

Christmas Day Service of Worship

Sermon by Daniel Glaze



2016 Advent Devotions

Behold!: Cultivating Attentiveness in the Season of Advent by Pamela C. Hawkins

These books are available in the Upper Commons and Sunday School classrooms for families and individuals to take home to prepare their hearts for the season of Advent.

Nativity Set—The porcelain Nativity Set made by Franklin Mint is featured in the History Cabinet in the Lower Commons. This set was a gift to River Road Church, Baptist, by Frances Still, aunt of church member Joyce Gibson. It will be on display during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. We hope that it serves as a reminder of the coming of the Christ Child and might also serve as a teaching tool for the children in the church and the preschool.

Christmas Decorations—Our church was decorated for Christmas on December 2 and December 9 by many volunteers who shared their time and talents. We would like to say thank you to the following people who were a part of this special time: Margaret Almond, Julia Tyler, Betsy Lowery, Jan Davis, Deb Gray, Michael Clingenpeel, George Davis, Peggy Pruden, Sallie Sparks, Martha Lou Green, Carol Alford, Steve Pugh, Beth Wilson, and Carol Cruickshanks

Church Christmas Decorations Take Down

Wednesday, December 28

9:00 a.m., Sanctuary

2016 Contributions

If you are planning to make a payment toward your 2016 pledge, we must receive it in the **Church Office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 30, 2016** or it must be **postmarked by Saturday, December 31, 2016** to be counted on your 2016 pledge to the Church. **Anything received after the above dates will be applied to 2017.**

Online contributions through the church's website or your bank **must be initiated by Saturday, December 31, 2016.**

Contributions put in the offering plate on Sunday, January 1, 2017, will go toward your 2017 pledge.

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2016 income tax return until you have received your year-end contributions statement from the church. Under IRS rules, you may lose your deduction for some or all of your contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your 2016 contributions from the church.

Third quarter financial statements were mailed out in mid-November. **Please take the time to review your statement to ensure your contributions have been properly designated.** If you have any questions regarding your statement please email LeAnne or setup a meeting with her. You may also check your statement online through Access ACS throughout the year.

New Year's Eve Labyrinth Walk in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 31, 2016

Opens at 10:00 a.m. | Closes at 6:00 p.m.

Guided Meditation 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

(Please enter the Fellowship Hall through the doors facing the front plaza.)

At the cusp of the New Year, River Road Church cordially invites you to experience a meditative walk. Written material about the labyrinth's history and symbolism will be available. Bring a friend or come alone. We suggest that you allow approximately 45-60 minutes for the labyrinth experience. For first time walkers, or if you'd like to learn more about the labyrinth experience, Libby Grammer will offer guided meditative walks from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

CBF Season of Prayer for Global Missions & Christmas Offering

Deadline: January 1 | RRCB Offering Goal: \$3,000

This offering is the primary way CBF field personnel are funded, making your gifts an essential part of spreading the Gospel and meeting physical needs in the world. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks.

Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen, husband and wife team living in the Netherlands, dub Christian films, children videos, and audio recordings of scripture in Romany languages. Many are learning of Biblical characters for the first time. With no written language, these channels are so important. Pray for Keith and Mary as they work with partners at Wycliffe Bible Translations and with leaders in Romany churches. Pray that many come to know Jesus through their work.



AT HOME: Mary Ellen Berry, Marian Brooks, Margaret Collins (daughter's home), Doris Curtis, Margaret Daniel, Doug Edwards, Barbara Paterson, Sam Nixon, Jackson Savedge, David Sims Sr., Avery Small, Bill Smith, Mary Lee Stark, Beth Stuhlman, Mac Taylor

IN HEALTHCARE: Jean Eubank - The Hermitage, Eunice Garrett - Morningside, Mary Lib Grizzard - Westminster, Mary Haydon - The Crossings at University Park, Charlotte Ladd - Lakewood, Ann Moss—Westminster, Martha & Bob Younger - Westminster

IN ASSISTED LIVING: Jane Budwell - Beth Sholom; Ellis Cunningham - Elmcroft Assisted Living; Mary Gauldin - Our Lady of Hope; Jeanette Gholston - Chestnut Grove Assisted Living; Lovell Glasco - Lakewood; Sue Kalbaugh - Gayton Terrace; June Lane - Lakewood; Sarah MacLellan - Culpeper Baptist Retirement Community (Culpeper, VA); Clayton Marr - Our Lady of Hope; Vivian Mathews St. Mary's Woods; Mary Noble—Cedarfield; Gloria & Doug Pace - The Memory Center Richmond; John Pearson - Lakewood; Merle Showalter—Lakewood; Mary Shreve - Spring Arbor Assisted Living; Sandy Thornton - Sanders Health Care Center (Gloucester, VA); Kemp West - The Hermitage

IN REHABILITATION: Jerry Crute - Westport Manor, Janet Currie - Beaufont Rehab & Healthcare

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Ron and Linda Benton upon the death of his father, to Alison and Ty Smith upon the death of her grandfather, and to Blake Thomas and Ashely Smith upon the death of their great-grandfather in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Glaze family upon their move to Richmond this week! Their address is: 10180 Stonemill Rd., Richmond, VA 23233

Calendar Events

Sunday, December 25

11:00 a.m.: Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, November 28

8:00 a.m.: Men's Group: The Huddle, Reception Room

9:00 a.m.: Christmas Decorations Take Down, Sanctuary

Friday, December 30

9:00 a.m.: Chancel Committee Flower Team, Sanctuary

Saturday, December 31

10:00 a.m.: Labyrinth Walk & Personal Meditation, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 1

11:00 a.m.: Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3

Church Office Closed

7:30 p.m.: Evening Bridge, LC #102

Wednesday, January 4

8:00 a.m.: Men's Group: The Huddle, Reception Room

4:30 p.m.: Stephen Ministry, Parlor

4:45 p.m.: River Road Camerata, Choir Room

5:30 p.m.: Wednesday Night Dinner, Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m.: Epiphany Service, Chapel; Chancel Bell Choir, Bell Room

Thursday, January 5

8:00 a.m.: FIXERS, Reception Room

5:45 p.m.: Yoga, Assembly Room

7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday, January 6

9:00 a.m.: Chancel Committee Flower Team, Sanctuary