

IN SERVICE—WEEKS OF DEC. 27, 2009 and JAN. 3, 2010

DEACONS ON CALL

Dec. 20-26: Betty Joyner and James Earley
 Dec. 27-Jan. 2: Malcolm Copeland and Bill Earley

MINISTER ON CALL

Dec 25-27: Anita Thompson (395-0061)
 Jan 1-3: Daniel Glaze (862-5108)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT GUARDIAN CARE

Dec. 27 - Youth Department
 Jan. 3 - Sarah Raynor Class

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Dec. 27	Jan. 3
Babies: Austine Evans	TBA
1-2 yrs: Carol Paul	Sandra Pierce, Eliz. Joyner
3-5 yrs: Mission Friends	Don & LuAnn Joyner

USHERS—December 27

Jamie Burns, Gloria Freeman, Bill Magette,
 Brian Outlaw (balc.), Blake Outlaw (balc.),
 Alan Myers, Taylor Rose, Lee Wilson

USHERS—January 3

Eddie Allen, Ed Copeland (balc.), Debbie Daughtridge,
 Rob Deanes, Jean Dilday, Peggy Springfield,
 Keith Rawls (balc.), Edgar Swain

AUDIO SYSTEM OPERATOR

Dec. 27	Jan. 3
Chris Chamblee	Henry Daniels

FLORAL OFFERING SCHEDULE

Dec. 27—Bill and Debbie Magette
 Jan. 3—Nell Vaughan

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Dec. 28	Jan. 4
CLOSED	Bess Leary

FOOD PANTRY WORKERS

Jan. 1	Jan. 8
CLOSED	Alvin Newsome/William Leary

CALENDAR—WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2009

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:40 - Adult Assembly
 9:45 - Sunday School/Youth Department to Guardian Care
 10:00 - Radio Bible Class, WQDK-FM 99.3
 11:00 - Morning Worship, WQDK-FM 99.3
 CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED—December 28-29; the after-
 noon of Dec. 31; and January 1

CALENDAR—WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2010

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

9:40 - Adult Assembly
 9:45 - Sunday School/Sarah Raynor Class to Guardian Care
 10:00 - Radio Bible Class, WQDK-FM 99.3
 11:00 - Morning Worship, WQDK 99.3
 2:00 - Worship & Christmas Decorating Committees

MONDAY, JAN 4

9:00 - Church Staff Meeting
 5:15 - Girl Scout Troop 1702

TUESDAY, JAN 5

10:00 - WOM Groups 2 and 4
 7:00 - WOM Groups 3 and 5

WEDNESDAY, JAN 6

5:00 - Music Friends
 5:00 - Children Choristers
 6:00 - First Wednesday Epiphany Party
 7:15 - Sanctuary Choir
 8:15 - Vocal Ensemble

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*May the gift of Christmas live in your hearts
 this holiday season and through the new year!*

The Church Staff

Sunday, December 27, 2009

Christmastide

FINANCIAL REPORT— DECEMBER 20, 2009	
Budget Needs for Week	\$ 9,180.00
Budget Receipts for Week	\$ 7,958.40
Earned Income for Week	\$ -00-
Over Budget for Week	\$ (1,221.60)
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 468,180.00
YTD Budget Offerings	\$ 442,392.33
Earned Income YTD	\$ 11,850.00
(Under) Budget YTD	\$ (13,937.67)
Baptist Children's Homes Offering to Date	\$ 2,187.00
Global Missions Offering to Date	\$ 6,348.95

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OUR CHURCH STAFF

Mr. W. Bland Baker Music Associate
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 Mr. Charles J. Byrd Custodian
 Rev. Daniel E. Glaze Pastor
 Dr. Charles Hulin Music Associate
 Rev. Kathy Hulin Assoc. Pastor/Music & Worship
 Miss Judy G. Pierce Church Secretary
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 Rev. Anita Thompson Associate Pastor

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The great cellist, Pablo Cassals, in the story of his life called, Joys and Sorrows, recalls the first time he attended a Christmas worship service when he was five years old. He tells about walking to the church in a small village in Spain, hand in hand with his father, who was the church organist. As he walked, he shivered—not because the night was chilly, but because it was all so mysterious.

He writes, "I felt that something wonderful was about to happen. High overhead, the heavens were full of stars. We walked in silence. In the narrow, dark streets, there were moving figures, shadowy and silent. Then suddenly there was a burst of light, flooding from the open doors of the church. We moved into that light silently. Then, just as suddenly, my father broke the silence with music from the organ. Then we all sang. And when I sang it was my heart that was singing, and I poured out everything that was within me.

He continues, "From the moment I heard the first notes I was overwhelmed. I had never heard such a beautiful sound before. A radiance filled me and I felt as if I could not breathe."

I don't recommend anyone stop breathing. But I do want us to stop and think about exactly what we are celebrating as we come to Christmas Eve worship, open presents Christmas day, and visit with family and friends. In Christ, God has come to dwell among us. For if we stop and think about what that means, the enormity of it all will grab us and cause our hearts to sing.

I hope that this Christmas will be a blessing to you. Merry Christmas!

Daniel

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK! This edition of *The Window* is the last one of 2009 and includes information for the weeks of December 27 and January 3. The next issue of the church's newsletter will be distributed on January 7, 2010.

From the Associate Pastor for Music and Worship

For your Christmas meditation. . .

Kissing the Face of God

Holy Child in swaddling clothes.
Perfect features-eyes and nose.
Sweetly held in Mother's arms.
Safe is He who knows no harm.

Now He wakes and softly coos.
Mother Mary lost in muse
Brings the child close to her face.
God has favored her with grace.

