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Carrying the Most Important Message to the World.

Curt's Corner

When I was little, we had friends who were missionaries in Austria who would always send us Austrian Advent calendars. The Advent calendar would always have a beautiful, snowy picture with four weeks of windows cut out -- with a little European chocolate behind each window. To me, Advent was a time for chocolates! As I got older, though, Advent became even more special to me, because it was a time to refocus my heart on the mystery of Christ's birth. Today, Advent is a time to renew my soul.

Advent starts this year on Sunday, December 3rd. These days, the season of Advent is marked by preparation, longing, and expectation. It's a time to remember the birth of the Christ 2000 years ago as a helpless baby in Bethlehem. At the same time, it's a time to anticipate the return of Christ the King, who will rule over our world with love and justice and make all things right. Throughout history, Christ-followers have marked Advent as time for personal spiritual preparation -- time to prepare one's heart for the coming of Christ anew in them.

We're going to celebrate Advent at Goochland Baptist Church with a special sermon series, *Journey to the Manger*. At its essence, life really is a journey. All of us have a roadmap, at least in our heads, of how we expect life to go. But most of us have lived enough life to know that life rarely follows our roadmaps; our lives often

take unconventional turns along the journey. That was the case for Mary and Joseph, for sure! The birth of Jesus was anything but conventional. Through it all, we learn that God's love and God's power shine most brightly in the midst of unconventional journeys.

For the four Sundays of Advent, we'll follow the story of Christ's birth from the Gospel of Luke. Each week, we'll consider how God guided Jesus' family in what, at the time, seemed like a treacherous journey to the manger. We'll discover how God gifted them with hope, peace, joy, and love -- the traditional themes of advent. And we'll discover how God offers us the same this Christmas season. Whether you've been regular at GBC or just on the periphery, I hope you'll make worship with us during Advent a part of your own personal preparations for the coming of Christ.

We'll also be having special evening services in December. On December 17th, we'll present *Joy to the World: A Christmas Celebration* at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Center. It'll be a night of Christmas music with our children, our worship team, and our special Christmas choir leading us. On December 24th, we'll have our Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Please note that on the morning of Sunday, December 24th, we'll only have one combined worship service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Sunday School will be at 10:00 am.

The season of Advent is a gift from God. Year after year, it nourishes my soul. It's my prayer that Goochland Baptist Church can play a helpful role in your own spiritual preparations for the coming of Christ this Christmas.



Miss a sermons?

Sermons are online at
www.goochlandchurch.org



Called Business Meeting December 10th

A called business meeting will be conducted on December 10th directly after the 8:45am service. The purpose of the business meeting is to receive a recommendation from the Building and Property Committee regarding the award of a contract to make structural repairs to the foundation of the sanctuary. Additionally, information will be shared related to the sanctuary carpet replacement options and cost if it is available at the time of the meeting.

Children's Ministry**Fall Bible Blitz: Build a Manger Workshop**

On December 3rd, we will have a Build-a-Manger workshop from 5:30-7:00pm. Together, parent(s) and child(ren) will build a life-size manger to help celebrate Christmas at home. We provide the food (dinner for the participating families), the materials, and the tools. Dinner will start at 5:30pm and the build will start at 6:00pm. Register at <https://www.goochlandchurch.org/children>

"O' Night Divine" Christmas Pageant

Please join us in celebrating the reason for the season! O' Night Divine: A Community Christmas Showcase will cheerfully present a narration of the Holy Nativity through music, song, and dance. All are welcome to this free event: Saturday, December 9th at 4pm, at The Rockville Center. Several of our very own children and music groups will be participating throughout the "Showcase". We hope you will be able to join us for this wonderful time to celebrate the Christmas season!

Youth Ministry**Youth Christmas Party and Caroling**

The Youth will be spreading some Christmas cheer on Sunday, December 10th starting at 3pm. We will visit several people and families to share some Christmas love and then reconvene in the Youth Basement for a Christmas Party. Please RSVP to Pastor Adam if you are interested in joining us for some Christmas caroling or for the Christmas party.

Music Ministry**Joy to the World! A Christmas Celebration**

We will have a Christmas Celebration Service on Sunday, December 17th at 6:30pm. This will be a church-wide musical worship service where several of our musical groups will be leading in worship. Our Sanctuary Choir, Praise Team, Children's Choir, and Celebration Ringers will all be taking a vital role in leading in this worship service. Invite a friend and come and worship with us on December 17th.

