

# FROM OUR PASTOR

I want to issue you a Christmas challenge . . .

Every December we have an opportunity. No one can escape Christmas. The decorations line city streets. The music plays in restaurants and shopping malls. I suspect even the most passionate atheist could find himself humming the tune to "Joy to the World" if he is not careful. Sadly, too many Christians in too many churches fail to seize the opportunity that this season presents.

So here is my challenge. I am challenging each of us to invite someone to attend one of our special events this Christmas season. As I issue you this challenge, I don't have in mind the active member of another church (though it's wonderful for you to invite other Christians as well!). I have in mind the neighbor who is mowing his grass as you leave your home on Sunday mornings. I have in mind the co-worker who is going through a very painful divorce.

So call your friends this afternoon and invite them to attend our multi-generational Christmas presentation tonight. Invite someone to attend our Christmas Eve service. In each of these environments, your guest will hear the gospel.

Let's all take the challenge!

## OUR STRATEGY FOR MINISTRY



Helping the unchurched CONNECT to God and his people



Guiding Christians to GROW in Christlikeness



Teaching Christians to SERVE all people



Challenging Christians to GO into all the world

### OVERVIEW OF 12.02.18

Sunday School Classes	290
Worship Attendance	311
General Budget Receipts	\$32,882.10
Continuing the Dream Receipts	\$16,587.60
Global Missions	\$412.00

### Overview of December 2018

General Budget Received (MTD)	\$32,882.10
General Budget Required (MTD)	\$19,134.62

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER DEACON

Glenn George

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday dinner will resume in January.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SENIOR ADULT WORSHIP AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Come join us for "Sunday on Tuesday" worship, praise and singing on Tuesday December 11, 2018. The service starts at 11:00am in the Worship Center followed by our Christmas Luncheon at 12:00pm. Tickets are required and cost \$12.00 each. Be sure to wear your Christmas attire for your picture with our special guest! See a committee member for your ticket. Tickets must be purchased by Sunday Decemner 9th.

## WOMEN ON MISSION, DECEMBER 10

Women on Mission will meet on Monday, December 10, 7:00pm at the home of Betty Lindstrom. Join us as we study, pray and participate in missions. The van will leave the church at 6:45pm.

## LAWRENCEVILLE HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE

Lawrenceville's annual Hometown Christmas Parade is Friday, December 14, 7pm-10pm. Our church is hosting tables of hot chocolate and cider for parade observers standing in front of our church. We are looking for volunteers to help set up, serve, and/or take down the tables. If you are willing to volunteer for an hour or so, please fill our the tear off tab on the Worship Guide or contact Terry in the church office (770) 963-5121 or email terry@lawrencevillefbc.org.

## CHRISTMAS ON CLAYTON

**December 9 Behold, a Savior!** ~ A Multi-Generational Christmas Celebration Event Led by the Adult Choir, Children's Choirs, Youth Choir, and Orchestra at 6:00pm

**December 24** ~ Christmas Eve Service at 5:00pm

**December 30** ~ 10:30am Worship Service (no Sunday School)

## CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed Monday December 24 - Thursday December 27. The office will be open December 31 from 9:00am-3:00pm to receive year-end gifts. The office will also be closed January 1, 2019. If you have a ministry emergency, call 770.820.5732 and leave a voicemail for our pastor on call.

## CAREGIVER SUPPORT GATHERING, DECEMBER 13

The holidays can be hard for those that have a loved one that they have lost this year or for those that are caring for their loved ones, you are not alone. If you are a caregiver for a spouse, a parent, or any loved one, this is the time to come and receive resources, fellowship, and hope from others that are in the same season. Join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10:30 am-11:30 am in the Gathering Plaza. Call Amy Hentschel to RSVP or for more information, (678-925-0223).

## YOUTH NEW YEAR'S EVE LOCKIN

Our students will be having a lock-in at the church on Dec 31 to ring in the new year. The lock-in will be from 8:00pm to 7:00AM. Students can bring snacks. If you have questions please contact Mason, mason@lawrencevillefbc.org

## MAILING FOR MISSIONS

This year the mailbox will be located on the first floor breezeway, near the entrance to the church office. You can "mail" a card to other Lawrenceville First members or regular attenders. Postage is \$.25 per card or 5 cards for \$1. All proceeds support missions locally and around the world through our Acts 1:8 Offering. You can put your donation in the dropbox on the mailbox, or you can designate a check by putting "Acts 1:8 or Global Missions."

