

The Scroll

T H E P A S T O R ' S P E N

The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor.”

Luke 4: 17-19

(Isaiah 61: 1-2)

Deep Creek Baptist Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-based, Ministry-focused community of faith committed to serving the LORD Jesus Christ.

Greetings in the name of Christ!

Immanuel—GOD with US.! Have you ever just “pondered” the significance of what that really means? Advent is a GREAT time to do just that—ponder all that GOD has done for us by being our Immanuel. Let me share with you just three simple thoughts from my “ponderings and musings” on the subject of Immanuel—GOD with US.

First, Immanuel—GOD with US means we have a GOD who is with us where we are and not somewhere far removed from our lives. HE is not just that “little man up stairs” that sits on a cloud and cranks up the universe and then sits back and watches it run. No, God is a BIG and AWESOME GOD who is right here with HIS LOVING arms tightly wrapped around us.

Think about it. OUR GOD is the only GOD of any major religion who claims to be IMMANUEL. A GOD with us and not far removed from the lives of HIS creation. That’s BIG in my book. How about YOU?

Second, because HE is IMMANUEL, the GOD with US, HE chose to go even farther and become like US. That is the wonder and mystery of the incarnation—GOD becoming MAN.

Imagine—GOD becoming like us.

That is HUGE. GOD the CREATOR, GOD the KING, GOD the FATHER, stepping down from Heaven’s throne and not just being “with us,” BUT becoming like US! WOW!

For just a moment, take all that in and ponder what it means! Well, it means we have a GOD who can identify with our lives. It means we have a GOD who knows the troubles, trials, and temptations of life. It means we have a GOD who knows human

pain, human sorrow, and human rejection. It means we have a GOD who knows what it means to be hungry, tired, and sick. It means we have a GOD who LOVES us so much that HE became like us so that HE may know our human condition and in the end DIE for OUR SINS so that we may LIVE! Pause. Take it all in. Can you fathom it all? Can you get your arms around it all?

Finally, because HE is IMMANUEL, love compels us to serve HIM and in the power of the HOLY SPIRIT to become like CHRIST. Remember Paul’s words in Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with CHRIST and I no longer live, but CHRIST lives in me.” Can you begin to SEE it all, the wonder of IMMANUEL through the INCARNATE CHRIST? WOW! What an AWESOME thought that GOD the CREATOR, GOD the FATHER became like HIS creation so that we might become like CHRIST, the SON of GOD, through the power of the HOLY SPIRIT.

This Advent season take the time to pause and reflect about what CHRISTmas is really all about. I promise you that such reflection will be well worth the effort and the blessings beyond any present you’ll find under a Christmas tree. REJOICE for IMMANUEL has come and someday HE will come again. TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!

Have a blessed CHRISTmas and may you know the hope, peace, joy and love of IMMANUEL.

In the Grip of GOD’s GRACE,
Rick Page

FROM THE EDITOR

As you look forward to Christmas and participate in Advent, I would like for you to consider the following excerpt from **Sanctuary of the Soul** by Richard Foster as you ponder the meaning of Christmas and Advent:

“What I saw was the heart of God, and the heart of God was an open wound of love. Then I heard the voice of the true Shepherd, not outwardly but inwardly, saying, “I do not want you to abandon this project (this book). Instead, tell my people, tell my children, that my heart is broken. Their distance and their pre-

occupation wound me. Tell them. Tell my children to come home.”

And so I am telling you. As best I can, I am telling you that God is welcoming you and God is welcoming me home, home to where we belong, home to that for which we were created. We have been in a far country. It has been a country of climb and push and shove. It has been a country of noise and hurry and crowds. And God is welcoming us home—home to peace and serenity and joy.” (pp150-151)

In Him,
Teresa Page

**The Sovereign
LORD is my
strength;
He makes my
feet like the feet
of a deer,
He enables me to
ascend to the
heights.**

**Habakkuk
3:19**

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P R A Y E R R E Q U E S T S

At Home	Andy Willard-Ron and Lucille Shore's nephew
Edsel Allgood	Nursing Home/Rehab
Ivey Epley-Ken Epley's father	June Blunk
Ed Hoots-Sherry Leftwich's brother	Audrey Chewing
Esteen Hoots-Sherry Leftwich's mother	Nell McKnight
Tiffany Matthews-youth from Maplewood	Lois Sencial
Dixie Moncus-Nadine Moncus's daughter-in-law	Betty Shore
Parks Ray-Allen Ray's father	Laura Jane Shore
Dana Sharpe-Catrina Renegar's niece	Beulah Stanley
Charlotte Shore-Danita Disher's mother	Tobie Styers
Tommy Shore-John & Geraldine Shore's son	Polly Todd
	Mary Waller

Birthdays

Dec 4 Melva Gough
Dec 8 Judy Brown
Dec 8 Teddy Hoots
Dec 12 Lindsay Williams
Dec 14 Kelsey White
Dec 17 Megan Gough
Dec 21 Jamie Martin
Dec 24 Imogene Hutchens
Dec 25 Jesus!!

