that each and every member and attendee simply pray about what God may have us do as we try to make up some financial ground, not only to reach our faith budget, but to surpass it so that we can expand ministries and impact lives through First Baptist Church. If you are tithing, then pray about how you may increase your giving. If you are not tithing, search Scripture on that topic and consider obeying Him in this incredibly important act of obedience. The reality is that if all of our membership was either giving obediently, or for

those who are already giving obediently to make a small increase, our faith budget would be minuscule compared to the increases God would give, not just in finances, but in Gospel impact. Do not forget that the cattle on a thousand hills are His. In that we find an opportunity to see Him work.

## Annual Mission Offering

For the 2019-2020 Annual Mission Offering, our Missions Committee has set a goal of \$40,000. This special offering will be taken up from November through Easter. You can find the breakdown of this giving elsewhere in this newsletter. Please pray about what God might have you give this year above your normal tithes and offerings.

## Missional Living and Prayer

As you seek to live missionally during this time of year, a time when more people than normal are open to the Gospel, realize that missional living is made most natural out of the overflow of a heart that is drawing near to and being molded by Christ. So, spend time in devotion to God. Read His Word. Memorize it. Meditate on it. And pray. I'm convinced that the more we talk with God, the better we know Him. And the better we know Him, the more we become like Him. And the more we are like Him, the more we will be compassionate for those to whom He is compassionate.

In Christ,

*Pastor Brett Myers*



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LOCATION + DATES

Westin HHI Resort - Feb 14-16, 2020

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## 2nd Sunday Coffee Cup Outreach Ministry and "Pew Partners"

FBCHHI is beginning a new outreach opportunity called the "2nd Sunday Coffee Cup Ministry." We have purchased coffee mugs with the church logo on them and plan to fill them with a little bag of candy and an invitation to join us for worship. If you have someone you would like to invite to our church, feel free to take one and give the mug with the invitation to them as you invite them to church.

We are also looking for people living in each of the gated communities who will volunteer to take a "Mug Invitation" to visitors of the church from their neighborhood.

In that same thought, we are looking to have designated "pew partners" as hosts and hostesses to be a church ambassador and warmly welcoming those on the pews around you on Sunday morning. Please call Paulette Gardner at 843-785-4478 if you are interested.



**A**dvent, which marks the beginning of the church year, is "the first gleam of Christmas," writes W.E. Sangster. "It heralds the entrance of the Divine into human history; it is heaven descending to earth; it is a great event casting its brilliance before it." Sangster adds: "It is as though a trumpeter had taken his stand upon the turrets of time and announced the coming of the King. 'Get ready,' he seems to say. 'Get ready. He is coming!'"



## Merry Christmas!

From the Staff of  
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From the Student Pastor

# FBC Hilton Head Island Student Ministry

**December 4th-6:30 Student Building (Wednesday)**

## Kid's Redneck Christmas Olympics Planning Event #2

Does it get any better than “Rednecks?” “Christmas,” and “Competition.” If so, the only way it can get better is our students serving the body. This Christmas I wanted our kids to continue their growth toward leading the body in serving. One easy way to do that is for our youth to step up and serve our kids. This year we’ve come up with a fun and creative way to make sure our kids have a Christmas they never will forget; redneck competitions with an eloquent message about the hope of Jesus. At the planning meeting, we’ll divide our teams up in groups that will all serve our kids in different ways. For example, we’ll have teams for craft, redneck Christmas games, worship, and story. Make sure your youth doesn’t miss out on the opportunity to have fun and make a difference.

**How can you help?** The best way you can help is to make sure your student is there and willing to help. The next best way to help with this event is to show our kids that they matter. Come be a part of this big night and find a team to serve on. If you want more information about the event prior to getting all the details put together, please contact Brian Parker.

**December 11th - 5:30 PM in Room 7 (CORE) Class (Wednesday)**

## Ministry Team Meeting - Winter Schedule

For our Student Ministry team, this is where we work together to build unity and vision for where we are headed. For anyone interested in serving our students, this is the pipeline where we get to know one another and connect with the vision God has given us to help our students grow. Currently, we’re working on our vision and our core beliefs for student ministry but will shortly transition into some short and long term planning. This team is a small group of parents and volunteers who help us strategize for the future. This particular meeting will be focused on the upcoming winter and summer camp preparations and strategies.

**How can you help?** At this meeting in particular, we will discuss the details of winter camp. If you plan on going as a chaperon, please make

2019 calendar events  
[www.fbchhi.org](http://www.fbchhi.org)  
December Edition

Winter Camp 2020

Here’s what you need to know  
about winter camp.



