

TODAY, Sunday, December 31, 2017 - The flowers have been placed in the church today to the Glory of God and in honor of Lois Snow's birthday by Bobbie McClintock & Jan.

Jan. Church Opener: Gene Flinchum **Jan. Church Closer:** David Robb

8:50AM Greeters Today: Jerry & Karon Monnett **NEXT WEEK:** Lois Snow

10:55AM Greeter Today: April Wreath & Jim Evans **NEXT WEEK:** Desi & Gail Williams

January Ushers: David Allen, Jerry Berry, Byron Dahl, Terry Franklin, Kevin Gunter

Acolytes: Sofia Cook Marimon and Claudio Cook Marimon

Audio/Visual Tech: Gene Flinchum, Terry Franklin, Wayne Moser, Denny Spencer, Justin Windsor

Attendance December 24, 2017 -

Sunday School	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
8:50AM Early Service	NO EARLY SERVICE
COMBINED 10AM Worship Attendance	151
Christmas Eve Candle Light Communion	180
Total Worship Attendance	331
Your Gifts-----	
Amount Collected to Date	\$357,304.56
Worship Service	\$15,167.00
MMRF	\$663.66

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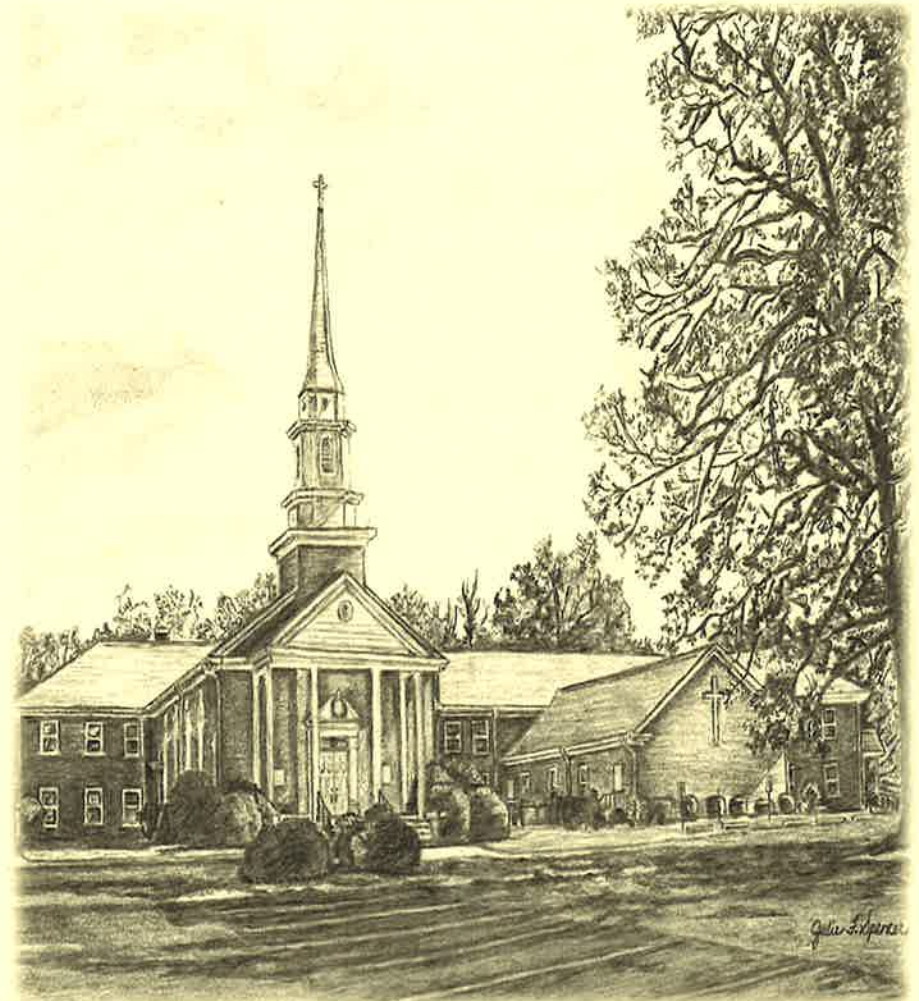
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BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA



December 31, 2017
First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 31, 2017

10:55AM

---We welcome Gene Flinchum to the pulpit today.---

Welcome all who worship here! We pray you experience God's Holy Spirit in a new way as we worship together. Please be sure to sign the pew register.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude *Have You Any Room for Jesus?*

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship *Joy to the World* (vs. 1) No. 246

*Hymn *There's a Song in the Air* No. 249

*Psalter *Psalms 111* No. 832

*Response *Joy to the World* (vs. 2) No. 246

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

Anthem *Bethlehem's Gift* by Don Besig

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *The Birthday of a King*

*The Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 95

*Offertory Prayer

Puppet Pals Andrew and Susan Coward

*Hymn *The First Noel* No. 245

First Scripture Reading Matthew 22:37-40

Second Scripture Reading Philippians 4:4-8

Message "Don't worry, be happy!" Mr. Gene Flinchum

*Hymn *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* No. 251

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction *Joy to the World* (vs. 4) No. 246

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

Your help is needed! Christmas cards which weren't picked up from the parlor are now on the front pew. Please be sure to check for yours, and if you are able to take cards which belong to someone else and deliver them, it would be greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018 - Greeters, flowers, communion stewards, openers & closers are needed for the new year. This sign-up list is available on the clipboard outside of the church office. (Please do not remove from this area.) Thank you for serving!

