

BRIDGING THE GAP

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and
He will exalt you. James 4:10*



A Letter From the Pastor

BY ANDY WOOD

Advent is upon us! This is a wonderful time of reflection and anticipation as we look forward to celebrating the birth of the Messiah, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Of course, Jesus existed before He was born as a baby. We know this from John 1:1-4: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created. Life was in Him, and that life was the light of men."

Advent starts with a look at hope. Jesus is not merely a last resort, He is our only hope. He is the One true God that can save us from our sin. That hope can keep us anchored to weather the storms life sends our way and it can help us keep moving forward when we are stuck.

The next Sunday of Advent is preparation. What I find interesting about Christ's arrival is that many of the religious elite were anticipating the arrival of the Messiah. They were watching for Him, but they were unprepared for His arrival. Are we prepared? If Jesus came back today, would we be ready?

The third Sunday is joy. Joy is different from happiness. Joy is not dependent on circumstances. Instead, it is dependent on our walk with Jesus. The fourth Sunday is love. We are not talking about any kind of love, though. We are talking about the supreme king of love. This love is agape (a-gah-pay). It is the sacrificial love that God has for us and we should have for Him.

I know this season can get hectic with the shopping, the baking, and other various activities we find ourselves rushing to. Let's make an intentional effort to take time to enjoy this season and reflect on why we celebrate!

I hope and pray we all have a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!

God bless you all!

~Pastor Andy



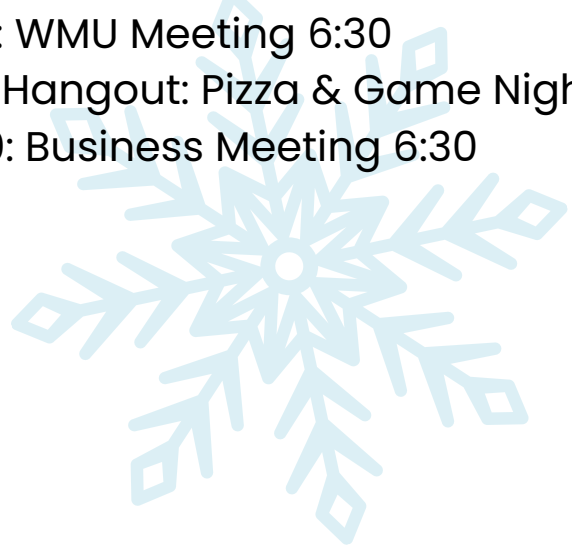
Church Calendar

December



02: Food Truck
02: Business Meeting 6:30
03: Deacon Meeting 6:30
07: Potluck after 11am service
08: Manly Monday
10: WMU Meeting 6:30
13: Ladies Ornament Exchange
14: Night in Bethlehem
21: Cantata: combined services
21: Hangout: Christmas Party
24: Christmas Eve Service

January



06: Food Truck
14: WMU Meeting 6:30
11: Hangout: Pizza & Game Night
20: Business Meeting 6:30

Building & Grounds

-Things have been going a little slower than we hoped on the building and grounds front. A few weeks ago, a new leak was identified in the main sanctuary. The water was so intense that it leaked all the way through and into the fellowship hall. You can see some staining in the ceiling tiles in the fellowship hall ceiling.

Thankfully, Leonard roofing is a great company and they came out to resolve the issue. They found three holes in the roofing membrane. They have been fixed and everything seems to be holding. We are looking at alternatives to prevent future issues with the roof. Once we know that the roof is leak free, the goal is to get our ceiling tiles replaced in the sanctuary. When that is complete, we will update the carpet.

The building looks great for being 100 years old!

We have also not lost sight of the need for the parking lot to be resealed and striped!

There is always room for more on the Building and Grounds team! Many hands make light work and I am sure Larry would greatly appreciate any help. If you are interested, please let him or me know!

Isaiah 9:6

*For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us,
and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be
named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal
Father, Prince of Peace*

The Hangout

7TH-12TH GRADE

The Hangout had an AWESOME FRIENDSgiving last month. We had 25 students and the leaders enjoying a feast and good fun. This year, we played team Jeopardy...Thanksgiving edition. It got a little heated, but all in the name of friendship!

We also created our "Thankful Turkey" and paused to give thanks to God for family, friends, and Jesus!

Our schedule gets thin during Dec and Jan...we will take several weeks off beginning Dec 21 and resume Jan 11. Please be praying for our *Hangout* Students to return in 2026 ready to learn, serve, and worship!



KID'S CORNER

Babies-6th grade

This month we will be counting down to Christmas in the Children's ministry. We have a wonderful play planned for Dec 14, All of the children and some teens are pitching in.