## CLOTHING MISSION NEEDS

As the weather and seasons change, the clothing mission needs some specific items. At this time, they need empty grocery bags, for the clients to use to carry their clothing. They also need: coats, blankets, towels, sheets, men's long sleeve casual shirts and sweaters, men's casual shoes, women's socks, children's clothing (sizes 2T-4T), and small decorative and household items. Volunteers are always needed! Please contact Joan Beard with any questions, 770-972-7930.

# CONNECT

**December 9, 2018**

Print, detach, and place in offering plate.

Change in contact information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1st time guest  2nd time guest

Regular Attendee  Member

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

If 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Lawrenceville First?

(newspaper, name of person who invited you)

Are you married?  Yes  No

Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Children?  Yes  No

Name(s) and age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...

Connect with a small group/ Bible study class

Find out more about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ

Request a call from a pastor to discuss church membership

Volunteer to work in extended care.

## Comments, Requests, Ministry & Prayer Needs:

If you request prayer for someone who is not a church member and you would like them to receive a prayer card from the church, please provide an address here or email Terry@lawrencevillefbc.org.

For General Prayer List

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## Hometown Christmas Parade Volunteer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email or Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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## FOR OUR GUESTS Is Jesus Your Savior & Lord?

The gospel message is simple and complex. God created mankind in his image. In it's created state, everything that God made was "very good." (Genesis 2:7-3:2) The world is stained by sin, and every person is a sinner. (Genesis 3; Romans 3:23) The punishment for sin is death. Because of sin, every person deserves the punishment of physical death and eternal judgment. (Romans 6:23) Because he loves us, God the Father sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to receive the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross. (John 3:16; Romans 8:1-11) Every person who turns to Christ in repentance and receives him as Savior and Lord will receive forgiveness for their sins and eternal life in heaven with God. (Romans 10:9-10) Do you have questions about the Gospel? One of our pastors will be happy to speak with you. Please check the appropriate box on the Connect Card or email one of our pastors directly.

### About Our Worship Gatherings

We gather for worship each Sunday at 10:30am. We seek to blend the best of both the ancient and modern expressions of Christian worship. We sing hymns written hundreds of years ago, and we sing songs of praise written recently. Some weeks a praise band accompanies our singing, and some weeks we feature piano and organ accompaniment. A choir is a part of our worship experience each week. The Word of God is central to our worship. Our pastor generally preaches through a portion of a Bible book. Each week we seek to understand and apply the truth contained in a particular passage of Scripture.

### How Can I Connect?

We invite you to attend one of our Bible study classes. Classes for children and adults of all ages meet each Sunday at 9:15am. For a listing of classes, please stop by our connections centers.

### Do You Need a Bible?

We want everyone to have a copy of the Word of God. If you forgot your Bible this morning, please use the one that is in the pew rack in front of you. If you do not own a Bible, please feel free to take this Bible with you as you leave this morning.

### Children and Teenagers

We offer extended care for children from birth through age 5 in our preschool area. When you drop off your child, you will receive a security card with a number on it. To protect your child's safety, we require you to show this card to your child's teacher in order to pick up your child. Our school age students and teenagers meet in small groups at 9:15am each Sunday morning.

A complete schedule of events each week can be found on our website: [lawrencevillefirst.org](http://lawrencevillefirst.org).

#### PASTORS/ MINISTRY DIRECTORS

**Inman J. Houston**, Senior Pastor  
**Mark Burnett**, Associate Pastor/Director of Worship and Music Ministries  
**Radu Coliba**, Associate Pastor/Director of Ministry Operations  
**Dannie Reed**, Director of Adult Ministries  
**Amanda Varner**, Preschool/Children's Ministry Director  
**Mason Welch**, Student Ministry Director

Contact our Pastors/ Ministry Directors By Email  
Use first name followed by "@lawrencevillefbc.org"



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## CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCES

As we approach the end of the year, we have several important items that require church approval. Pastor Inman will call our church into conference following our morning worship gathering on December 9 so that we can take action on these items.

-December 9 - We will vote on our 2019 proposed ministry budget. We have copies of the budget available at our connections centers. Additionally, we will vote on a recommendation from the Administration Committee to extend the trial period for our new organizational structure for one more year. We will also vote on our nominating committee report.

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