

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **(RE)NEW CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH: DECEMBER**

Stop by the Connection Center or visit our website ([www.WeAreBethany.com/bible-studies](http://www.WeAreBethany.com/bible-studies)) and grab an "Advent at Home" sheet. In it our some practical ideas for worshipping and reflecting Christ this Advent Season.

### **NEW SERMON SERIES: Advent (December)**

In a world marked with so much loss, loneliness and despair the idea of joy seems improbable, if not impossible. But the arrival of Jesus changed everything! **Invite your friends** to join us as we countdown to Christmas together and discover the story of overwhelming joy!

### **NEW PASTORAL STAFF**

Be sure to welcome Jason Jones as our Associate Pastor of NextGen Ministries. Jason and his wife, Danielle come to us with many years of ministry experience. Jason will begin January 1, working with and overseeing Bethany Kids' (AWANA, Kids' Church, Kids' leadership development, etc.) and Bethany Teen Ministry (REFUGE). Welcome to Bethany, Jason, Danielle, Kaeden, Levi, and Jack!

**NO EVENING MINISTRIES** There will be no AWANA, or Cherub or Junior Choir Practices from December 23-30. These ministries will resume on January 6, 2019!

**NO BREAKFAST SUNDAY 12/30** Due to the New Year's Celebration Luncheon, we will not have our usual breakfast or Morning Assembly next Sunday in the Family Life Center. We look forward to seeing you at Small Groups!

**NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION LUNCHEON** All are welcome to join us after the AM Worship Service for lunch next Sunday, December 30 to kickoff the New Year together! We'll serve BBQ sandwiches, slaw, black eye peas, hot dogs for the kids and desserts. Sign up at the bulletin board by the church office!

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY: SECRET SISTER** Our Bethany Secret Sister program will last for all of 2019! If you are interested in participating, forms are available at the Connections Center (please return completed forms by TODAY, names will be drawn next Sunday, 12/30). Use the information about your Secret Sister to bless and minister to her all year long! Our reveal party will take place December 2019!

**FOR YOUR SECURITY** Bethany's Security Team works hard to keep our members and visitors safe during our services. Doors will be locked at 11am and signed will be placed at entrance doors to direct those arriving after 11 to the sanctuary doors. Security Team members will be available at the sanctuary doors until 11:15. Thank you for helping us maintain your safety!

**CELEBRATING ADVENT** Be sure to pick up a copy of "Advent at Home" for practical ways to celebrate and share this Advent season at home with your family. Copies are available at the Connections Center!

## ENGAGE OUR CITY

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING** Bethany Baptist Church is a key part of being the RESOUNDING GOSPEL which begins here and moves globally. Each year, we join churches from across the world and take up a special offering that goes ENTIRELY (100%) to international missions and church planting. Today is the last day to participate in this wonderful opportunity! Be sure to mark the envelope for your contribution LMCO" or "Lottie Moon" and place in the offering plate. Our goal is \$2,000.

## THIS WEEK @ BETHANY

### **Sunday, December 23, 2018**

9:45am Sunday Small Groups (All Ages)  
10:45am Morning Worship Service

### **Wednesday, December 26, 2018**

No Evening Activities—Merry Christmas!

### **Thursday, December 27, 2018**

No Evening Activities—Merry Christmas!

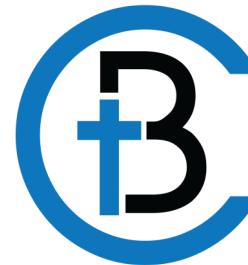
GIVING FROM DECEMBER 9 - No Church—Snow

GIVING FROM DECEMBER 16 - \$5,714.71

# Advent



1 SUNDAY UNTIL CHRISTMAS



December 23, 2018

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# WORSHIP SERVICE

WORSHIP IN SONG  
**Adult Choir: "O Holy Night"**  
**How Many Kings**  
**He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)**

