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DECEMBER Upcoming Opportunities

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship &
Children's Church
NO SUNDAY BRUNCH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4:

3:00 p.m. Youth

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship &
Children's Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11:

3:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12:

Next Issue of *The Bluff City Christian*
6:30 p.m. Worship Meeting
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship &
Children's Church
Congregational Meeting
5:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner &
Children's Christmas Program

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17:

11:30 p.m. Senior Fellowship
5:30 p.m. Daycare Board Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19:

1:30 p.m. CWF, Gleta's Home

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship &
Children's Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24:

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25:

Christmas Day - Merry Christmas!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship &
Children's Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31:

New Year's Eve

The Church Office will be closed
Dec. 24th - Jan. 1st



Christmas Dinner
Sunday, December 15th,
5:00 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall

Ham, bread and drinks will be provided, please bring a potluck dish to share. We look forward to good fellowship and wonderful food! Followed by Children's

Christmas Program

Hosted by: Membership Ministry Team.

In preparation for the
Christmas Dinner
there will not be a
First Sunday Brunch
in December

Serving Schedule for December 8, 2019

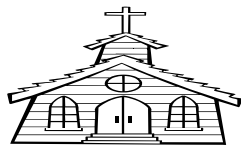
Worship Leader
Matthew Clanahan
Children's Moment
Stephanie Oliver
Communion Prayer
LaVerne Matthews
Offertory Prayer
Jack Maxwell
Van Driver

Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell
Homebound Communion
Mark & Kathy Richardson/Gene
& Anne Roberts

Hospital Visitation
Ed Lewis

Communion Preparation
Jack Maxwell
Diaconate

Marion Parks, Stan Pinkston,



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Will be held on Sunday,
December 15th following
worship

Advent Schedule

December 1 Kim Wagganer
& Kay Gilbreath
December 8 Linda Murphy &
Jan Duffy
December 15 Shirley Kearbey
& Mary Grobe

Bell Ringing

Salvation Army Wednesday, December 4th Walmart Grocery Door

9:00	Gail Doss
10:00	LuWanna Forister
11:00	Ed Lewis
12:00	Pat & Steve Fowler
1:00	Kathy Richardson
2:00	Jack & Linda Childress
3:00	Pastor Frank
4:00	Jan Duffy & Linda Murphy
5:00	Jack Maxwell
6:00	Bill & Carol Swafford

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Kathy Richardson
Communion Prayer
Steve Fowler
Offertory Prayer
Pat Fowler
Van Driver
Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell
Communion Preparation
Jack Maxwell
Diaconate
Rob Blackwell, Carlos Hicks,
Jim Hillis, LuWanna Forister,
Shirley Kearbey



**Sunday, November 24th
was pledge Sunday.
Don't forget to return
your pledge cards.**

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ATTENDANCE REPORT	ATTENDANCE REPORT
November 17, 2019	November 24, 2019
ATTENDANCE:	ATTENDANCE:
Worship.....39	Worship..... 34
Children's Church.....6	Children's Church..... 5
TOTAL WORSHIP.....45	TOTAL WORSHIP..... 39
SUNDAY SCHOOL	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Elementary A/B.....10	Elementary A/B..... 8
Homebuilders.....7	Homebuilders..... 6
Men's Class.....5	Men's Class..... 4
Total.....22	Total..... 18



SIGNS ALONG THE WAY

Advent, a season of four Sundays, opens the church year. The season begins on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day, November 30. The observance of Advent originated in France during the fourth century. The duration of the season varied from four to seven weeks until the Bishop of Rome in the sixth century set the season at four weeks. In ancient times Advent was strictly observed: every Christian was required to attend church service and fast daily. The word, Advent, consists of two Latin words: ad -- venire, "to come to." Advent's message is that God in Jesus Christ is coming to the world. This coming may be a past experience. God did come in Christ at Christmas. The prophets' promise was fulfilled in the Babe.

2. This coming may be a present experience. God may come to you this Christmas in terms of rebirth, either for the first time, or a renewed birth in deeper dimensions of reality.

3. This coming may be a future experience. Jesus Christ will return unpredictably at the end of the world. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, "He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead." 2 Timothy 4:1 Advent promises the sure coming of the Lord, its message is "prepare." he Lord is coming whether the world is ready or not. For those unprepared, his coming means judgment. For those ready for his coming, it means salvation. How does Advent suggest that we prepare?

1. Repentance. We must forsake the sins of the world for a godly way of life.

2. Prayer. We must pray for the coming of Jesus Christ, for he shall save.

3. Patience. We must have patience for his coming may be delayed. Watch and wait, for his coming may be sudden. "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Matthew 24:36

See You Sunday,
Pastor Frank

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Westwood Hills

Irma Brannum

[Names will remain on our Prayer Concern list until the Church Office is notified to remove them.]

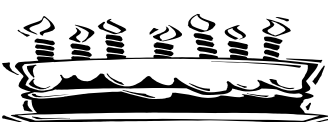
THE FOLLOWING GROUPS WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER:

THURSDAY WOMEN

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

No Elders' Meeting in December, the next one will be February 17th

Looks who's having a Birthday in December



Clint Blackwell 2

Anne Roberts 4

Doris Chlastak 19

Leah Jackson 26

Todd Richardson 26

Matthew Clanahan 31