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TEA TIME WITH TIM

Timothy Peoples

Darkness to Light...God with us

On December 1st we begin a new year in the Christian calendar. Just like our typical January 1st New Year, the start of a new year in the Christian calendar does not mean everything is automatically good and new. Life still happens. Darkness literally comes earlier than we are used to and seems to stay longer than we want. Yet, the beautiful aspect of Advent is that we wait together for light to pierce through the dark moments of our lives. As Leonard Cohen once said, "There is a crack in everything, and that's how light gets through."

When we approach this season, we assume that joy will be present, and we also know that the story of Jesus' coming was a difficult road. Jesus' story long ago, and Jesus' story today, reminds us that Love, Joy, Hope, and Peace often accompany difficult roads. May we have eyes to see the ways we can bring light into the dark just as our Savior does. In *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Barbara Brown Taylor writes, "...new life starts in the dark. Whether it is a seed in the ground, a baby in the womb, or Jesus in the tomb, it starts in the dark." From womb to tomb, we follow the life of Christ. This season in particular we long for the birth of the one who brings light.



DARKNESS to LIGHT...

God with Us

Advent Sundays

December 1 – 29, Worship at 10 am

01 HOPE

08 PEACE

15 JOY Come enjoy the Sanctuary Choir's annual Christmas concert presentation, with selections by the choir and professional orchestra. A highlight of the season, come join us and sing along to some of your favorite carols.

22 LOVE

Advent Wednesdays

04 Budget Discussion, 6 – 6:45 pm, Fellowship Hall
Vivaldi's *Gloria*, 6:45 pm, Sanctuary

11 "A Christmas Clean-up," 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Featuring the Treble Makers and Cherub Choirs

18 – Mission Moment with the Emert Family, 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall
Welcome home Jeremy, Courtney, Olivia, Jude, & Lincoln

Wednesday activities will not be held December 25 and January 1 & 8

Christmas Eve

Worship, communion, candlelight

5 pm and 9 pm

Nursery provided for ages 2 – 4 years old at the 5 pm service.

An offering will be received at both Christmas Eve services to supply the Benevolence Fund. These funds are used to assist with emergency needs throughout the year.

Tis the season where we are all thinking of what we are thankful for and how we can pass that along. As we have talked about on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings throughout November, there are a multitude of ways that you can plug in and serve not only in High Point, but around the US and the world. In December we will be joined by the Emert family as they share all of the great things God is doing through them and the people of Zambia. Please be sure to join us Wednesday December 18th as they share.

I have also mentioned over the past few weeks about our partnerships with both Northwood Elementary School and Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries.

Angel Tree



Our Angel Tree will be available to select from December 1 - December 15. If you select an angel for either a Northwood Elementary or Ferndale Middle School student, please return your wrapped/tagged gifts by Wednesday December 18.

Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries Clothing Closet NYC



If you have new/gently used coats, clothes and shoes or new socks and underwear you may bring them by the church office Monday - Thursday from 9 - 4 or on Wednesday night. The Mission Team and I will pack them up and send them to New York now through February. These items go directly to Lesley-Ann at Metro Baptist Church and their clothing closet for the homeless individuals living in and around the Burroughs of New York City.

Share the Light

Luminaries will light the path around the sanctuary on Christmas Eve.
Honor or remember a loved one with a gift to support EBC mission projects.
Return the order form and payment to the church office by **Sunday, December 15.**



Benevolence Offering – Christmas Eve

An offering will be received at both Christmas Eve services to supply the Benevolence Fund for the year. These funds are used to assist church members with emergency needs throughout the year.

Grace and Peace -

“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”
Romans 10:15, NRS

The Children's Ministry Presents:
A CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP



featuring the
Treble Makers and Cherub Choirs

Wednesday December 11th

6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN'S CHATTER

Kelley Kennedy

If you haven't already done so, please make sure that you pick up a copy of the Family Advent Book "In Light and Darkness." They can be found in baskets in the Gathering Area and the Narthex.

Full of devotions, discussion questions and activities, "In Light and Darkness" is designed to encourage family conversation, understanding and growth during this Advent time.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelley".



Advent Music

On **Wednesday, December 4**, a special musical presentation of Vivaldi's *Gloria* will take place in **the sanctuary at 6:45 pm**. Vivaldi's *Gloria* is a celebratory piece based of the text from the Mass. Accompanied by a Baroque orchestra, this will be a high quality musical presentation that will last approximately 35 minutes. The work will be presented in Latin, with the English translations available.

Please join us on **Sunday, December 15** for the choir's annual Christmas concert presentation. This worship service will consist primarily of music prepared by our adult choir. We will be accompanied by a professional orchestra and this promises to be a highlight of the season for all ages. Come join us during the regular 10:00 am. worship and enjoy singing along to some of your favorite carols.

