

## First Sunday of Advent Service of Worship

Sermon by Daniel Glaze  
Music by the Chancel Choir

We will not have a reception following worship due to the  
ADVENTure Lunch for Children & Families in the Fellowship Hall.



### 2016 Advent Devotions

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

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

### Church Hill Baptist Centers Christmas Stores

#### **Deadline: Sunday, November 27**

We need gifts for children ages birth through 12 years old (shortages are reported for the 7- to 10-year-olds). Go easy on stuffed animals, Barbie dolls, Candyland, and Chutes & Ladders Board Games. In other words, purchase gifts that you would want your own children to receive.

**Suggestions:** clothing (jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, sleepwear, socks, underwear, coats, hats, gloves); games; toys; books; bicycles and helmets

Do not wrap the gifts; the parents need to see what they are selecting. (Donations of small amounts of wrapping paper will be appreciated.) Please leave price tags on items so that it is easier to distinguish less expensive from more expensive items. Please deliver your donations to the Missions Tables in the Upper or Lower Commons, or bring them to the ADVENTure Lunch for a teachable moment with our children.

### FIXERS

**Thursday, December 1**

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

### Church Christmas Decorating

#### **Outside Decorations**

**Friday, December 2, 9:00 a.m.**

Volunteers will be tying bows on 24 wreaths, hanging them on outside doors, and wrapping pine roping on lamp posts.

### Decorations Take Down

**Wednesday, December 28, 9:00 a.m.**

### Church Leaf Collection Day

**Saturday, December 3 (Rain Date: December 10 at 1:00 p.m.)**

**9:00 a.m., Plaza**

The House and Grounds Committee is sponsoring a leaf collection day. We will meet on the Front Plaza and then disperse around the outside of the church. This is a great opportunity for families to come and be good stewards of their time, talents, and resources on behalf the church. A light breakfast of coffee, OJ, and pastries will be available. Please bring your work gloves, rakes, tarps, and other yard tools.

## Thanksgiving Offering 2016

**Deadline: Sunday, December 4**

The Thanksgiving Offering will be designated to Oak Grove Elementary School to provide food for the students over the holidays. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks. Any undesignated checks will be applied to your pledge.

## 2017 Flower Calendar Sign Up

**Sundays, December 4, 11, & 18**

Anyone wishing to contribute altar flowers for a Sunday should see Betsy Lowery (804-338-4604) in the Upper Commons following worship on the above dates. The cost is \$85.

## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

**Tuesday, December 6**

**7:00 a.m., Reception Room**

Reservations are required.

## Evening Bridge

**Tuesday, December 6**

**7:30 p.m., LC #102**

## FLO (For Ladies Only) Afternoon Tea

**Friday, December 9**

**12:00 p.m., Jefferson Hotel**

**This trip is open to all women!**

Please contact Liz ([ecseward@aol.com](mailto:ecseward@aol.com)) to see if spaces are still available. Please advise if you would like to carpool from the Church's North Parking Lot at 11:30 a.m.

## *E. Carl Freeman Concert Series*

**Advent/Christmas Choral Concert**

**Sunday, December 11**

**7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

Chancel Choir with Orchestra

Handel's *Messiah* Part 1

Please note our new ticketing process through Eventbrite; Reserve your free tickets at [www.rrcb.org/messiah](http://www.rrcb.org/messiah)

**News in the Pews** ~ If you look in the pew racks this morning, you will find the two-sided card inviting your participation in the upcoming ADVENTure Lunch and Christmas Stores. This month's card is the third in a planned series designed to reach members and visitors in the pews, lifting awareness and inviting participation in missions activities, educational programming, and church family events. You'll continue to find offering envelopes, the Stephen Ministry card, and a list of our missions causes directly behind the "news" card. For more information about these and all events, visit [www.rrcb.org](http://www.rrcb.org) or read below.

### **Christmas Eve Family Service**

**Saturday, December 24**

**4:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

*(please note the earlier start time)*

Lessons & Carols

Reading of the Christmas Story

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Anthems by the Carol, Crusader,

Youth, and Youth Handbell Choirs

Missions Offering: Please bring non-perishable goods wrapped in white paper.