THE ONE YEAR BIBLE—Pastor Mike spent the year reading through the Bible using "The One Year Bible". Beginning Jan. 1st, he will once again begin this year-long undertaking. You are invited to join him on this journey using "The One Year Bible". Books are \$19.00. To get yours stop by the church office.



Arlene Stokes UMW has Mascot Pecans for sale! \$10.00/lb. bag. Persimmon Pulp \$7.00/2-cup package.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY – If you did not sit for a photo when directory photographers were here and you want to submit a photo for the directory, you may do so at **a cost of \$10.00 per photo**. If your submittal is a professional photo, you will need to submit a consent form. Photos can be emailed to the church bethumcclimax@gmail.com For information on this please contact Layne Downing.

REMINDER - Cub Scout Pack 342 collected a total of 192 coats during their coat drive. **If you know of anyone (child or adult) who is in need of a coat, please contact Dee Gerringer @ (336)213-0326.**

FROM THE SPRC – If you would like to give to the Swoffords' Christmas love offering, please designate your gift as **Swoffords' love offering** on your envelope & on the memo line of your check.

We appreciate all of your contributions. When we receive duplicate contributions (more than one) in the same check, it becomes complicated for processing. **Please give to only one fund in a check.** This will help us more than you could ever know. Thank you for your help in this matter. The Counting Team

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Dale Austin
 Jack Bowman
 Peggy Bowman
 Suzie Branch
 Edna Coble (NH)
 Pat Coble (hip surgery 11/20)
 Cletis Fields (NH)
 Cory Fields
 Joe Garrett (knee surgery)
 Kelsey Garrett
 Nancy Golden
 Martha Hinshaw (NH)
 Ruby Hockett (assisted living)

Ongoing (Cont.)

Carolyn Johnson (home)
 Clyde Land (home)
 Linda Land (home)
 Marjorie Mabe
 Bobbie McClintock (home)
 Donna McClintock (home)
 Jamie O'Daniel (home)
 Dickie Parks
 David Robb
 Zoe Rumley
 Jeffrey Welker (back in U.S.)
 Arnold Williams
 All of our homebound

Immediate Prayer Needs:

Lucy Albright (Clapps)
 Rev. Ed Armfield (Burnette's Chapel)
 Dale Averill
 Doris Hockett
 Betty Hull
 Mildred Moser (Clapp's Assisted Living)
 Lowell Suggs (knee)
 Bobby Tew (home)
 Mike Underwood (home)
 Brody Watson (surgery) (Jan Toler's grandson)
 Kay Wilkinson

Please help us keep this list up-to-date. If someone has been omitted who should be on our prayer list, or if you know of changes in the prayer needs of anyone we list, please let the church office know.

PG YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

(Sr. Boys) Thr., 1/4 @ 6:15PM PGUMC vs. Alamance
 Mon., 1/8 @ 7PM Alamance vs. Vandalia
 @ 8PM BUMC vs. PGUMC
 @ 9PM PG Baptist vs. New Covenant

(Jr. Boys) Thr., 1/4 @ 7PM PG Baptist vs. PGUMC
 @ 8PM BUMC vs. Vandalia
 @ 9PM Alamance vs. Tabernacle

(Jr. Girls) Sat., 1/6 @ 11AM PGUMC vs. PGYBA
 @ 11:55AM Tabernacle vs. BUMC

(Pee Wee Boys) Sat., 1/6 @ 12:50PM New Covenant vs. Alamance
 @ 1:45PM BUMC vs. PGUMC
 @ 2:40PM Tabernacle vs. Alamance Fire Dept.
 Mon., 1/8 @ 6:15PM Alamance vs. Alamance Fire Dept.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE ON TABLE OUTSIDE OF CHURCH OFFICE AND IN THE NARTHEX.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday 12/31 1st Sunday after Christmas Day
 New Year's Eve

8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar
 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship
 10AM Sunday School
 10:55AM Traditional Worship
 NO UMYF
 NO BIBLE STUDY

Monday 1/1

Happy New Year
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 CHILD CARE CLOSED

Tuesday 1/2

8AM Breakfast Club (Backyard Grill)
 10AM StoryTime (in Library)
 7PM WIC
 7PM Cub/Boy Scouts

Wednesday 1/3

3-4PM Food Pantry
 6PM Youth Bible Study
 7PM Choir
 7PM Exercise

Thursday 1/4

3:15PM Children's Chapel
 7:30PM Trustees

Friday 1/5

Church Office Closed

Saturday 1/6 Epiphany

No church activities scheduled.

Sunday 1/6 Epiphany Sunday; Communion; Pnut Butter & Oatmeal Sunday

8:30AM Prayer Time @ Altar
 8:50AM Blended, Casual Worship
 10AM Sunday School
 10:55AM Traditional Worship
 5:30PM UMYF
 5:45PM Bible Study

--COMING UP--

- Monday, 1/8 Child Care Board @ 6:30PM
- Tuesday, 1/9 Friendly Club @ 10:30AM
- Sunday, 1/14 Youth/Parent Meeting @ 5:30PM
- Tuesday, 1/16 Worship Committee @ 7PM
- Thursday, 1/18 Children & Family Ministries @ 7PM