DIACONATE

Class of 2022

The following members were nominated and affirmed by the congregation as the Diaconate Class of 2022. We appreciate your willingness to serve and support each of you as servant leaders of the EBC Community of Faith:

Alan Patterson, John Setchfield, Michelle Bednarek, Nancy Wallace, Bill Guy, Kent Crawford, Dean McBrayer



TO THE EBC
COMMUNITY OF FAITH:

Milton & Carol King

GRIEF SHARE



The next GriefShare Session will be held on Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 am, February 4 – April 28.

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

GriefShare is a safe place to share and learn about grief as you journey to a new normal without your loved one in your life.

SENIOR ADULTS

Welcome the Holiday Season with the EBC Senior Adults

Tuesday, December 3, 11:45 am

Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Meat provided.
RSVP by Sunday, December 1. Sign-up or call 336-255-4868

We are pleased to have the Westchester Country Day School Choir for a delightful program of holiday music. We might even sing-a-long! Doris Stocks will also lead a special program.

Door prizes, games, music, and more!

If you wish, you may bring a contribution to support the Senior Adult Fund.



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THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY

Sunday, November 10

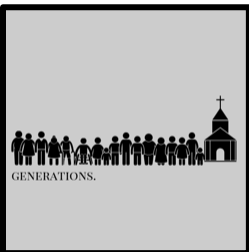
What a great time was had on outing to the NarroWay Theater in Rock Hill, SC. The box lunch was delicious, the fellowship was delightful, and the program was enjoyable and inspiring. It was truly the “Real Christmas Story,” with beautiful costumes and sets and a repertoire of both secular and sacred music.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Mark your calendar as we kick off 2020.

STEWARDSHIP



GENERATIONS: *The Legacy of Giving*

It is our hope that you have prayerfully considered what you are able to give to 2020 budget. If you have not done so already, we ask that you return a pledge card. We thank you for the many ways you give, support, and love EBC, we do not take it for granted.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

The 2020 proposed budget is available in the church office.

Discussion will be held on Wednesday, December 4, from 6 – 6:45 pm*, Fellowship Hall (*note time change)

Church wide vote on the budget will take place on Sunday, December 8.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S HOLIDAY LUNCH



Come, bring a side dish or dessert to share and enjoy lunch with friends.



We will assemble BLESSING BAGS that will be available for members to pick-up and distribute. Childcare options available

SAVE THE DATE

IF: Gathering
Saturday, February 8, 2020
Registration opens soon!



ALL SAINTS DAY

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A big **THANK YOU** to everyone that took time to visit our homebound members on "All Saints Day," Sunday, November 3. We have a very caring church family who visited each person and delivered a vase of fresh flowers.

Thank you to the Sanctuary Decorating Team for beautifully arranging the 27 vases of flowers.

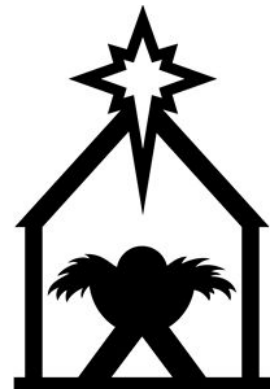


COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

*Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
CCLI: 1690286



WORKER'S IN THE WOOD



*Whatever you are doing,
work at it with enthusiasm,
as to the Lord...*
Colossians 3:23 NET

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
6:00 pm Student Vespers
(4th Sunday off)

Wednesdays

Refer to Advent schedule

11:00 am Intercessory Prayer
12:00 pm Traditional Bible Study
4:30 pm Traditional Bible Study
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Programs
7:20 pm Sanctuary Choir

DECEMBER

02 GriefShare Remembrance, 5:30 pm
03 Senior Adult Lunch, 11:45 am
04 Women's Book Review, 10 am
04 Budget discussion, 6 pm
05 West End Ministries Meal, 4:30 pm
07 Food Pantry, 9 am – 12 pm
08 Budget Vote, 10 am
08 Children's rehearsal/lunch, 11:15 am
08 Women's Holiday Lunch, 11:30 am
21 Food Pantry, 9 am – 12 pm
22 Diaconate, 11:15 am
25 – 27 Church offices closed
27 Mobile Meals delivery, 9:45 am

ADULT SPECIAL CLASS

December

01 Janis Stephenson
08 Phyllis McCoy
15 George/Nancy Wallace
22 Amanda Taylor
29 Melissa Pendry

January

To be announced

VISITATION TEAMS

HOSPITAL

December

06 & 13 Ron Young
20 & 27 Carlton Clinard

January

03 & 10 TR Hendrix
17 & 24 Jordan Washburn
31 Margie Boyd/
Al Purvis

HOMEBOUND

December

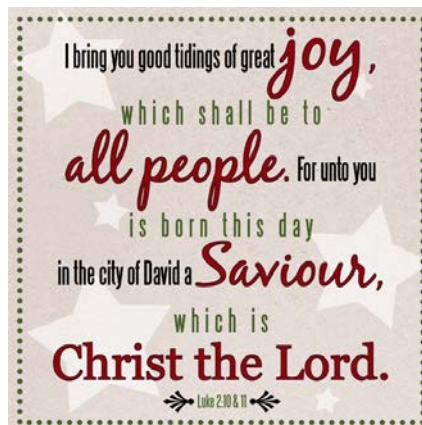
Debbie Burton, Faye Hedrick

January

Margie Boyd, Al Purvis

WEST END MINISTRIES

Coordinator – Michelle Loyd
First Thursday monthly
December 5; January 2



DIACONATE (8)