Childcare not provided

### **Christmas Eve Service of**

**Candlelight & Holy Communion**

**Saturday, December 24**

**11:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Meditation by Dr. Daniel E. Glaze

Anthems by the Chancel Choir and the Chancel Bell Choir

The service will be preceded by music for organ and handbells beginning at 10:30 p.m.

### **Christmas Day Worship Service**

**Sunday, December 25**

**11:00 a.m., Sanctuary**

Sermon by Daniel Glaze

No Sunday School

Childcare not provided

**THE STEWARDSHIP DISCOVERY REPORT** from this summer's work by Dr. Tom Melzoni and Horizons Stewardship is available by contacting the Church Office. You may request a digital copy or hard copy. The report contains observations, statistical information, survey results and analysis, and recommendations. If you have questions or suggestions regarding stewardship, please direct them to Bill Rusher ([brusher@rjadc.org](mailto:brusher@rjadc.org) or 804-285-1087), Chair of the Stewardship Committee. Questions and suggestions related to the endowment fund should go to Ransone Hartz ([hartzhomes@comcast.net](mailto:hartzhomes@comcast.net) or 804-754-1111), Chair of the Endowment Board.

**Foundations Sunday School Class**—This is a class specifically tailored for those in their 20's and early 30's and will have a focus on both social interaction and missions. The class meets at 10:00 a.m. in CH #141 by the Life and Discovery Sunday school classes. Katie and Tim Merritt will be primarily leading the class. How can you help? If you know anyone who fits the demographic for this class, please tell them about it and encourage them to check us out. Welcome young visitors and new members you may not have met yet. And of course, pray for our guidance and patience as we begin this journey. This class will only succeed with the support of the entire church. For more information, please contact Katie or visit [www.rrcb.org/pastorsblog](http://www.rrcb.org/pastorsblog).

### Fellowship Fund

Every fellowship collection on Sunday is quickly used at the beginning of the week based on requests we receive weekly for assistance. In the third quarter of 2016, our congregation contributed over \$7,000 (over \$25,000 for the year). Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and we ask for your ongoing support and donations throughout the year. You will find designated blue envelopes in the pew racks, or you may give online ([www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving](http://www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving)).

*Folks who are bolded are additions or changes from last week's list.*



**AT HOME:** Mary Ellen Berry, Marian Brooks, Doris Curtis, Margaret Daniel, Doug Edwards, Sam Nixon, Betty Rose Sexton, David Sims Sr., Avery Small, 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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Katie and Tim Merritt upon the birth of their son, Oliver Byron Merritt, on November 18, and to big brother Owen. The proud grandparents are Laura Lee and Ted Chandler.

## Calendar Events

### Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m.: Family Handbell Choir, Bell Room  
 9:20 a.m.: Children's Choirs Makeup Rehearsal, Choir Room  
 9:45 a.m.: Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m.: Worship, Sanctuary  
 12:00 p.m.: ADVENTure Lunch, Fellowship Hall  
 5:00 p.m.: College Care Package Packing, Youth Area  
 6:00 p.m.: Youth Choir, Youth Choir Room

### Monday, November 28

9:15 a.m.: Joyful Hearts, LC #102  
 5:45 p.m.: Yoga, Chapel Hall  
 7:00 p.m.: Endowment Board, Parlor

### Tuesday, November 29

The Comma Club Trip to Blackstone

### Wednesday, November 30

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  
 6:00 p.m.: Children's Choirs  
 6:30 p.m.: Wednesday Night Program, Fellowship Hall  
 7:30 p.m.: Member Engagement Committee, LC #104

### Thursday, December 1

8:00 a.m.: FIXERS, Reception Room  
 7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Friday, December 2

9:00 a.m.: Church Christmas Decorating, Plaza

### Saturday, December 3

8:00 a.m.: Middle Schoolers to RCFN Christmas Stores, Offsite  
 9:00 a.m.: Church Leaf Collection Day, Plaza

UC—Upper Commons  
 LC—Lower Commons