

From The Pastor's Desk.....

The Importance of Christmas

We are less than two weeks away from Christmas. I know it means that we have a lot of shopping to do as we give gifts to others. But, just for a moment, let's remember why we celebrate Christmas. God gave us the best gift of all – His Son as the sacrifice for our sins. We celebrate His birth. As we celebrate His birth, we actually must celebrate His death and resurrection as well. He came as a man who would show us how to live by the life that He lived. He honored the Father. He showed love and compassion to everyone He met. He revealed God the Father to us all. He heals our hearts and souls. It is by Him that we all have the opportunity to know the Creator. It is by Him that we can come and stand holy before the One who loves us so much. We need Him more than we can explain.

Eight days after Jesus was born Joseph and Mary took Him to the Temple for His circumcision. It was there that a man named Simeon prophesied about Jesus. The Holy Spirit had already told him he would not see death until he had seen the Lord's Christ. When he saw the child Jesus, he understood the promise from the Spirit. In his prophecy he would tell the reason for Jesus' coming. He said Jesus would bring revelation to the Gentiles and glory to the people of Israel. He understood the salvation of God as he looked at the child Jesus! He understood the proclamation from the Spirit. He saw the salvation God had planned for all of mankind – Jews and Gentiles alike!

Today, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may we remember that He came to save everyone from their sinful condition. He brought to us the opportunity to have a right relationship with God the Father.

May we never forget the importance of Christmas! It is not about the gifts we give each other. It is all about the gift God gave for us – Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Love Him! Trust Him! Follow Him! He makes all the difference in life!

Students Ministry News

Youth Bible Study at Steve McGaha's House on Sunday Nights from 6:30-8:00 PM. Please join us tonight.

Remember, the children will be singing on Wednesday Dec. 16th. They need to be at Church by 6:00 PM.

Children and Youth will have a birthday party for Jesus on Wed. Dec. 23 at 7:00 PM.

1 John 4:9-10 NKJV In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins

1 John 4:9-10 NLT "God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."

So, this year, as we watch our favorite Christmas movies, listen to our favorite Christmas music, pick out our favorite gift, and enjoy all the festivities that sum up our modern-day image of Christmas, remember that cave or manger where Mary brought forth the Son of God, the Savior of mankind with Joseph at her side. When I think of this miraculous work of God that took place in the most difficult and unglamorous of situations. I realize our Heavenly Father had a plan and just how He much helped them. God loves you and me and He has a plan for our life. We should live daily and appreciate God's plan of redemption for mankind. I truly believe He expects us to be reminded and celebrate the true meaning of the Christmas Season. I am so thankful He uses this time of year to grow you and me closer to Him as we live daily with the joy and hope this season.

Enjoy our sermons and daily devotions on our Facebook page at Chiquola Baptist Church Honea Path.

Church-Wide Christmas Program & Supper

Wednesday, December 16

6PM- spaghetti supper, children's program to follow

Join us for supper/ fellowship together, then in celebration as we read the Christmas story and hear the children sing about the Savior's birth.

Please come to the program, even if you don't eat.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for the meal. You can sign up to "eat in," or to get yours "to go" afterward. We encourage you to sit in family groups or 4 to a table.

Senior Moments

Thanks to all who helped make our Senior Christmas Dinner/Christmas Celebration such a wonderful evening.

We had a wonderful meal and fellowship followed by Lucas Shrout sharing from the piano... what a blessing.

Be sure to keep calling & sending cards to your "adopted" Seniors... we will have a new set of cards for you next Sunday... and we still have a few "un-adopted..." so if you would like to participate, let me know.

Donnie



Music Notes

We will have a "Christmas Music Celebration" next Sunday in Morning Worship. Don't miss it!



Deacon of The Week

Dec. 13 – Mike Cowan
Dec. 20 – Rick DePetrillo
Dec. 27 – Blake Gambrell

December Nursery Workers

Dec. 13 – Teresa Brown & Cathy Parks
Dec. 20 – Whitney & Chris Cowan
Dec. 27 – Ashley Fletcher & Jajuan Kay

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

TODAY 9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am MORNING WORSHIP
6:00 pm Evening Worship on Line
6:30-8:00pm-Youth Bible Study @Steve’s house
MONDAY 7:00 pm Men’s Prayer Time
WED. 6:00 pm – Churchwide Spaghetti supper
& children’s program to follow

BUILDING FUND GOAL: \$ 318,750.00
Total Rec’d: 90,664.90
Balance Needed: 228,085.10

Stewardship – Dec. 6, 2020

General Funds \$10,409.00
Loose 20.00
Lottie Moon Offering 890.00
Building Fund 370.00
Mission Pastor’s Salary 50.00
Crisis Meals 26.00
Student Ministries 25.00

LMCO GOAL: \$ 2,000.00
Received: \$ 1,030.00

WMU Prayer Focus

Southeast Asian Peoples: 45 people groups in East Indonesia are still classified as ‘UNREACHED’ with the gospel and no one is actively trying to engage them with the good news. Many live in hard to reach places. The Bible is available in Indonesian, but many older people speak only the local dialect. PRAY for the salvation of the unreached people of East Indonesia.

PRAYER LIST

Dana Jenkins Roy Long Nicole Hembree
Doug Vaughn Marcia Lollis Terri Saylor
Ernestine Boland Gail Meyers Bob Staring
Hugh McLean Jim McCollough
Bobby & Tanisha Whitten

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Sue Ashley Ethel Mae McCoy
Eugenia Brock Margaret McCuen
Cliff & Shirley Brock Lollis & Jean Meyers
Dolly Butler Willie Mae Meyers
Carolyn Howell Carolyn Shaw
Barbara Kirkpatrick Dot Smith
Ruth Lawton Cheryl Rowland
Peggy Williamson

MEMBERS IN NURSING FACILITIES

The Maples

Lois Hall – Room 318
Yvonne Hall – Room 310
Mary Johnson –Room 316
Dorothy Sanders – Room 315
NHC – Anderson
Billie Etters – Room 304A
Edna Hill – Room 411
Harold Jones – Room 108B
Azalee Redd

Iva Rehab & Healthcare Center

Lillian Davies – Room 109
Frankie Page – Room 208W
McCormick Health & Rehab
Myrtle Smith – Room 126
Judy Sutherland – Room 206

MEMORIALS

Mission Pastor: In memory of Jeffrey Smith & Mike Brock – Bobby & Martha Walker.
Crisis Meals: In memory of Gene Butler – Ernestine Boland.
Building Fund: In memory of Gene Butler & Mike Brock – Mike & Renae Cowan. In memory of Gene Butler – Sylvia Kelly’s SS Class.
LMCO: In honor of Preacher Ronnie & Jayne, Donnie & Ellaine, Steve & Charlette – Mike & Renae Cowan, Connie & Robert McGaha; In memory of Gene Butler – Jerrell & Susan Shaw, Martha & Bobby Walker.

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December 13, 2020



“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name **Emmanuel**,” which is translated, “God with us.”
Matthew 1:23

We are worshipping inside today.

If you are more comfortable remaining in your car, please park in the area designated by the orange cones. We will have speakers broadcasting the service and/ or tune to 92.3 FM