The Church on the Web: Check out the updated Church Website at www.goochlandchurch.org. You can also check us out on Facebook at Goochland Baptist Church. We will provide updates, event information, and much more.

**Romans 12: 2**

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Dear GBC Friends,

What are you willing to think about in a fresh way?

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your deacon these past three years. I will be spending some time trying to open myself to changing the way I think with God's guidance.

**Prayer Request**

If you are not currently receiving prayer requests by email and would like to be a part of this prayer ministry, email Anne Henley (annechenley@msn.com).

If you are receiving the prayer requests and would like to be removed from the list, email Anne with this request.



2017 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®



A Story To Tell To The Nations

In December we observe a season of prayer and giving for those who serve telling the story of Jesus to All Nations. Prayer and giving go hand in hand to carry out the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 - *“Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.”* We are compelled to follow this commandment and invest in a ministry that has eternal impact. Our missionary speaker shared the cost many endure if they become believers. He also provided statistics about the multitudes who have never heard the name Jesus because there is no witness in so many nations. During this season of giving and praying we support the IMB Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the CBF Global Mission Offering. Designated envelopes for both these offerings may be found in your financial packet or in the foyer. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, let us give generously and pray without ceasing that all the nations of the world may come to know Jesus and His saving grace. Our goals for these offering are:

IMB Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	\$5,500
CBF Global Missions	\$1,000

May your **Home** be warm,
 your **Holidays** grand,
 & may your **Heart** be
 held gently in the Lord's hands.

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This is the **day**
 the Lord has
 made; let us
rejoice
 and be
 glad in it.

PS 118:24

*Unto Us
 a Child is Born*





Thank you to all that came out to help with our Shoebox Packing Party on November 12th!

We packed a total of 638 shoeboxes and \$5,700 was collected for shipping!

Thank you to Linda Moore for all of her hard work preparing the shoebox items all year.

Thank you to Wayne Melton and his kitchen crew.

Special thanks for our community support from
Kroger Community Rewards
Publix - \$200 Gift Certificate
Wegman's - \$100 food / Gift Certificate



SMAT

The holiday season can be a hectic time, but also a great opportunity to introduce more people to our church and ultimately—to God’s truth and love. Therefore, it’s essential that our staff, the heart of our church, is encouraged during this time. Here are 4 ways (with help from some internet articles for ideas) to support our church staff during the holidays:

- 1) **Write your staff notes of appreciation and encouragement.** You could even include the note in a Christmas card to let them know that you appreciate the work they’re doing. Letting them know that you care about them and value their work will go far in helping remind them of how much you support and care about them.
- 2) **Ask church staff how you can help them.** Sometimes, the best thing you can do for a staff member is ask, “How can we help you?” Sometimes staff members are afraid to speak up about needing help, perhaps because they feel the need to take the burden on themselves, or because they see that everyone around them is just as busy and overwhelmed. Asking this simple question and then finding a way to address any concerns they have will go far in showing them that you care and support them. Being proactive in this can also be a great help in encouraging our church staff.
- 3) **Pray for our church staff.** Prayer is powerful. Pray that God would use our church staff to further His mission and to reach out to new individuals during this time. Pray for God to provide the resources and volunteers necessary to keep up with larger church attendance and more services and programs during this time.
- 4) **Encourage and create intentional time for rest.** Even church staff needs rest during the holiday season. Be intentional about creating time for our staff to rest and spend time with their own friends and family during this time.



JOY CLUB NEWS:

Who?/ 55 and over??

NOT BEEN TO JOY CLUB??

Come!!

Fourth Wednesday of each month -
10:30 A.M.

We promise great programs, good food, and super fellowship time!

December Meeting

Friday, December 8

***note date and time change**

JOY Club Christmas Banquet

Fellowship 5:30

Dinner 6:00

Cost: 10:00 per person

***Open to the entire church & guests**

Entertainment:

True Spirit Gospel Band



Meal will be Salmon or Prime Rib. Pay by check and note food choice in Memo section. (If ordering Prime Rib please note rare, medium or well done). Make check payable to JOY Club. John Webb will be accepting checks until Sunday, November 26th.

Any questions please call John Webb at 334-9270.