Cost is \$154 per student

Date is January 18 - 20, 2020

Any Adults interested?  
Please contact Brian Parker.

Housing provided through hotel  
rooms. Most rooms will have 4  
per room.

WORSHIP:  
· Rush of Fools  
· FRVR Free

SPEAKERS:  
· Scott Dawson  
· Jonathan Evans  
· Wade Morris  
· Algernon Tennyson

CONCERTS:  
· Hillsong Young & Free

Deposits

Please submit \$100 balances by  
Dec. 21st.

As we approach camp any  
additional information will be  
provided for parents after our  
Student Ministry Team meeting on  
Dec. 11th. We’ll have transportation,  
chaperon, housing, and conference  
information. Please sign your youth  
up to go as soon as possible, if you  
have not already.

For any questions regarding camp  
please call or text Brian Parker.

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an effort to be there to give feedback and discuss transportation and expectations.

**December 11th - 6:15 PM in the Children's Building (Wednesday)**

***Kid's Redneck Christmas Olympics Event***

This is what we've all been waiting for, the event of all events this December where our students share the love of Christ with our kids. Doesn't get much better than students being the catalyst of love and truth.

Sunday High School Girls Bible Study

**High School Girls Bible Study:** Our High School Girls Bible study is finishing a study called "Dream Big." As we look to the spring you'll have new information about when the spring session of our high school girls study launches.

Thursdays 11a AM @FBC

**Guys Discipleship Group:** For guys available for this small discipleship focused group it currently meets each Thursday at 11 AM - 12 PM. Currently, we have a small group of young men having honest conversations about life and scripture through a SOAP book study. Any young men interested are welcome.

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM @ FBC

**Student Ministry Wednesdays:** Don't forget our Wednesday student ministry time is catered toward helping our students navigate the decisions they make as teenagers. We began to lay a good foundation scripturally last year and now we're looking at some topics our students have real questions about. Don't miss the opportunity to let them have some fun and be challenged to learn as well.

I understand there are a hundred activities they may already be scheduled for. Please make sure you give your students the opportunity to come to grow and be challenged in their faith with their friends.

Thursdays @ 8 AM @Hilton Head Middle

**Sting Rays United:** Each Thursday morning at Hilton Head Middle in classroom 603 (Ms. Campbell's class)

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there is a Bible study for stingray students. Bible study is for about 25 minutes with doughnuts at the end of each session. We'll be studying the book of Galatians over the next couple of weeks. Come join us and get your mornings started off right.

Sundays @ 9:15 AM @ FBC

**Sunday School:** Everyone has his or her opinion and experience with Sunday school. We try to keep it fun and engaging. We story through the Bible with the use of a curriculum produced by Lifeway called the gospel project. I'm not always a fan of pre-packaged, mass-produced curriculum. However, the gospel project allows us a group to follow Israel's story through the Old Testament and really connect the dots on how all the stories of scripture are connected. It also gives us the opportunity to see how these Old Testament stories point to Jesus.

Sunday mornings are our opportunity to really study the stories of scripture and still be very personal for how this relates to our life this week. Each week in Sunday school we have the opportunity to hear from our students on how God is speaking to them from these passages and how we can pray for them this week. If your student is missing Sunday School they are missing an intentional piece of what we do with student ministry. Wednesdays we try to be engaging let scripture hit them on topics they want to hear. On Sunday we connect history, context, and application so they can be self-feeders. Let's face it our students are only a few years from being on their own, they have to take ownership and have some skin in the game on their own. Our students are making decisions now that will affect them for the rest of their lives. Please be sure you're challenging them to be committed, and "I don't want to" is not a valid excuse.



*Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him*

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## Thank you to all Volunteers

In the season of Thanksgiving, it is appropriate that we thank those who work with our Children's Ministry. No words can adequately express my appreciation for your service to the children at First Baptist Church.

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| 1) Sunday School Teachers    | 6) Decorating in the Children's Building |
| 2) Children's Church Workers | 7) Cleaning the Children's Building      |
| 3) Awana Leaders             | 8) All the ways that you touch a child   |
| 4) Good News Club Leaders    |  |
| 5) Vacation Bible School     |  |

Psalm 127:3 "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him."

*Wendy Gudz*

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For Children through the 5th Grade



## Children's Christmas PJ Party

**CHRISTMAS  
pajamas**

**Kid's  
Redneck  
Christmas  
Olympics**

**Wear your  
Christmas PJ's.  
Wednesday,  
December 11th  
6:20 PM-7:30 PM**

The Youth of FBCHHI will be hosting a Christmas Party for the Children on Wednesday, December 11th, from 6:20 PM - 7:30 PM in the Children's Building. All children are invited to attend, even if you do not attend Wednesday night activities.