We have sent home advent chains for each family. Our hope is that there will be something to discuss every day during advent. If you need a set for your family or someone you who needs this for their home...let us know.



As we wrap up 2025, it is a good time to express how **grateful** we are to the volunteers who work weekly or monthly in the children's ministry. **We couldn't** do any of this without *Sandra and Kelli* in Sunday School; *Cindy, Wanda, Melissa, Vickie, Alana, Ann, and Terri* in Children's church; and *Susan, Cindy, and Alana* who work weekly in Bible Club. Thank you for all you do!

Children's Church &

Nursery Volunteer Schedule

Upcoming Hangout Events:

Dec 14: Night In Bethlehem

Dec 21 Christmas Party

Jan 11: Pizza & Game Night

Jan 11: FUGE Camp Deposit


DUE \$100

Feb 15: Spaghetti Dinner

Fundraiser

June 13-17: FUGE Camp



Date	Children's Church	Nursery	Pre-K
<i>December 7</i>	9am-Ann 11am-Wanda	9am-Melissa(Lucy) 10am-Vickie	9am-Cindy 10am-CIndy
<i>December 14</i>	9am- Terri 11am-Terri	9am-Melissa 10am-Ann	9am-Kelli 10am-Kelli
<i>December 21</i>		10am-Wanda 11am- Kelli	10am-Cindy 11am-Kelli
<i>December 28</i>	9am-Alana 11am-Dania	9am-Terri 10am-Alana	9:00-Kelli 10am-Kelli



MISSIONS: HERE & THERE

Food Bank

CURRENT NEEDS:

Peanut Butter
Canned Meat
Corn
Green beans
Peas
Cereal
Dry Beans

Open 1st/3rd Tuesday's 9-11:00



MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH

Please keep these missionaries In your prayers as they reach the lost all over the world:

Jon and Beth Moody
-Fort Wayne, Indiana

Trever and Leanna Pusey
-Pocomoke City, Maryland

Paul and Lois Taligato
-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

WMU: WOMEN ON MISSION

December is the
Lottie Moon Offering. This
enables gospel transformation
among the unreached.

Our Giving Goal: \$1200



This year we packed 134 boxes for
Operation Christmas Child. That was
46 more than last year!
Thank you, FBC! Pray for the boxes to
impact the world for Christ.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19 NLT



UGLY SWEATERS DEC 7!
GET YOUR UGLY OR ADORABLE
CHRISTMAS GEAR READY!



Directly after the 11:00 worship service,
please join us for our Christmas Dinner in
the Fellowship Hall.
Please bring a dish to share.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

December 21

11:00am

Combined Worship Service

NIGHT IN BETHLEHAM

December 14

A community outreach opportunity.
We are asking for the **church family to spread the word**
and lend a hand!

5:00-5:30 Hot Chocolate in the parking lot

5:30-6:00 Living Nativity in the Sanctuary

The Christmas Story & Carols

6:00-7:00 **Community Dinner in Fellowship Hall**

How can you help?

-Bring Soup, bread, crackers or dessert

-Create table activities for children

-Hot Chocolate Table -**NEED** thermoses w/cocoa

-Singers for carols

-Help with set up and clean up

Please contact Dania if you would like to help!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

6:30pm Evening Candlelight Service

Spend the night before Christmas with
Jesus at the center with
worship and the word.



Happy Birthday!!



December

02-Ronnie Milton
03- Jason Kilgore
04- Michael White
04 – Gillian Shepard
07 – Kim Couch
13 – Jamie Fields
14- Regina Sutherland
15 – Paula Banner
19 – Jasmyne Turner
25- Sandra B. Smith
31- Cassandra Turner
31- Steve “Caveman” Bowers



FBC Weekly Opportunities:

Sunday 5:00: Choir practice

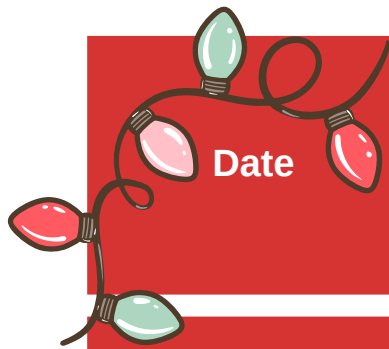
Sunday 5:00 Youth “Hangout” 6th-12th grade

Monday 1:00 Yoga with Glenna -Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 9:00 Food bank (*1st & 3rd Tue of the month*)

Thursday 6:30 Bible Study & Bible Club K-5th grade (Aug-May)

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