



The annual Deacon/Staff Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Please join us!



**December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Effie Wallace  
(Fried chicken, mac and cheese, green beans (bread & dessert))

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Patsy Paxton & Friends  
(Ham, hash brown potato casserole, peas, cake, bread )

**December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
NO MEAL

**December 27<sup>th</sup>**  
NO MEAL



The church office will be closed on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

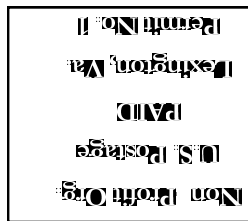
The real news, the true news, the good news, is still found in the words of the angel: "... a Savior has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord." That's the best news of all and it is that truth that makes Christmas, Christmas. Knowing that, and knowing this Savior, will flood your life with the peace, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>—Barbara Heckman  
December 10<sup>th</sup>—Carole Berger  
December 17<sup>th</sup>—Loretta Ballard  
December 24<sup>th</sup>—Barbara Heckman  
December 31<sup>st</sup> - Carole Berger

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

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

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

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



15<sup>th</sup> Bob & Elaine Mears  
21<sup>st</sup> Ronnie & Sherry Miller

*Celebrating a birthday or anniversary? Share it with us!*



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





WMU met November 13<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

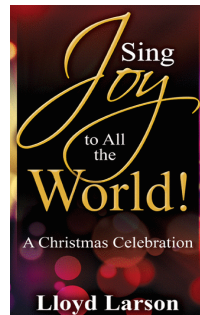


**CHILDREN'S MUSICAL**

The Children's Choir and Drama Group will present "A Red-Letter Christmas" on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** 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 17<sup>th</sup>**, 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 16<sup>th</sup> we had 15 members join together for lunch and fellowship at Pink Cadillac Restaurant. Our upcoming events are: Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for Thomas Road's Christmas Spectacular and Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> for Washington & Lee's Holiday Pop Concert. Our next luncheon will be on **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30 pm - Youth Group Meeting (Dinner provided)

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

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
NO YOUTH GROUP

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 am - Pack Christmas Baskets  
(Virginia Horse Center)

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30 pm - Dinner & Community Table Clean-Up

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
NO YOUTH GROUP

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**  
NO YOUTH GROUP

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



**SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 AM**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> "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 10<sup>th</sup> "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 17<sup>th</sup> "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 24<sup>th</sup> Breakfast & Bible Study at Niko's**

**December 31<sup>st</sup> "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.