You are also invited to wear your Christmas PJ's. This fun time will include music and worship time, a Bible story, prayer, crafts, snacks, and wacky games. Learning God's Word should be exciting, fun and interesting. Join us to see how much fun it can be.



Please invite friends and neighbors to AWANA on Wednesday nights from 6:20 PM to 7:30 P the age groups include:

Puggles: 2- 3 years old, Cubbies 4- Kindergarten, Sparks Grade 1 & 2 and T & T Grade 3-5.

We have amazing Leaders. FBCHHI Children's Ministry would like to thank you for your dedication.



## Good News Club

The Good News Club began on Tuesday, November 5th at Hilton Head Prep. This Club is totally free!

Individuals from FBCHHI that went through training with Child Evangelism Fellowship are going to Hilton Head Prep from 3:00 PM until 4:00 PM very Tuesday to teach God's word, play games and serve snacks. We are honored to be able to share the gospel in the school. Please partner with us through continued prayer.

## Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers for Sunday school and Children's Church.

Are you able to give one hour per month, or every other month, to the children?

Please email Wendy Gudz at [wgudz@fbchhi.org](mailto:wgudz@fbchhi.org) for more information.

**"Kid's Matter to God and FBC."**



## Thank You for Your Generosity for the "Diaper Day" Shower

Our expectant families want to thank every person who participated in the Diaper Day Shower. There were loads of diapers and wipes for them to divide among them. They would write individual notes, but do not know who all the kind people are who helped them so please accept this a huge Thank You from the Blyudzhus family, Parker family, and Cal family.

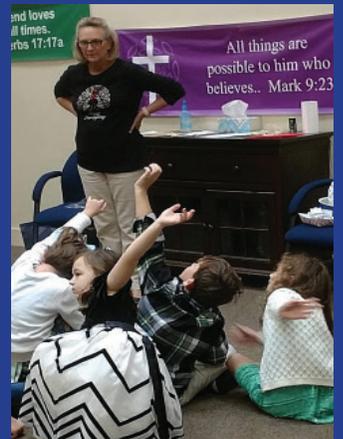
The Cal's twin girls were already born and the Blyudzhyus' baby boy arrived in November after this photo was taken. The Parker's son will arrive in December. Again, thank you, everyone!



## Children's Church Holiday Specials

Our Children's Church workers make holidays a special time for our children. Below are photos from our November Special Thanksgiving Holiday Children's Church event. The children learn Biblical values while having fun.

Our next one will be Sunday, December 8th and the age of children that may attend is extended to those through Grade 5. The next one will have a Christmas theme and your children will not want to miss it.



# MISSIONS

**The generosity of our congregation is tremendous!  
Thank you for supporting these worthy mission causes.**



**OPERA Christmas Child**  
SAMARITAN'S PURSE®  
bless a child with a shoebox gift



**And the winner is...  
The Heavenly Angels Sunday School Class,  
with 110 shoeboxes given packed locally  
and also through online giving.  
Our total was 169 shoeboxes.  
Thank you to everyone for  
your participation in the competition.  
But we all know the winners are those  
who will hear the gospel due to your generosity.**



**Our church collected \$2,240 for our Backpacks project. This will allow us to provide approximately 147 backpacks for the homeless in our area. We will have a "Packing Party" sometime in the near future. Volunteers are appreciated to help pack our backpacks.**



**Collected from November 1, 2019 - April 30, 2020**  
50% of the money collected goes to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

25% goes to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.

25% remains in our local church to be used for mission projects and to support opportunities as designated by our Missions Committee.

**Annual Mission Offering Goal for 2019-2020:  
\$40,000**

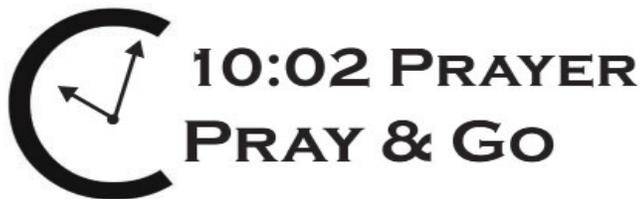


## Sincere Thanks to Everyone Who Helped Decorate Our Church for Christmas

We were so thankful for the people who turned out to decorate the church for Christmas. It is always a special time seeing the trees, wreaths, lights, and bows adorn our property. But don't overlook the nativity in the foyer of the sanctuary and others you may find around the church. The true meaning of our Christmas season is the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Keep Christ in Christmas and celebrate HIM every day.

