



The annual Deacon/Staff Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 3rd, 5:00 pm at the Raymond's home which is located at 1945 Fredericksburg Road, Rockbridge Baths.



The Casserole & Cake Ministry will meet Saturday, December 9th at 9:00 am. Please join us!



December 6th
Effie Wallace
(Fried chicken, mac and cheese, green beans (bread & dessert))

December 13th
Patsy Paxton & Friends
(Ham, hash brown potato casserole, peas, cake, bread)

December 20th
NO MEAL

December 27th
NO MEAL



The church office will be closed on Friday, December 22nd, Monday, December 25th & Tuesday, December 26th for Christmas.

OUT OF MY MIND

There's been a lot of discussion recently as to what is "fake" news versus what is "real" news. Fake news is inaccurate and often misleading while "real" news is considered to be true and reliable. Political parties, news organizations, and social media feeds all declare that their version of events is what is real or true, often while disregarding the verifiable facts, while accusing their opponents of being the ones who are disseminating "fake news." It becomes a challenge for the average person to discern what is true and what isn't these days. Who do you trust to tell you the truth?

This battle between "fake news" and "real news" even rolls over into our celebration of Christmas. And I'm not talking about whether you say "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays." (By the way either one will put a smile on my face!) What I mean is that each year some will try to convince you that it isn't really Christmas unless you have one or more of the following: family coming home, beautiful decorations displayed, colorfully wrapped packages heaped high, familiar songs being played, special gatherings attended, Holiday movies being watched and delicious treats being eaten. One or more of these things they assure us, make Christmas, Christmas. While each of those things can be wonderful and add to our enjoyment of this season, to imply that they are the focus of Christmas is the essence of "fake news." It is misleading, inaccurate and not true.

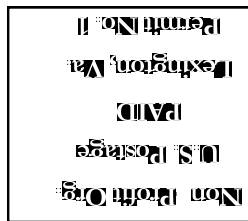
The real news, the true news, the good news, is still found in the words of the angel: "... a Savior has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord." That's the best news of all and it is that truth that makes Christmas, Christmas. Knowing that, and knowing this Savior, will flood your life with the peace, hope, joy and love of Christmas even if you don't have all, or any, of those other things.

This year don't let "fake news" distract you from celebrating the real news that Christ has come to be our Savior and Lord. "O come, let us adore him."

Your Pastor,
Mike



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BIBLE STUDY FLOATERS
December 3rd—Barbara Heckman
December 10th—Carole Berger
December 17th—Loretta Ballard
December 24th—Barbara Heckman
December 31st - Carole Berger

HALL WATCH
December 3rd—Gary Judy
December 10th—Bucky Joyce
December 17th—Patsy Paxton
December 24th—Joel Snow
December 31st - David Campbell

OFFERTORY PRAYER
December 3rd—Clyde Keen
December 10th—Brenda Grose
December 17th—Sherry Miller
December 24th—Mike Bozeman
December 31st - David Campbell

BIBLE STUDY NURSERY SCHEDULE
December 3rd—Carol Bozeman & Robyn Sherman
December 10th—Cathy Wranek & Bobbie Canfield
December 17th—Beverly Shotwell & Debbie Fox
December 24th—Barbara Cash & Robyn Sherman
December 31st - Sandy O'Connell & Bobbie Canfield

WORSHIP SERVICE NURSERY SCHEDULE
December 3rd—Cathy Wranek & Deborah Caylor
December 10th—Patsy Williamson & Maggie Moore
December 17th—Sharon Martin & Carole Berger
December 24th—Carole Judy & Kaden Sherman
December 31st - Linda Carter & Brenda Grose



15th Bob & Elaine Mears
21st Ronnie & Sherry Miller

Celebrating a birthday or anniversary? Share it with us!



1st Sandra O'Connell
5th Sue Seaman
Noah Campbell
Gladys Cauley Crist
10th Lee Higgins
15th David Campbell
Janice Oyler
17th Brian Kave
Jennifer Fuller - Spears
22nd Don Heckman
Nick Oyler
23rd Roger Williamson
24th Carole Berger
Maxine Smiley
25th Rick Cruze
28th Vickie Kave
29th Jeannie VanNess
30th Addison Moore
Beth Lollis
31st Ursula Rochelle



WMU met November 13th with 17 present. Lynn Leech gave a very informative talk on Habitat.

Thanks to all who contributed to our November Fluvanna project! We collected over 20 hygiene bags and a large assortment of cards.

Our project for December is to support the Christmas gift program at Western State Hospital. Items have been purchased from a patient's wish list.

On **Monday, December 11th at 6:30 pm**, WMU will be dinning at the Community Table and leaving donations for our meal.

During this Christmas season I am grateful for our church family! You are such a loving, giving family, showing your love of God by your care for others. This is shown by your generosity in supporting our many projects by generously giving to help others. Many, Many Thanks!!!!



INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING

Remember, as you give to our International Missions Goal of **\$2,500** you can chose which Baptist Missionaries and Mission projects you wish to support. You may give to the Alma Hunt Offering of Virginia Baptists which helps fund the International Mission Projects which Virginia Baptists sponsor, the Global Missions Offering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship or the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of the Southern Baptist Convention. Your gifts to any of these will be added to help us reach our International Missions Offering goal. Let us generously give so that others may hear the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ!



SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

We collected and delivered 120 Christmas Shoeboxes, 93 of which came from the Manly family. These will be distributed to needy children around the world. Thanks to all who gave so generously and a special thanks to Lib Boyer for all her wrapping of the boxes!



It has been a Manly tradition to gather with family and friends on Christmas Eve for a service of carols and special music. **Our service will be at 5:00 pm this year.**

Please let Pastor Mike Wilkins or the church office (463-4181 or office@manlybaptist.com) know if your family would like to sing a Christmas hymn!

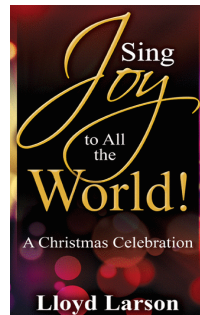


CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

The Children's Choir and Drama Group will present "A Red-Letter Christmas" on **Sunday, December 10th** during the worship service. Join us to see and hear the colors of Christmas come alive!

ADULT CHOIR CANTATA

The adult choir will present Lloyd Larson's *Sing Joy to All the World* on **Sunday, December 17th**, during the morning worship hour. The message of Christmas is one of deep and abiding joy! It is a message filled with the assurance that no matter how difficult the journey may seem; no matter how hopeless the situation may feel; no matter how long and dark the night may be, joy will eventually come! That is the promise of God! (Psalm 30:5b)



On November 16th we had 15 members join together for lunch and fellowship at Pink Cadillac Restaurant. Our upcoming events are: Saturday, December 2nd for Thomas Road's Christmas Spectacular and Monday, December 4th for Washington & Lee's Holiday Pop Concert. Our next luncheon will be on **Thursday, January 18th, 11:30 am** at the Pink Cadillac Restaurant. Come join us for lunch and fellowship as we begin planning activities for the new year!

I would like to thank the Endowment Committee for their generous donation to the children's program. I was able to purchase a large screen TV, a new DVD player, and some updated DVDs for the children. I know they will enjoy this new equipment very much. I appreciate your support of our programs! Beverly Saunders



We would like to thank everyone who contributed food, monies, and their time on Wednesday and/or Thursday to the Thanksgiving meals provided to the residents of Lexington House and Windemer. We were able to send meals for 50 to Lexington House and 40 to Windemer. The residents were very thankful for both the food and friendly faces that served them! Patsy & Deborah



Wednesday, December 6th
5:30 pm - Youth Group Meeting (Dinner provided)

Sunday, December 10th
5:00 pm - Youth Christmas Party
(Bring your favorite food to share & a \$5 gift to exchange)

Wednesday, December 13th
NO YOUTH GROUP

Saturday, December 16th
9:00 am - Pack Christmas Baskets
(Virginia Horse Center)

Monday, December 18th
6:30 pm - Dinner & Community Table Clean-Up

Wednesday, December 20th
NO YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, December 24th
5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 27th
NO YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, December 31st
7:00 pm—New Year's Eve Game Night
(Bring your favorite food to share)



SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 AM

December 3rd "Who Needs Christmas" with John Wranek

"The entire world needs Christmas!"
The Christmas story is full of remarkable moments. But did you know that the Christmas story really kicked off about 2,000 years before the birth of Jesus? This week, we'll take a look at what happened in those years—the promises, trials, and victories—that all pointed to one thing: The world needed Christmas.

December 10th "Who Needs Christmas" with Laura Jones

"God needed Christmas to demonstrate His love!"
We all tend to think of Christmas as a holiday that's about God, but not really for God. After all, Christmas is really for us, right? The truth is, the first Christmas wasn't just for people—it was for God as well. This week, we'll discover that not only did the world need Christmas to understand God's love, but God needed it, too.

December 17th "Who Needs Christmas" with Molly Kay Moore

"Christmas is for people who need freedom!"
Have you ever felt like something had total and complete control over your life? Believe it or not, that's what sin can do. It can have incredible power over you, and before the birth of Jesus, it seemed nearly impossible to escape. But Christmas changed that. This week, we'll see that we all need Christmas to be set free.

December 24th Breakfast & Bible Study at Niko's

December 31st "Playing With Fire" with Thomas Smals

"Your words can be a weapon!"
Have you ever watched a fire spread? If you have, then you know just how quickly it can get out of control. The same is true when it comes to our words. In fact, James tells us that our words can be just as powerful as fire—a weapon that we must learn to control.