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From Our Pastor . . .

I know the routine. We have done this before, and I remember well what is involved. At some point between now and Christmas Day, we will find ourselves in a long line coming off I-85 at the McAdenville exit to see the lights in “Christmastown, USA.” Ronna has been through McAdenville every Christmas of her life. It is a must-keep tradition. And now, she has passed that love down to our children, who have made it part of their must-keep list of traditions at Christmas.

Ronna has her favorite house, always decorated to a tee: every light in proper place, every wreath hung with care and precision, and the front door will be open, revealing a beautiful Christmas tree in the front room of the house. The children will be on the lookout for the nativity scenes, counting them one-by-one to see how many are on display. And I will be driving through the madhouse of traffic, while noticing the twinkling displays. It really is a great tradition we have kept as a family since Annlyn was a baby, carrying it over from Ronna’s childhood. The tradition has stayed the same for years, and will remain intact for years to come. That’s the thing about this time of year: our traditions are important to us. They remind us of days gone by and we know they will be there in the days to come.

We are in the early days of the season of Advent. During this season, we light candles when there is less daylight, reminding us that there is a light that shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overtake it (*Jn. 1:4*). During this season, we mark the passing of each week with hope, peace, love, and joy, being reminding all along the way that the incarnation of God in Christ Jesus is the complete fulfillment of hope, peace, love, and joy. The season of Advent places us in a period of waiting as we remember the words of the prophets that one day the Lord’s Messiah would come. We find ourselves with Mary & Joseph as they each hear from the angels of the Lord about their son to be born who will bring about the presence of the Almighty One through flesh and blood. Like shepherds huddled out in a field at night watching the flocks, we are stunned and startled by the announcement of the birth of Savior, Christ the Lord. Lest we forget, there are the Magi who travel miles and miles and miles to worship the King of Kings, who is already a toddler by that point.

The prophecies, the announcements, the angelic choir, the visitation of the shepherds, the worship of the magi, it all centers around Jesus. The Christ. The Son of God. The Messiah. The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. It all revolves around Jesus. There would be no church without Jesus. There would be no nativity scenes without Jesus. There would be no reason for lights in McAdenville without Jesus. There would be nothing without Jesus. John describes Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, like this: **“Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being.” -1:4**

It all comes back to Jesus. Even before there was time, there was the blessed and eternal unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Before there was Christmas, there was the blessed and eternal unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the days before the birth of Jesus, everything pointed to the moment when the Lamb of God would draw His first mortal breath. In the days during the life and ministry of Jesus, everything He did and said was a revelation of the glory of God, inviting us to gaze upon the One and Only full of grace and truth, which was most clearly revealed in His death and resurrection. Today, everything we, as the church, say and do revolves around Jesus, as we look forward to the day when He comes again. When *that* day comes, all eyes will be on Jesus and all knees will bend before Jesus.

It all revolves around Jesus. Our lives revolve around Jesus. Our congregation revolves around Jesus. I invite you to join me this Advent season as we look back to the days when the people of God were looking ahead to the Advent of the Messiah, and as we look ahead to the second Advent of the Messiah. As it was then, may it be now; as it will be then, may it be now: everything revolving around Jesus.

Merry Christmas, Viewmont family! We love you!
-Andrew

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Sundays LIVE at Viewmont

December 4 ~
2nd Sunday of Advent
“The Lights Are On
& The Lord is Home!”
2 Samuel 7:1-14, 18, 22-24

December 11 ~
3rd Sunday of Advent
“I Can’t Believe It’s True!”
Luke 1:39-49



**VBC Mugs, T-shirts
&/or Cookbooks are
great gifts. Pick up
Monday–Thursday 8 AM–5 PM
All proceeds benefit VYTT!**

Viewmont Baptist Preschool
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“nurturing faith, discerning wisdom and knowledge”



DECEMBER NEWS!

We can hardly believe it’s December! 2022 has gone by in a hurry! The halls are filled with holiday bulletin boards and various children’s artwork. It’s starting to look festive around here. The 3’s and 4’s have been hard at work practicing for their Christmas programs. The beautiful sounds of their voices singing about the birth of Jesus and favorite Christmas songs sure fill the hearts of their teachers and parents! The children and teachers are definitely looking forward to 2 days of pajama days on December 19 and 20 to kick start our Christmas break. We will be closed December 21-January 8.