Offertory Prayer

Cherub & Junior Choirs

**Advent Candle Lighting**  
(Lighting by Bub & Winnie Hayes)  
**Scripture Reading and Prayer**

WORSHIP IN SONG  
**Joy to the World**

**Bethany Kids' Church**  
(Ages 4 thru Grade 5 dismissed\*\*)

**SERMON**  
Series: The Advent  
Part 3: Moved by Wonder (Matthew 2:1-12)

WORSHIP IN SONG  
**For He Alone Is Worthy**

**Merry Christmas, Bethany!**

\*\*Bethany Kids' Church is a time of worship for children ages 4 thru Grade 5. Children study the Bible, sing, play games, make friends and much more. Have a shy child? Parents are welcome to accompany a child new to Bethany or BKC and can stay for part or all of the children's service, as their child needs. **BKC meets in our Family Life Center. Children may be picked up by their parent at that location.**

# WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad you are here this morning! As His church, we exist to see individuals and families **ENCOUNTER God** and see that He is good, **EQUIP People** to grow in faith and because we believe God planted us in Raleigh for His purpose we want to intentionally **ENGAGE Our City**. Enjoy your time with us this morning and we hope to see you again.

## FIRST TIME VISITING WITH US?

Visitor Cards are a great way to let us know who you are and how we can serve you. You can find one marked "Welcome to Bethany" in front of you on the back of the pew. Complete the card and **put it in the offering plate** as it comes around, or feel free to **bring it by our Connection Center** in the Foyer so we can meet you!



## WORSHIP IN COMMUNITY

Worshipping together through song, Scripture and prayer are both corporate and private acts. Feel free during these moments to worship as you feel led. Standing, kneeling and sitting are all appropriate forms of worship and are all welcome. Should you need to sit for health reasons, please feel free to do so.

## SMALL GROUPS MATTER

Jesus had 12 close friends with whom He shared life and had a lot of spiritual conversations. We believe authentic relationships are the best context to grow in faith and understanding of Jesus. To learn more about finding a Small Group for you or a member of your family, complete a Visitor Card or stop by our Connection Center. Small Groups meet here at Bethany Sundays at 9:45am.

## NURSERY

We have a free nursery available during our Small Groups and Worship Service. It is open to children ages infant through 3 years and is located in the Education Wing.



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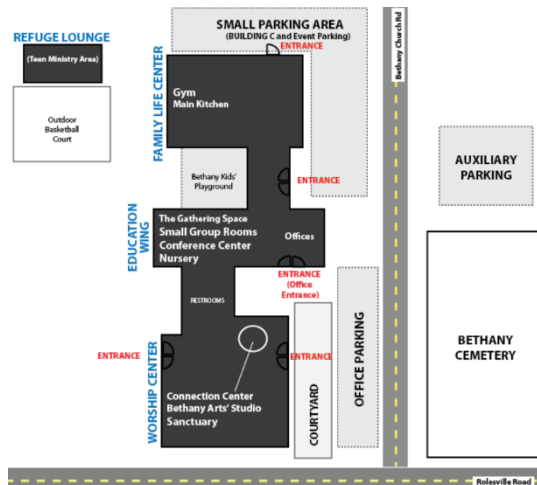
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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**1st Sunday – December 2**

**Counting Committee** - Jo Tidwell, Jack Denton & Terri Ballard  
**Ushers** - George Puryear, Chuck Jones & Randy Denton

**2nd Sunday – December 9**

**Counting Committee** - Jo Tidwell, Paula Perry & Clyde Williford  
**Ushers** - Mike Strickland, Lee Perry, Allen Moody, George Puryear

**3rd Sunday – December 16**

**Counting Committee** - Jo Tidwell, Randy Denton & Rhonda Richardson  
**Ushers** - George Puryear, Jimmy Brown, Randy Jones & Carl Ray, Sr.

**4th Sunday – December 23**

**Counting Committee** - Jo Tidwell, Wendy Smith & Moryah Geib  
**Ushers** - Doug Watson, James Duncan, Mike Richardson & Jack Denton

**5th Sunday – December 30**

**Counting Committee** - Jo Tidwell, Debbie Barbour & Carol Puryear  
**Ushers** - Mike Strickland, Lee Perry, Allen Moody, George Puryear

