



Advent

Advent is the time in the Christian church where its people are in a state of expectation and anticipation of the arrival of Jesus Christ. This is looked at in three ways. First, the now symbolic coming of Jesus the Christ child. Second, the arrival of the Holy Spirit in our lives during the conversion process. Finally, the second coming of Jesus that is prophesied in the New Testament.

Advent is a word that is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming”. This is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. It is believed that the first season of advent was practiced in the 6th century, though there are a few who believe the tradition can be traced all the way back to the time of the twelve disciples.

There are 5 aspects to the advent season, which traditionally are represented by candles: Hope, Love, Joy, Peace, Christ. During the sermons in December, we will spend time focusing on each aspect of advent and how we can look towards the coming of Christ in our daily walk with Jesus.

Pearl Harbor 75 Years Ago Today



Japan’s December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and six other military bases on the Hawaiian island of Oahu precipitated America’s entry into World War II, a global conflict. Pearl Harbor endures as a symbol of American resilience and resolve. The 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor is an opportunity to honor the sacrifice and dedication of our “Greatest Generation” both civilian and military, the endured incredible sacrifices on December 7, 1941 the “date that will live in infamy.” It would thrust America into World War II, changing Hawaii and America forever and continues to define their place in the world. The events of that date triggered our resolve as a nation, our can-do attitude and resourcefulness and an unmatched commitment to the defense of freedom.

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Sunday School Update

One of the goals for the Sunday School for 2016 is to promote our four mission offerings. The offerings are the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, the Janie Chapman State Mission Offering, The Pearl Johnson Associational Offering, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

December 4-11, 2016 is the time for our missions study. All through the month of December we will pray, promote, and give our offering. The Southern Baptist offering goal is \$155,000,000.00. Tabernacle has a goal of \$12,000.00. The theme for 2016 is **the gospel resounds**.

Lottie Moon was a woman passionate about reaching people for Jesus. She served in China for 39 years. She wrote letters home to Southern Baptists urging them to become more involved in missions. This mission offering was started in 1888. With our world in turmoil, war, and conflict in many places, let us give with the same passion of Lottie Moon that the world may know the love, grace, forgiveness, peace, and salvation of God.

It is my prayer that all of you are, with excitement, giving the green invite card to someone each week. This is a very easy, non-threatening, and profitable way to invite people to Jesus and Tabernacle. Because Christ has done so much for us, let us invite people with an invite card.

With a grateful heart,
Your Sunday School Outreach Director
Tommy McManus

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Week of Prayer *for International Missions* *& Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*

Theme: the gospel resounds

December 4-11, 2016

Our Goal: \$12,000

Received to Date: \$1,545

Needed to Reach Goal: 10,455

*You have...heard about this hope
in the message of truth, the gospel
that has come to you. It is bearing
fruit and growing all over the
world, just as it has among
you since the day you heard it...*

Colossians 1:5-6
(HCSB)



Upcoming Events



AWANA meets on Sunday from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. The last AWANA meeting for this year will be Sunday, December 11, 2016.

Keenagers Trip

The Keenagers will be going to Hamrick's on Thursday, December 8, 2016. Leave the church at 9:30 am. One bus is reserved. All seats are filled on the bus.

From the Finance Committee

Dear Church Family,
Well it's that time of year again, and we need your input. If you or a committee you are on is responsible for budgeting (spending) monies for 2017, the finance committee needs your input. As we are looking at next year's budget totals, we are requesting that you submit your numbers to us by December 9, 2016. After we receive these request we will meet and formulate the budget for consideration in January. Your input is critical for completion of this task and we thank you ahead of time for your input. Please turn your request in written form to any member of the finance committee or to Delores (who will see that we get it). Thank you for your thoughtfulness and follow-up.

Benjie Reynolds (co-chair)

Kelly Lawson (co-chair)

Deacons Meeting

The Deacons will meet Sunday, December 11, 2016, at 8:00 am in the Library.

Lottie Moon Group & Lydia Greene Group

The Lottie Moon Group & Lydia Greene Group will not meet in December.

Upcoming Events

Pearl Johnson Group

The Pearl Johnson Group will meet Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 6:30 pm at Andy's Restaurant.

Youth Christmas Party

The youth Christmas party will be Friday, December 16, 2016. The Family Life Center is reserved at 12:30 pm.

Children's Choir Christmas Musical

The Children's Choir will present their Christmas Musical "Jesus Means Christmas to Me" on Sunday, December 18, 2016, during the Morning Worship Service.

As Information

The church office will be closed Friday, December 23, 2016, in observance of Christmas Eve. The church office will be closed Monday, December 26, 2016, in observance of Christmas Day.

Christmas Day Service

Join us from 9:45 am to 11:00 am for our Christmas Day Service celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and observance of The Lord's Supper. We will not have a Christmas Eve service or other activities.

New Year's Day Service

To begin a New Year join us from 9:45 am to 11:00 am for our New Year's Day Service on January 1, 2017. There will be no other activities.

As Information

The church office will be closed Monday, January 2, 2017, in observance of New Year's Day.

Christian Sympathy

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to Mr. Tom Coffey, Mr. & Mrs. James Coffey and their family, Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Murphy and their family, *Mr. & *Mrs. Jay Coffey and their family, *Dr. & *Mrs. Jeff Coffey and their family, and other family members in the loss of Mrs. Carol Coffey who passed away Saturday, November 12, 2016, at Waterford at Dillon Pointe.

Thank You Note

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the cards, phone calls, visits, food but most of all your prayers. We are blessed to be part of a church family that cares. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.
The Coffey Family

Dear Church Family,
First we want to thank you for your prayers while Billy was in the hospital. We know that many were prayed and answered. For the many visits, cards, calls, and text, no one knows what they meant to Billy and me. To Dr. Tommy Vaughn thank you for your visits which were so special to us. You know you have a loving church family and many friends. We'll put Tabernacle Baptist Church above all after this. Also for the group who decorated the church in our absence thank you. It was beautiful, and it let us know that our friends will step up while we were unable. Love you all.

Billy & Hazel McKinney

Read Through the Bible

Hosea 7-8

2 John

Father, help us stay in Your love so that we might love one another well.

Deacon of the Month (December)

Scott Barnett

Inside Greeters December 11, 2016

Wayne Burgess
Elease Osborne

Extended Session December 11, 2016

Babies & Toddlers: Lynn McMillian
Marla Austin, Lucille Hooper
Sun. Night: Sam & Kakie White
Wed. Night: James & Cynthia Coffey

Deacon of the Month (December)

Scott Barnett

Inside Greeters December 18, 2016

Lucille Hooper
Frances Greer

Extended Session December 18, 2016

Babies & Toddlers: No nursery (Children's Christmas musical entitled "Jesus Means Christmas to me")
Sun. Night: William & Jo Carol Smith
Wed. Night: Carrie Smith

Deacon of the Month (December)

Scott Barnett

Inside Greeters December 25, 2016

Dot Stewart
Helen Grady

Extended Session December 25, 2016

Babies & Toddlers: No nursery (Christmas Day Service & The Lord's Supper)
Sun. Night: No nursery (No Evening Worship Service on Christmas Day)
Wed. Night: Roger & Sara Wade