Looking forward to the New Year, we will begin registration for the 2023-2024 in January. We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas surrounded by family and friends as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

See you in the new year!

UPCOMING



WORSHIP MUSIC

Praise Team-PT; Choir-CH

Dec. 4 Cantata- "A Light Has Come" Children

Dec. 11 The Sounds of Christmas
Sanctuary Choir, Praise Team, Handbells

Dec. 18 am "Joy to the World" CH
"Hallelujah Chorus" CH
"Loves Pure Light" PT

Dec. 18 pm Carols, Candlelight & Communion
Sanctuary Choir, Children, Praise Team, Handbells

Dec. 25 Solo-Angie Turner; Duet-Annlyn & Eva Rawls



Service of Remembrance AND Hope

Sunday, December 11
2:30pm ~ Gathering Area



Christmas Art Sale

Artists:
Abby ~ Judy Rider ~ Tim Larson
Earl Davis ~ John Audish

December 5 ~ 10
Art may be purchased
Monday/Friday: 8 AM - 5 PM
Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

As You Pray, Remember . . .

The Family of Jean Dunton on her recent death.

The Family of Mary Jo Cline on her recent death.

The Family of Betty Johnson on the recent death of her sister-in-law, Alice Hope.

The Family of Beth Rogers on the recent death of her cousin, Brian Hildebran.

The Family of Ned Putnam on the recent death of his sister, Gail Murphy.

Coming Events

Dec 3: Ladies Luncheon/Ornament Swap
12:00-2:00 p.m.: Fellowship Center

December 4: Second Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m.: "The Light Has Come"
Children's Cantata
12:30-2:30 p.m.: Birthday Party for Jesus

Monday-Saturday, December 5-10:
Christmas Art Sale
Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

December 11: Third Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m.: "The Sounds of Christmas"
2:30 p.m.: Service of Remembrance

Tuesday, December 13: 8:00 a.m.
Chrismon Tree Trip-Danville, VA

Wednesday, December 14: 5:45 p.m.
Church-wide Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 18:
Fourth Sunday of Advent
6:00 p.m.: Carols, Candlelight & Communion

Friday, December 23:
7:00 p.m.: Children- "The Light Has Come"
aired on WHKY

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve
7:00 p.m.: Carols, Candlelight & Communion aired on WHKY

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day
11:00 a.m.: Worship Only

Sunday, January 1: New Years Day
11:00 a.m.: Worship Only

CHURCH REPORT FOR OCTOBER:

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Budget Approved: | \$ 49,908.00 |
| Budget Offering: | \$ 56,323.00 |
| Designated: | \$ 11,286.00 |
| Total Given: | \$ 67,610.00 |
| Total Budget Expenses: | \$ 67,297.00 |
| Total Designated Expenses: | \$ 6,624.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 73,921.00 |

CHURCH REPORT FOR 2022:

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Budget Approved: | \$598,901.00 |
| Budget Offering: | \$540,328.00 |
| Designated: | \$175,073.00 |
| Total Given: | \$715,401.00 |
| Total Budget Expenses: | \$485,384.00 |
| Total Designated Expenses: | \$226,454.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$711,838.00 |

November, 2022

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| Avg Bible Study Attendance: | 97 |
| Avg In-person Morning Worship: | 147 |
| Avg YouTube Live: | 43 |
| Total Avg Worshippers: | 190 |

Missions & Evangelism News

Our 4th Quarter missions emphasis is **Baptists on Mission: Disaster Relief**. Monies designated to "Missions" for the month of December will go toward disaster relief. Donations will provide hot meals, debris removal, child care, family assistance, and other types of aid needed during a disaster.



