**Please Pray For...**

Dick Joyner at Memorial, Frances Hemmingson at MCC, Bryan Lane at Sheltering Arms, Nell Peddicord at Doswell House, Connie Brodrick at The Haven, Bill & Sandra Blackburn, Amy Boles (James & Carol Boles daughter), Norman Bowles, Jeanne Bradley, Donald Bray, Jr., Robin Brightwell, George & Bessie Bryan, Joyce Burgess, Eugene & Ortygia Carnette, Earl Carver, Tim Cates, Hallie Chennault, Jim Cherry, Mike Cettle (Flora McLeod’s son-in-law), David & Janice Culver, Judi Culver, Opal Dalnon, Nancy Damron, Howard & Jean & Andrew Davis (Mary Kay Winn’s family), Chuck Davis (Ray Davis’ son), Chuck & Margaret Davis & Family, Amy Dixon, Rick Doggett, Roxanne Elliott (Jim Wright’s granddaughter), Peggy Etheridge(Sr.), Marvin & Margaret Ferguson, Aaron & Danielle Fisher, Wally Fleming, Lyle Foster (Peggy Etheridge’s(Sr.) father), Linda Gerhardt, Mary Greenwood, Melvin Harper, Peggy Hildreth, Allen & Courtney Hillard (Mary Hawthorne’s family), Lucille Hott, Johnny Howell, Courtney Jackson, Mary Lee Jones, Dot Jones, Dick & Charlsie Joyner, Cecil & Rae Keel, Paige Kinser’s mother, Olive Litwinowicz, Will & Audrey Long, Sam Loving, Howard Lynch, Thong Martin, Jordan Mills, Patrick Olnstead (Robert & Betty Olnstead’s grandson), Robert & Betty Olnstead, Shirley Pasowicz, Freddie Pendergraph, Lisa Phillips, J.L. Pitts, Ed-win Power (Margaret Davis’ father), Dick & Linea Sandstrom(Bill & Sandra Blackburn’s friends), Ruth Ann Sawyer (Norman & Betty Bowles’ daughter), Bob Schneider, Don & Ruth Stewart, Ruth Tate, Jim Taylor, Marvin Thomas (Martha Long’s brother), Kitty Thompson, Faye Toney, Jessie Townsend(Shelly Kidd’s niece), Doris Tucker, Taylor Turner (Doris Metz brother), Bill White, Vickie White (Anita Blackwell’s sister), Jean Wildbore, Vera Williams, Bonnie Winn (Gloria Talley’s sister)

**Counting Team**

December 11-Ray Davis, Brenda Riel, Mark Gwinn, Nick Cuccei

**Opening & Closing**

December 11-Chip Phillips

**Deacon of the Week**

December 11-17 ~ Bob Wildbore ~ 277-8294

**Stewardship Report ~ December 4, 2016**

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**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**

International Mission Study
Wednesday ~ December 7 ~ 6:15 p.m.
Led by Susan Pritchett

Come and hear how God is working in Norway
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering ~ Goal ~ $10,756.00

**“And On Earth Peace”**

Selections presented by the Ladies Ensemble
Sunday ~ December 11 ~ Worship II

**Christmas Cantata**

“Bethlehem Morning”
Sunday ~ December 18 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Presented by the Adult Choir, Ladies Ensemble and The Sounds of the Spirit

**Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service**

Saturday ~ December 24 ~ 5:30 p.m.

**Crosswalk Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Saturday ~ December 24 ~ 9:00 p.m.

**Poinsettias**

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 18. The cost is $8.00 each. Envelopes for ordering can be found in the church foyer. Deadline for ordering is December 11.
From the Pastor…
Legend has it that a missionary, lost at sea, was by chance washed up out of the sea on the edge of a remote native village. Half-dead from starvation, exposure, and sea water, he was found by the people of the village and was nursed back to full health. Subsequently, he lived among these people for twenty years. During the whole of that time he confessed no faith. He uttered no songs. He preached no sermons. He neither read nor received any Scripture. He made no personal faith claim. But when people were sick, he attended them, sitting long into the night. When people were hungry, he gave them food. When people were lonely, he was a source of company. He always took the side of those who had been wronged. There was not a sinless human condition with which he did not identify.

After twenty years had passed, missionaries came from the sea to the village and began talking to the people about a man called Jesus, and after hearing of Jesus, the natives insisted that he had lived among them for the past twenty years. “Come, we will introduce you to the man about whom you have been speaking.” The missionaries were led to a hut, and there they found their long-lost fellow missionary whom they had thought dead.

I have shared this story with you before, but in light of William Haun’s words to us yesterday, I thought it was worth repeating. In order to reach people for Christ, we must be “relationship people.” As we invest in missionaries around the world our hope is that through the relationships they build with people, lives will be transformed by the message of the Gospel. What better way to reach people in Mechanicsville than by building relationships. The power of being has the power to change people through the example. The old saying, “Actions speak louder than words” makes a difference in our witness.

Pastor Tim

Year End Notes…
Due to the year ending on Saturday, December 31, please have all bills and donations for 2016 in the church office by noon on December 29. This will allow me time to process all transactions for year end. 2017 offering envelopes are in the church foyer. If you have not picked up your envelopes, please do so. If you are unable to pick them up, please call Martha in the church office.

Martha

Operation Christmas Child
We are in need of donations for postage to send the shoeboxes to the Operations Center. The cost of shipping each shoebox is $7.00. If you wish to make a donation by check, please make it payable to Mechanicsville Baptist Church with OCC shoebox in the memo line.

Women’s Ministry Breakfast!
Saturday – December 17 – 8:30 a.m.
Cold Harbor Restaurant
All women of the church and friends are invited! Please RSVP to Judi Culver (387-6153 or email judiculver@gmail.com) by Wednesday, December 14th.

Thank You…
“Thanks to all who have helped me by providing transportation, meals, and prayers while Margaret was away.”

Chuck Davis

“Thanks to Opal Dalton in the passing of her husband; to Lisa Saunders in the passing of her brother-in-law; to Anita Blackwell and the Martin family in the passing of their mother and wife, Betty; and to Kenny McLeod and Carlton Pritchett in the passing of their uncle, Jim McLeod. Please remember these families in your prayers.

Sympathy

FLC Roof Construction Status

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The Calendar
Sunday - December 11
8:30 a.m. Crosswalk
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Ladies Ensemble
7:00 p.m. Sounds of the Spirit
Monday - December 12
11:30 a.m. AA Meeting
Tuesday - December 13
6:15 p.m. Worship Team
Wednesday - December 14
5:00 p.m. Youth-Dailey Planet
6:15 p.m. Pre-School Choir, School Age Children’s Activities
6:30 p.m. Child Care Christmas Program
7:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal
Thursday - December 15
7:00 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal

Regular Offering
Sunday, December 4, 2016
$15,192.00
Needed to meet our budget
$10,909.00

The family of Catherine Beasley would like to thank everyone for prayers, visits, phone calls and food. We would also like to thank the Kitchen Food Committee for the reception preparation. Also, Rev. John Hare for the hospital visits and being with me and my son during the time of the passing of Mrs. Beasley. Thanks to Tori Kennedy har sharing her beautiful voice at the funeral, and Dr. Tim Madison for his prayers, visits and the handling of her funeral.”

Lenny Adams