

**Byars-Cobbs Memorial
United Methodist Church**

First Sunday of Advent

Color: Blue

David Sheffield, Organist

Michael Sheffield, Choir Director

Elizabeth Belcher, Pianist

Lee Ann Lester, Co-Choir Director

Order of Worship

December 2, 2012

Prelude

Call to Worship *“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Refrain)* Choir

*Hymn *“Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”* 216

*Congregational Greetings

Announcements

Congregational Celebrations and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn of Preparation, *“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”* 213

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

Special Music *“Little Drummer Boy”* Leon Clarke

BLESSING of the ADVENT WREATH

Loving God, Your church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth Your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May Your light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *(Insert)*

BLESSING OF THE CRISMON TREE *(Insert)*

*Scripture Reading *Luke 1:39-55* Pastor Paul
Sermon ***“REAWAKENING THE JOY IN CHRISTMAS!”***

*Hymn of Commitment *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”* 251

*Benediction

*Choral Response *“Three-Fold Amen”* Choir

*Postlude

*Congregation Standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The United Methodist Women will meet *this* Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 11:30 a.m. for the annual Christmas Dinner and Program.

The Fellowship Meal will be held on Sunday, December 23 immediately following Morning Worship.

We are accepting donations for our Children’s Christmas Fund and hams for the Glade Spring Food Bank. If you give a check, please make it payable to Byars-Cobbs UMC and write “Children’s Christmas Fund” or “Food Bank” in the Memo Line.

Please join us at a reception honoring Marian “Mossie” Bailey on the occasion of her 80th birthday Sat., December 15, 2012 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Byars-Cobbs UMC.

Mission Statement

OUR CHURCH EXISTS TO GLORIFY GOD AND HIS SON JESUS CHRIST, AND TO MEET THE SPIRITUAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL NEEDS OF PEOPLE THROUGH SERVICE AND FAITHFUL WITNESS.

Report for Sunday, November 25, 2012

Sunday School Attendance	3
Sunday School Offering	\$10.00
Worship Service Attendance	47
Worship Service Offering	\$1,288.00
In Memory of Margaret Vaught	\$95.00