### Volunteers Also Needed to Remove and Restore Christmas Decorations After the Holiday

If you are willing to help us restore the church property to post-holiday status, then please call Paulette Gardner at 843-785-4478 and we will call you when a time is scheduled in early January.



### 10:02 Prayer Emphasis

As a reminder, we are asking that all of our church members and regulars stop each morning for a brief few seconds at 10:02 to say a prayer based on Luke 10:2.

This prayer should do two things:

1. Ask God to raise up workers (soul-winners) for the harvest through our church.
2. This should also be a prayer of committal for us to GO into the harvest, as Christ followed verse 2 with these words: "Now go..."



### Poinsettias

December 4th is the deadline to order poinsettias if you desire to have one or more placed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to be placed in honor or memory of someone, please complete the form below. Check the appropriate box indicating if it represents "in Honor of" or "in Memory of", and return the form with payment (\$10.00 each) to the church office by the deadline of Wednesday, December 4th. The names will be listed in the December 8th worship service bulletin. Clearly mark your checks for "Poinsettias". Attach additional pages if necessary.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name to Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one box for the name above:

- In Honor of                       In Memory of

Poinsettias may be removed from the Sanctuary following the **6:00 PM** Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service. Poinsettias will be disposed of that are not picked up by Monday, December 30.

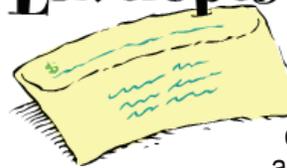


### Roland King

Joined 11/3/2019

Joined by Church Letter from  
 Community Bible Church  
 Beaufort, SC

### Offering Envelopes



Your 2020 offering envelopes are ready. Find the box with your name on it either in the classroom where you attend Sunday School or in the foyer of the Sanctuary. If you do not find a box with your name on it, or if you would like to have a box for yourself, please call Paulette Gardner at 843-785-4478.

### Financial Statement

Year-to-Date Budget Receipts Goal thru 10/31/19	\$811,511
Year-to-Date Receipts thru 10/31/19	\$826,885
Year-to-Date Expenses 10/31/19	\$860,003
Budget Receipts Goal for November 2019	\$75,489
Month-to-Date Receipts thru 11/26/2019	\$87,222
Month-to-Date Expenses thru 11/26/2019	\$57,159
Annual Missions Fund thru 11/26/2019	\$2,370
Backpacks for the Homeless thru 11/26/2019	\$2,240

# The Greatest Story Ever Told! Advent Calendar

Daily thoughts to ponder during the month of December about some things associated with the birth of Jesus.



**1. Angel wings**  
(Angel Gabriel)  
Luke 1:26-28, 31

“In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, ‘Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you... You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.’”

**2. Two gold rings**  
(Engagement)  
Matthew 1:18



“This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.”



**3. Music** (Mary’s Song)  
Luke 1:46-55

“And Mary said: ‘My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.’

From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his

arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

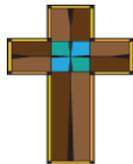
He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers.”



**4. Guardian Angel** (Angel)  
Matthew 1:20

“...an angel of the Lord appeared to [Joseph] in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.’”

**5. Cross**  
(Salvation through Jesus’ sacrifice)  
Matthew 1:21



“[Mary] will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.”

**6. Bridge** (Jesus bridged the gap between Heaven/God and earth/humanity)  
Matthew 1:22-23

“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him



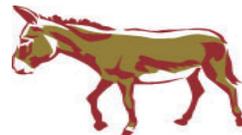
Immanuel’—which means, ‘God with us.’”  
Isaiah 7:14

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”



**7. Star of David** (House and line/chain of David, Jesus’ genealogy)  
Luke 2:4

“So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to house and line of David.”



**8. Donkey** (Journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem)  
Luke 2:5

“[Joseph] went [to Bethlehem] to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.”



**9. Lion** (Lion represents the house of Judah, Purple indicates royalty)  
Micah 5:2

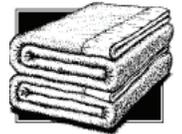
“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are of old, from ancient times.”



**10. Baby** (Baby Jesus)  
Luke 2:6-7

“While they were [in Bethlehem], the time came for the baby to be born, and [Mary] gave birth to her firstborn, a son...”

**11. Piece of soft cloth**  
(Swaddling blanket)



Luke 2:7  
“...[Mary] wrapped [Jesus] in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”



**12. Peace sign** (Jesus is Prince of Peace)  
Isaiah 9:6

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

**13. Shepherd’s staff** (Sheep and shepherds)  
Luke 2:8-11

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be



for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”



**14. Pieces of straw or hay** (Manger)  
Luke 2:12

“This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”



**15. Many gold “halos”** (Multitude of angels)  
Luke 2:13-14

“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.’”