MINISTRY THROUGH THE FOOD PANTRY



In Matthew 25, we read: v. 35 “for I was hungry and you gave me food; v. 37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food?’” v. 40 And the king will answer them, “Truly, I will tell you just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY - Our church supports the community Food Pantry which is housed at St. Matthews United Methodist Church/. At this time they are serving about 60 families on Thursday evenings. Current needs are: cereal, peanut butter, jam, pasta, pasta sauces, canned fruits and canned vegetables. Please leave your donations in the designated box under the coat rack in the Family Life Center. They will be delivered to St. Matthews on Thursday of each week.

**UPCOMING EVENTS
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In addition to our Regularly Schedule Services
and Activities

Sundays

Contemporary - 8:45
Sunday School - 10:00
Traditional - 11:00

Wednesday

Family Dinner 5:45
Bible Studies - 6:30

December 3 ~ **The Lord's Supper**

Build a Manger 5:30

December 6 ~ Building & Property Committee 6:30

December 8 ~ JOY Club Banquet 6:00

December 9 ~ Deacon - Staff Christmas Party 6:30

December 11 ~ Church Council 7:15

December 12 ~ Olive Riddell Circle 2:00

December 21 ~ Messenger Deadline

December 25 ~ **Christmas** (Office Closed)

MULTI-PURPOSE CHAIR SCHEDULE

We need volunteers to set up chairs for the 8:45am service for the month of January and March. If you feel God leading you to help, please let the church office know what month you would like to help.



January -

February - Webb's Family

March -

**October
Sunday School
Attendance**

Preschool 4
Children 7
Youth 9
Adults 56
Average 76

October 2016 77

October Financial Report

General Fund \$22,019.00
Weekly Average **\$4,403.00**
Budget Requires \$5,557.64

Property Maintenance \$237.00

December SCHEDULE

GREETERS

03 8:45 Russ Starke	11:00 Cheryl Sale
10 8:45 Jim Allen	11:00 John Webb
17 8:45 Russ Starke	11:00 John Webb
24 8:45 Russ Starke	11:00 Cheryl Sale
31 8:45 Ralph Claytor	11:00 Russ Starke

OFFERTORY PRAYER

03 8:45 Wayne Melton	11:00 Ralph Claytor
10 8:45 David Angel	11:00 Gwen Padgett
17 8:45 James Melton	11:00 John Webb
24 8:45 Youth	11:00 Jim Allen
31 8:45 Kevin Dunne	11:00 Selma Herweyer

Contemporary 8:45am Service Ushers

03 Keith Spaulding, Ralph Claytor, David Denton
10 Keith Spaulding, Doug Brandmahl, Allen Bowles, David Denton
17 Glenn Nuckols, Gerry Nuckols, Cliff Hyman, Dwight Grissom
24 Youth
31 Waldon Chisholm, Glenn Nuckols, Cliff Hyman

Traditional 11:00am Service Ushers

03 Robert Nuckols & Jim Fields
10 Jerry Anderson & Jim Allen
17 Forest Webb & Kevin Richardson
24 Jean Fields & Betty Bower
31 Hope Webb & Frankie White

NURSERY SCHEDULE

03 8:45 - Winsor/Phil Egolf, Kasey Hicks, Jaclyn Peck
Sunday School - Betsy Alvis & Frankie Melton
11:00 - Kari Phlegar, Frankie Melton
10 8:45 - Infant - Jean Fields, Cheryl Sale, Meleah Mitchell
Sunday School - Betsy Alvis & Kari Phlegar
11:00 - Misty Colgin, Hope Webb, Susan Angel
17 8:45 - Infant - Rachel Keller, Cecilia Bowles, Erin Kruschwitz
Sunday School - Betsy Alvis & Mila Spaulding
11:00 - Phyllis Henley, Mila Spaulding
24 8:45 - Infant - Ruth Audia, Mila Spaulding, Barbara Chisholm, Carolyn Heath
Sunday School - Betsy/Brett Alvis & Mila Spaulding
11:00 - Kitt & Robert Townsend, Erin Henley
31 8:45 - Infant - Mila Spaulding, Cliff Hyman, Billie Massie
Sunday School - Betsy Alvis & Sara Hyman
11:00 - Sara Hyman

Traditional 11:00am

Responsive Reading

03 Advent Reader - HOPE
10 Advent Reader - PEACE
17 Advent Reader - JOY
24 Advent Reader - LOVE
31 Anne Henley