Happy birthday Jesus
I'm so glad it's Christmas
All the tinsel and lights
And the presents are nice
But the real gift is You
Happy birthday Jesus
I'm so glad it's Christmas
All the carols and bells
Make the holiday swell
And it's all about You
Happy birthday Jesus
Jesus, I love You!

**For You created my
inmost being;
You knit me together
In my mother's womb.
I praise You
because I am
fearfully and wonderfully
made;
Your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.**

Psalms 139: 13-14

C H I L D R E N ' S M I N I S T R I E S

Nursery Workers			Children's Sermon/Church		
December	4	Tammy Smith	December	4	Collins sisters
	11	Danita Disher		11	Sherry Leftwich
	18	Debbie Hoots		18	Charles and Ann Holden
	25	No nursery		25	Tammy Smith
January	1	Melinda Cook	January	1	Collins sisters
	8	Lisa Williams		8	Sherry Leftwich
	15	Janet Epley		15	Charles and Ann Holden
	22	Tammy Smith		22	Tammy Smith
	29	Heather Holbrook		29	Rick Page

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

Y O U T H N E W S

Deep Creek is sending a total of 28 children and youth to Look Up Lodge this coming summer.

Children's camp for rising 3rd graders through 6th graders will be Tuesday July 31 to Friday August 3; we will have 10 children attending this camp.

Middle school camp for rising 7th graders through 9th graders is Thursday July 5 through Sunday July 8; we will have 7 youth attending this camp.

Youth camp for rising 8th graders through 12th graders will be Sunday June 17 through Friday

June 22; we will have 11 youth attending this camp.

Upcoming seminars at Look Up Lodge
Creation/Evolution

Kids December 2-4

Teens January 13-15

Love, Sex, and Dating

Teens February 17-19

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in love, in faith, and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12*

R E Q U E S T F O R W O R K E R S

The Children's committee would like to bring to the attention of our church family the desperate need we have for nursery workers. We are in need of workers for the 10:00am Sunday School hour, the 11:00am worship hour, Wednesday night Bible Study, and any other activities that merit the need for child care.

Please pray and ask God if this is one of your spiritual gifts that you can contribute to the growth of His Kingdom. Our Church can not grow without this ministry being met. Remember there is no such thing as "I've done

my time" when there is still work to be done.

May God Bless Deep Creek Baptist Church as we seek His Will.

Thank you,
Children's Committee

**He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One who sent Me.
Mark 9:36-37**

A Message From Healthy Initiatives Ministry

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

“Christ has no body now on earth but **ours**, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out to the world. Ours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Ours are the hands with which He is to bless people now. Christ has no body now on earth but **ours**.”

Healthy Initiatives Ministry will have it's inaugural planning meeting at the church on December 5 to plan activities for 2012. Please see Fran Kiger for more information.

St. Teresa of Avila 1515-1582

Joy Club

The Joy Club will meet at the home of Priscilla Eller at 11am on December 8th. Larry Beck and his wife, Phyllis, from Faith, NC will be our guests. Larry will discuss the mission trips that he has taken with other members of his church; Larry has been on many mission trips to several places. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please bring a vegetable dish or dessert; the meat will be provided. Please RSVP Mae Burcham at 679-8566 .

Poinsettias

We will again purchase poinsettias from Myers Greenhouse to place in the Sanctuary “In Honor Of” or “In Memory Of.” Please let Heather Holbrook know by December 5th if you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary. The cost is \$13 .

Deep Creek cookbooks are still available to purchase for \$15. They will make excellent Christmas gifts. Please see Ann Ray or Linda Gough.

G O D I S W I T H U S

The skies don't seem to be as dark as usual
The stars seem brighter than
They've been before
And deep within I feel my soul is stirring
As though my hope has been restored

The shepherds say they've heard
The voice of angels
Confirming rumors spread across the land
That a child protected well from Herod's anger
Is our Father's Son and the Son of Man

Chorus:
Love is raining down on the world tonight
There's a presence here I can tell
God is in us God is for us
God is with us Emmanuel
He's the Savior we
Have been waiting for

In our humble hearts He will dwell
God is in us God is for us
God is with us Emmanuel

I feel compelled to tell
All who will listen
That peace on earth
Is not so out of reach
If we can find grace and mercy
And forgiveness
And He has come to say
He is all of these

Chorus

Written by Wayne Kirkpatrick
Sung by Amy Grant

Ushers

- Dec 4 Lee Cook, Rosie Lynch, Tami Merrell, Jody Smith**
- Dec 11 Edsel Allgood, Chris Disher, J. D. Hutchens, Bobby Todd**
- Dec 18 Lee Cook, Barry Holbrook, Harrell Todd, Mickey Williams**
- Dec 25 Edsel Allgood, Jack Blunk, Ann Holden, Barry Orrell**

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Newsletter submission

If you have information that you would like to have in the church newsletter, please email it to Teresa Page at teresa.w.page@gmail.com or send it by snail mail to 309 Pine Valley Rd, Yadkinville, NC 27055. The deadline for submission will be the 20th of the month prior to publication. Thank-you for your help!