Singing softly to her charge,
Loving notes, both small and large.
Does she perceive with smile and nod
that she has kissed the face of God?

-Jeanne Benthall

I wish you a very meaningful Christmas!

Choir Rehearsals Resume in January . . .

- Wednesday, January 6th —
Music Friends, Children Choristers, Sanctuary Choir,
and Vocal Ensemble
- Sunday, January 10th —
Chancel Bells
- Tuesday, January 12th —
Sanctuary Bells

Kathy



THE 2010 ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE has been posted next to the hospital board in the ground floor hallway. You are encouraged to look over the chart and contact Sandra Pierce (332-3439) if you would like to make a change in the permanent date you have. Anyone wishing to provide altar flowers on one of the open dates is asked to write his/her name on the chart beside the date desired.

From the Associate Pastor

The Day finally arrives
and we make it to Bethlehem!
The time has come for kneeling.
We see the Child!
There is singing in the stable
and we want desperately to hold on to it . . .
hold on to the Star!
and the angels!
and the spirit of love!

How do we hold on
to the Christmas spirit?
Why can't every day be Christmas?

The world mutters "Be realistic,"
and sometimes we church people mutter too.
On our way back from Bethlehem
sometimes we forget
what we've been warned about in a dream:
to return another way.

Once we've seen the Child,
we're left holding hearts
wherein angels dance
and stars sing!

Once we've been to Bethlehem,
every day *is* Christmas!

-Ann Weems
"Holding: (Adapted)
From Kneeling in Bethlehem

As we now begin our journey through the 12 days of Christmas, on to Epiphany, then Lent, what new spiritual route are you going to take? Poet Ann Weems reminds us that **we've been warned to "return another way."** As you contemplate how you'll nurture your soul in the days ahead, what does "another way" look like for you? Might it be a commitment to re-engage with the scriptures? Might it be a desire to more purposefully be the hands, feet, mouth and heart of Christ in your home, at your work place, in your neighborhood, in your church? May God help each of us **know the "way" we should go.**

Grace & peace,
Anita

January



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
YOUTH SCHEDULE BEGINNING JANUARY 10TH 5:30–6:20 PM Chancel Bells 6:30-6:50 PM Snack Supper 6:50-8:00 PM Discussion					1 Church Offices Closed	2
3 Epiphany Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship No Evening Activities	4 9:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Girl Scout Tp 1702 6:45 Girl Scout Tp 672	5 9:00 POPS 10:00 WOM Gps 2 & 4 7:00 WOM Gps 3 & 5	6 5:00 Children's Choirs 6:00 1st Wednesday 7:00 Sanctuary Choir 8:00 Vocal Ensemble	7 9:00 POPS	8	9
10 Baptism of Jesus 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship with The Bakers (Woody and Beverly) 11:00 Mission Friends	11 9:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Girl Scout Tp 1702	12 9:00 POPS 12:00 Keenagers' Lunch 5:30 Sanctuary Bells	13 5:00 Library Committee 5:00 Children's Choirs 6:30 Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 Sanctuary Choir 8:00 Vocal Ensemble	14 9:00 POPS 6:30 Cub Scout Pk 129 6:30 Girl Scout Tp 244	15	16
17 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship- Deacon Ordination	18 9:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Girl Scout Tp 1702 6:45 Girl Scout Tp 672 7:00 Bldg & Grounds Com.	19 9:00 POPS 5:30 Sanctuary Bells 7:30 Deacons' Meeting	20 5:00 Children's Choirs 6:30 Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 Sanctuary Choir 8:00 Vocal Ensemble	21 9:00 POPS 6:30 Cub Scout Pk 129 7:00 WMU Leadership Team, FH 7:00 Relay for Life Team	22	23
24 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Mission Friends	25 9:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Girl Scout Tp 1702	26 9:00 POPS 5:30 Sanctuary Bells	27 5:00 Children's Choirs 6:30 Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 Sanctuary Choir 8:00 Vocal Ensemble	28 9:00 POPS 6:30 Girl Scout Tp 244	29	30
31 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship	JANUARY GUARDIAN CARE SCHEDULE—	January 3 Sarah Raynor Class	January 10 Sallie Cherry Class	January 17 Edith Freeman Class	January 24 Adult II Co-ed Class	January 31 Fellowship Class

- 1- Becca Barket
- 18- Bryan Creviston
- Jeanne Benthall
- Billy Presley
- Virginia Chitty
- 20-
- Mary Myers
- Debbie Rawls
- Lauren Pridgen
- 21-
- Joyce Umphlett
- Tony Bracy
- 2-
- Linda Minton
- Oliver Fleming
- 23-
- 4-
- Jessica Reynolds
- Lauren Harrell
- 24-
- 5-
- Hannah Early
- John D. Simons Jr
- Bess Leary
- Ray West
- 26-
- 6-
- Beverly Bazemore
- John Boyd
- Jason Harrell
- 7-
- Dana Wiggins
- Butch Hassell
- 27-
- Rosa Swain
- Malcolm Copeland
- 8-
- 28-
- Lou Wilson
- James Sellars
- 13-
- 29-
- Ella Thompson
- Jackie Baker
- 16-
- 30-
- Henry Byrd
- Lauren Baker
- Gabe May
- 31-
- 17-
- Jean Hudson
- Bryan Harrell
- Bonnie Revelle



JAN. 6 FIRST WEDNESDAY
6:00 PM

An Epiphany Party

Come celebrate the season of light,
the revelation to the Gentiles, and the
gifts of the wise men. We'll enjoy a
fun and festive party for all ages. Families with
children are encouraged to join us.

Sign up required by 5:00 Monday, January 4!
Call the Church office or sign up in Sunday School.