



The Columns

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REACHING, TEACHING, AND GROWING,

ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

DECEMBER 2018

According to Wikipedia, Advent has been defined as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas as well as the return of Jesus at the second coming. I refer to the second coming of Jesus as the Rapture. The term advent is a version of the Latin word meaning “coming”. Latin “Advent us” is a translation of the Greek word *Parousia* commonly used to refer to the Second Coming of Christ. For Christians the season of Advent anticipating the coming of Christ from three different perspectives since the time of Bernard of Clairvaux (d.1153) Christians have spoken of these comings of Christ as, 1) In the Flesh at Bethlehem, 2) In our hearts as conversion and 3) Coming in His glory at the end of time.

The Advent season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the Messiah and to be alert for His appearing at His second coming. Surely as we study the accounts of his first coming in Bethlehem, we can relate to Simeon who was a priest serving in Jerusalem who had literally served his whole life anticipating the birth of our Lord. His account is given in Luke 2:29-30:

“Now Lord, you are releasing your bondservant to depart in peace, according to your Word. For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples. A light of revelation to the gentiles.” (NAS)

Truly a light. Each Sunday in Advent we will light a candle sharing truths from God’s Word about the coming birth of the Messiah. Then on Christmas Eve we will light the final candle the “Christ Candle”. From this candle we will all light our personal candles which will symbolize the light of Christ in our dark world. Then each of us will go forth to light our world with the love, peace, joy and hope of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Ken “Go Light Your World”

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST



Hanging of the Greens
Dec. 2



Adult Choir Program
Dec. 16

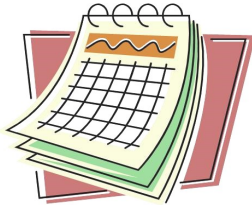


Children's Christmas Program, Dec. 9



Lord's Supper
Dec. 24

DECEMBER CALENDAR



- Sat. Dec. 01 Harvesters
- Sun. Dec. 02 Hanging of the Greens, Deacon's Meeting
- Tue. Dec. 04 Roundtable
- Wed. Dec. 05 Transitional Focus Team
- Sun. Dec. 09 Children's Christmas Program, Stewardship Meeting
- Wed. Dec. 12 Henry County Health Clinic, Business Meeting
- Sun. Dec. 16 Adult Choir Program, Windsor Healthcare Service, Church Council Meeting
- Wed. Dec. 19 No evening activities
- Mon. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service, Lord's Supper
- Tue. Dec. 25 Church Office Closed
- Wed. Dec. 26 No evening activities

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- Dec. 02 Kita Alexander,
Jean Cox,
David Young
- Dec. 04 Don Bullock,
Ryan Hamilton
- Dec. 06 Kim Lewis
- Dec. 08 Darla Hamilton, Carla Hamilton
- Dec. 14 Lauryn Micheals
- Dec. 15 Devyn Williams
- Dec. 17 Leon Eidson
- Dec. 26 Doris Jean Allen
- Dec. 27 Jackie Jones, Kevin Schweitzer
- Dec. 28 Colin Hamilton, Jim Walthall
- Dec. 29 Kay Rosebrough



December marks
6 Years for our
Church Treasurer:
MEGAN CANNON
Thank you for your
service Megan!



To the Ladies of FBC:
Thanks so much for the wonderful Thanksgiving tray. The food was great and I really enjoyed the visit with Janice. - Opal Howard

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