DEACON IN SERVICE

December

01 Ed McCoy
08 Judy Patterson
15 Danneal Whitton
22 Sandy Bellamy
29 Wence Dusek

January

05 Kristin Cain
12 Ben Partin
19 Carolyn Long
26 Brandon Blair

DEACON MEETING

Sunday, December 22
11:15 am

END OF YEAR GIFTS

We thank you for your support this year. Reminder for end of year giving: Gifts must be received in the church office or postmarked by Tuesday, December 31, in order to be considered as a 2019 contribution.

EBC STAFF

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 01 Spencer Alderin
 - 01 Gail Dula
 - 02 Rusty Morris
 - 02 Nancy Wallace
 - 03 Tommy Upchurch
 - 05 Sarah Gordon
 - 05 Ann Upchurch
 - 06 Judy Briggs
 - 07 Toby Griffin
 - 08 Ava Cross
 - 09 Angela Morgan
 - 10 Chris Fievett
 - 10 Elaine Partin
 - 11 Sandy Bellamy
 - 11 Elizabeth Crawford
 - 12 Ed Blair
 - 13 James Foster
 - 19 Emmanuel Lemi
 - 20 John Bartley
 - 24 Charles Martin
 - 26 Mike Wise
 - 28 Stephen Dula
 - 28 Jack Foster
 - 29 Dot Sloan
 - 30 Norm Hedrick
 - 30 Corrine King
 - 31 Hazel Bowen
 - 31 Valerie Hilligas
 - 31 Amanda Yates
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ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- 01 Benji & Suzi Morris
- 06 Grant & Allison Almond
- 06 Brian & Sarah Beth Davis
- 14 Jim & Becky Yates
- 28 Ken & Sandra Smith

FACTS & FIGURES

October

Month to date

Income	33,293
Expenses	<u>37,888</u>
	(4,595)

Year to date

Income	501,498
Expenses	<u>545,414</u>
	(43,916)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday,
9 am – 5 pm;
Friday, 9 am – 1 pm

ON CALL MINISTER

To reach the on-call minister for an emergency after office hours, call the church office (336-885-6016) and follow instructions.

DROP BOX

Please leave correspondence after hours in the secure drop box located at the interior office door.



Red Cross Bloodmobile
Thursday, January 2, 2020
2 – 6:30 pm,
EBC Fellowship Hall
Appointments:
336-885-9121

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

(9)

Vicki Davis
Lynn Walser
Bella Johnson
Kristen Dusek
Juanita Warriner



*“God is our refuge
and strength,
a help always near
in times of great trouble.”*
Psalm 46:1 (CEB)

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO

Mary Ann Wallace, Hugh Wallace, Jr, and Dr. Hugh Wallace, Sr. on the death of **Tim Wallace.**

Dora Rice on the death of **Calvin Rice.**

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO

Lauren & Jonathan Keeler on the birth of a daughter, **Olivia Nicole Keeler.**



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WEDNESDAYS IN THE 'WOOD



Schedule

Intercessory Prayer

11 am (History Room)

Traditional Bible Study

(Dec 4 & 11)

12 noon (Room 122)

4:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Fellowship Meal

5:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Programs/Groups

Refer to the Advent schedule

Sanctuary Choir

7:20 pm (Choir Room)

Fellowship Meal

Connect around the tables for fellowship and food at the mid-week gathering. Sign-up in the Gathering Area to be on the permanent meal list (cancel only if you are not attending) or sign-up each week when you are able to attend.

December Menu

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|----|---|-------------------------------|
| 04 | Baked spaghetti, salad bar | <i>Kids – Baked Spaghetti</i> |
| | Servers: TBA / Collector: Ron Young | |
| 11 | Pulled pork, mac/cheese, slaw, salad bar | <i>Kids – Corn Dogs</i> |
| | Servers: TBA / Collector: Ron Young | |
| 18 | BBQ Chicken, green beans, red mashed potatoes | <i>Kids – Chicken Tenders</i> |
| | Servers: TBA / Collector: Anne Crowder | |

Break – December 25, January 1, 9 (No meals or activities)

RSVP by noon Monday. 336-885-6016 or lbishop@emerywoodbaptist.org

Menus are subject to change. Adult meals include roll and salad bar

Kids meal will have rotating entrée, side such as carrot sticks, tater tots, fruit, yogurt, etc.

Meal cost:

Adult/youth meal: \$6 / Child (ages 3–10) \$3 / Family max charge: \$16

For your convenience, we now accept payment with cash,

check, and square, a safe and secure option with a debit or credit card.