VBC Ladies Luncheon & Ornament Swap
Saturday, Dec 4th
12:00-2:00 pm



Carols, Candlelight & Communion

Sunday, December 18~6 p.m.
Viewmont Baptist Church, Sanctuary

December 2022

Monthly Planner

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| <p><u>Each Sunday</u></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p><u>Each Monday</u></p> <p>10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:55 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)</p> <p><u>Each Tuesday</u></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study</p> | | <p><u>Each Wednesday</u></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting 5:00 p.m. Dinner is served 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs/Youth Min. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Children's Missions</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><u>Monday-Friday</u> 7:15 am-6:00 pm Weekday Preschool Ministry</p> <p><u>Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat</u> 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building</p> | | | | <p style="text-align: center;">Our chief ministry as believers is Prayer!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pray without ceasing!</p> <p>Every morning and every evening at 8:00, set a time of dedicated prayer. Prayer for our world, our nation, our community. Prayer for the Holy Spirit of God to bring both hope and healing to a very troubled time.</p> | |
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| | | | | | <p style="text-align: center;">4:45 PM Tanglewood Christmas Lights VBC Youth meet @ Chic-Fil-A (across from Church)</p> |  <p>VBC Ladies Luncheon & Ornament Swap 12:00-2:00 pm</p> | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
|  <p>3 yrs - 6th grade 12:30-2:30 PM Fellowship Center</p> | <p>1:30 PM WOM, Fellowship Center</p> | | | <p>10:30 AM Full Staff</p> <p>11:30 AM Staff Christmas Party</p> | | <p>Christmas Art Sale 9 am-3 pm</p> | |
| <p>Christmas Art Sale 8 am-5 pm</p> | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | |
|  <p>2:30 PM Gathering Area</p> | |  <p>8:00 AM Chrismon Tree Trip Danville, VA</p> | <p>11 AM 4's PM Christmas Program NO Wednesday Supper or Ministries 5:45 PM Churchwide Christmas Caroling</p> | <p>11 AM 3's PM Christmas Program</p> | <p>6:30 PM VBC Youth Christmas Party Youth Building</p> | | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | |
| <p>6 PM Carols, Candlelight & Communion</p> | <p>Vision Newsletter Articles Due</p> | <p>6 PM Deacons Christmas Dinner</p> | <p>NO Wednesday Ministries or Activities</p> | | <p>7 PM "The Light Has Come" on WHKY</p> | <p>8:30 AM Sabbath Soup Breakfast, Fellowship Center</p> <p>7 AM Carols, Candlelight & Communion on WHKY</p> | |
| | | | <p>Preschool Closed</p> | | | <p>Church Offices Closed</p> | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
|  <p>11 AM Worship Only</p> | <p>Church Offices Closed</p> | | <p>NO Wednesday Ministries or Activities</p> | | |  | |
| <p>Preschool Closed</p> | | | | | | | |

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:30-2:30 p.m. Birthday Party for Jesus

Monday, December 5

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 2nd Harvest Food Pantry
1:30 p.m. WOM-Fellowship Center
6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir
6:55 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, December 6

10:00 a.m. Adult Co-Ed Bible Study, Rm. 134

Wednesday, December 7

5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs/Youth Ministry
Prayer Meeting/Adult Bible Study
6:15 p.m. Children's Missions
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8

10:30 a.m. Full Staff
11:30 a.m. Staff Christmas Party

Friday, December 9

Saturday, December 10

Monday - Thursday: 7:15 am-6 pm/Friday: 7:15 am-5 pm
Weekday Preschool Ministry

Monday - Thursday: 8 am-5 pm/Friday: 8 am-2 pm
Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building

Serving in Jesus' Name

Welcoming:

12/4: Gary & Joyce Huffman
12/11: Lois & Andrea Snyder
12/18: Linda Sloniker
12/25: Ned Putnam

Viewer Response

12/4: Jane Mosteller, Nancy Beck
12/11: Cheryl Ramsey, Amber Bowman
12/18: Nancy Beck, Amber Bowman
12/25: Jane Mosteller, Barbara Fulbright

Bethany Ministry

12/4: Ralph & Evelyn Yount
12/11: Edith McAlpin & Denise Volz
12/18: Jerry & Alice Long
12/25: Sandy & Michelle McAlpin

Ushers for December

Todd Bowman, Sherwin Speight, Shea Teague,
Carroll Garland, Bruce Ogle, Teresa Fry,
Anna Grace Riley

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Deacon of the Week

December 4 ~ Sandy McAlpin

December 11 ~ Don Miller

December 18 ~ Chris Moore

December 25 ~ Cheryl Ramsey

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