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

The Joy Group will pack the backpacks in December.

Dec 1 Community Outreach/Mission Committee Meeting at 7pm in the fellowship hall

Dec 3 Team Kids/Parents Night Out – 4pm until 9pm
Games, movies, food, and practice for the Christmas cantata and the Children's play

Dec 4 Sunday School Teacher training at 8:45am

Dec 5 Youth/Children Committee Meeting at 6:30pm

Dec 5 HIM (Healthy Initiative Ministry) meeting at 7pm
contact Fran Kiger

Dec 8 Joy Group meeting at Priscilla Eller's house at 11am. A missionary will be speaking.

Dec 10 Team Kids 4 - 6pm

Dec 10 Adult Christmas program at Pilot View Church at 6pm

Dec 11 Worship Team meeting at 8:45am

Dec 11 Called business meeting immediately after Worship for the discussion and approval of the 2012 church budget

Dec 17 Team Kids 4 –6pm

Dec 18 Children's Christmas program during worship

Dec 18 Christmas cards are due. The Youth will sort and have them available in the basement. Please make a donation to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering instead of purchasing stamps.

Dec 18 Adult Christmas Program at 7:30pm. The church Christmas party will follow immediately in the fellowship hall.

Dec 20 The church van will leave the parking lot at 6pm for caroling. Please contact Barbara Todd if you would like to have the carolers come to your home. Refreshments will be available in the fellowship hall immediately after.

Dec 24 Christmas Eve service at 7pm

Dec 25 Christmas Day. Worship will begin at 10:30am; the emphasis will be on music. Sunday school will not meet.

Dec 28 No Wednesday night services.

Baptist Men and Baptist Women will not meet in December.

Advent Readings for Reflection, Meditation, and Preparation

Advent is a time of reflection, meditation, and preparation. During Advent we prepare our hearts for the coming of King Jesus at Christmas. The reality is there are two Advents. The first was 2000 years ago at a place called Bethlehem where Christ came as a baby in a manger. The second Advent is yet to come. When Christ returns, Scripture tells us He will not come as a child in swaddling clothes, but as a King clothed in royal robes.

Until His return we are left waiting and watching. Scripture teaches us to be vigilant as we wait and watch for the King's return. The Scripture references below are offered to help each of us to remember to be vigilant as we wait and watch for Christ's return.

Jesus Christ is the "light of the world." My prayer is that each of you may know the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ the King. Selah.....Rick Page

Week One (Nov 27-Dec 3)	Week 2 (Dec 4-Dec 10)	Week 3 (Dec 11-Dec 17)	Week 4 (Dec 18-Dec 24)
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Day 1: Nov 27	Day 1: Dec 4	Day 1: Dec 11	Day 1: Dec 18
*****Celebrating Advent through worship and fellowship*****			

Day 2: Nov 28 Luke 1-2:40	Day 2: Dec 5 Book of Ruth	Day 2: Dec 12 Luke 1:5-25, 57-80	Day 3: Dec 19 Ps 136, 138, 145,147
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Day 3: Nov 29 Luke 1-2:40	Day 3: Dec 6 1 Sam 16-13/2 Sam 7:18-29	Day 3: Dec 13 Luke 1:67-79	Day 3: Dec 20 Luke 2:1-20
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Day 4: Nov 30 Matthew 1:18-25/Matthew 2	Day 4: Dec 7 Isaiah 11:1-5/Jeremiah 23:5	Day 4: Dec 14 Luke: 1:26-38	Day 4: Dec 21 Luke 2:8-20
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Day 5: Dec 1 Matthew 1/Matthew 2	Day 5: Dec 8 Matthew 1:18-25	Day 5: Dec 15 Luke: 1:39-56	Day 5: Dec 22 Luke 2:21-35
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Day 6: Dec 2 Luke 1/Luke 2	Day 6: Dec 9 Luke 1:5-20	Day 6: Dec 16 Luke 1:46-55	Day: 6: Dec 23 Luke 2:36-40
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Day 7: Dec 3 Matthew 1:1-17 Genesis 21:1-20	Day 7: Dec 10 Matthew 2	Day 7: Dec 17 1 Sam 2:1-10/Luke 1:46-55 Luke 1:67-79	Day 7: Dec 24 Matthew 2
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*Scripture readings are from Preparing My Heart for Advent by Ann Marie Stewart.