**16. Bells** (Spreading the word and carrying the message to others)  
Luke 2:15-18



“When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.”

**17. Dirt or rocks**



(Kneeling on the ground – our right response to Jesus as God)

Psalm 95:6

“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.”



**18. Heart** (The emotions of Mary as Jesus’ earthly mother)

Luke 2:19-20, 33-35

“But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”

... “The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about [Jesus]. 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.’”

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**19. The name Jesus** (The name Jesus is the Greek form of Joshua, which means, “the Lord saves”)  
Luke 2:21

“On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.”

**20. Two doves or feathers**



(Sacrifice of doves by Joseph and Mary, Holy

Spirit like a dove at his baptism later in life)

Luke 2:22-24

“When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took [Jesus] to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord’), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: ‘a pair of doves or two young pigeons.’”

Luke 3:21-22

“When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you, I am well pleased.’”



**21. Eyes** (Revelation of Jesus as Christ the Savior to Simeon and to all people)  
Luke 2:25-32

“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 upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. 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 now dismiss your servant in peace.

For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in sight of all

people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

**22. Scroll**

(The wisdom and knowledge of the Magi)  
Matthew 2:1



“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem.”



**23. Crown,** (Jesus is King of Kings)

Matthew 2:1-2

“... Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.’”



**24. Star** (Star that the Magi followed)

Matthew 2:9-10

“After [the Magi] had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.”

**25. Three gift boxes**

(Gifts from the Magi to Jesus)  
Matthew 2:11



“On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.”



<b>Sunday, December 1</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 3</b>	<b>3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Good News Club @ HH Prep</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 4</b>	<b>5:00 PM – Deacons’ Meeting, Family Life Center, Rm #2</b> <b>Regular Wednesday Schedule</b> <b>CORE Bible Study will not meet this evening</b>
<b>Saturday, December 7</b>	<b>6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Extended Christmas Musical Rehearsal, Sanctuary</b>
<b>Sunday, December 8</b>	<b>6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> <b>10:30 AM - Special Holiday Presentation in Children’s Church, Children’s Building</b> <b>For Children through 5th Grade</b> <b>6:00 PM - Christmas Musical, Sanctuary</b> <b>7:15 PM – Church Christmas Party, Family Life Center</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 10</b>	<b>12:00 PM – Personnel Committee Meeting, Church Library</b> <b>3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Good News Club @ HH Prep</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 11</b>	<b>4:00 PM – Missions Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Rm #2</b> <b>6:20 PM - 7:30 PM - Redneck Olympics - Special Christmas Event for Children,</b> <b>Hosted by the Youth Department, Children’s Building</b> <b>Regular Wednesday Schedule</b> <b>No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sunday, December 15</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 17</b>	<b>4:00 PM – Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Rm #2</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 18</b>	<b>Regular Wednesday Schedule</b> <b>4:00 PM – Stewardship Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Rm #2</b>
<b>Sunday, December 22</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 24</b>	<b>4:30 PM - Early Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sanctuary</b> <b>6:00 PM – Later Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sanctuary</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 25</b>	<b>Merry Christmas!</b> <b>Christmas Day – Church Offices Closed</b> <b>No Wednesday Night Activities</b>
<b>Thursday, December 26</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday – Church Offices Closed</b>
<b>Friday, December 27</b>	<b>Church Offices Reopen for Business</b>
<b>Sunday, December 29</b>	<b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 1</b>	<b>New Year’s Day Holiday – Church Offices Closed</b> <b>No Wednesday Night Activities</b>

### Sunday Schedule

- 8:15 AM - 8:45 AM - Open Prayer Time and Devotional, Family Life Center, Room #7
- 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM - Coffee Fellowship Time, Family Life Center, Multi-Purpose Room
- 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM - Sunday School for All Ages, Various Buildings
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Children’s Church, Children’s Building

### Wednesday Night Schedule

- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Wednesday Night Dinner, Family Life Center, Multi-Purpose Rm
- 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM - Children’s Choir Rehearsal, Children’s Building, Room #1
- 6:15 PM - 7:45 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite
- 6:20 PM - 7:30 PM - Awana, Children’s Building, Atrium
- 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM - Student Ministry, Student Building
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Adult Bible Study in the Family Life Center, Room #4
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Women’s Bible Study in the Children’s Building, Room #8
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Men’s Bible Study in the Family Life Center, Room #3
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - CORE, Parents and Family Study, Children’s Building, Room #7
- 7:30 PM - Casa de Gracia - Hispanic Bible Study, Family Life Center, Room #1