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The Pastor's Selection . . .

Birthdays

- 03 Vic Chrjapin
Noah Edwards
- 04 Marita Myers
- 05 Martha Holley
- 06 Allyn Dyer
- 08 McDonald Law
- 09 John Clark
- 10..... Aaron Caruso
- 11..... Natalie Parish
- 12..... Mike Boyd
Oliver Brown
- 17..... Jed Steed
- 18..... Al Lovingood
Brian Marter
- 19..... Brian Moore
Catherine Norkus
Randy Self
- 27..... David Chew
- 31..... Whit Caldwell

*"And bring the fattened calf and kill it,
and let us eat and celebrate,"
Luke 15:23*

Anniversaries

- 09 ... Jackie & Dennis Hillesland
- 12.. Mary Lou & Richard Turner
- 17..... Jane & George Bowen
- 19..... Peggy & Daniel McMillan
- 28 Margaret & Scott Doss
- 31..... Maria & Roy Emerson

What Advent is All About

- John Piper, The Dawning of Indestructible Joy

**Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give His life as a ransom for many, Mark 10:45.**

Christmas is about the coming of Christ into the world. It's about the Son of God, who existed eternally with the Father as "the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature," taking on human nature and becoming man (Heb. 1:3).

It's about the virgin birth of a child conceived miraculously by the Holy Spirit so that He is the Son of God, not the way you and I are sons of God, but in an utterly unique way (Luke 1:35).

It's about the coming of a man named Jesus in whom "the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (Col. 2:9).

It's about the coming of the "fullness of time" that had been prophesied by the prophets of old that a ruler would be born in Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2); and a child would be born called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6); and a Messiah, an anointed one, a shoot from the stem of Jesse, a Son of David, a King, would come (Isa. 11:1-4; Zech. 9:9).

And, according to Mark 10:45, Christmas is about the coming of the Son of Man who "came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

These words in Mark 10:45, as a brief expression of Christmas, are what I hope God will fix in your mind and heart this Advent.



Open your heart to receive the best present imaginable: *Jesus giving Himself to die for you and to serve you all the rest of eternity.* Receive this. Turn away from self-help and sin. Become like little children. Trust Him. *Trust Him.* Trust Him with your life.



A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Sunday, December 14 | 6:00 p.m.

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Christmas Poinsettias

Orders for Poinsettias being placed in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one during Christmas are being taken. If you would like to participate, the order forms are available in the weekly bulletin. Please place your order form and payment in the offering plate by December 7. Each plant is \$20.



Christmas Eve

Celebrate the history-changing event of the Incarnation in glorious, candlelight worship on Christmas Eve. Come at 5:30 and warm your hearts with a prelude recital of Christmas favorites in preparation for worship. Then enjoy a special Christmas Eve service that will include the choir singing, a Christmas message for the children and a devotional homily preached by Pastor Jones. An offering will be received to benefit Jews for Jesus, giving generously to our Jewish Messiah to reach His kinsmen! Bring the entire family and invite friends to herald the uniqueness of the Lord Jesus Christ at our central Christmas observance.

Following His Call

Bound for Niger, Africa

David Dyer will travel to Niger in sub-Saharan Africa on December 20 to serve Christ as a short-term missionary with Rock International. David will be in Niger for about three weeks ministering to kids: building relationships and sharing the Gospel. Pick up his prayer card from the table in the narthex and hold him up before the throne of God in prayer. Pray for safety in travel, good health and provisions for his support, as well as for the Lord to accomplish His will in David and the children of Niger.



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Headed to Taipei, Taiwan

Mark, Susan and Rachel Walters are responding to God's call to the mission field in Taiwan. They will be visiting Christ College in Taipei, Taiwan, which is a ministry of Mission to the World (MTW) with a team of missionary teachers. Christ College, a four-year Christian liberal arts college, has extended the invitation to visit with the goal for Mark to teach in the college and for Susan to minister in the areas of hospitality and women's Bible studies. Rachel will provide an opportunity to share the gospel with her Taiwanese care givers. They are looking forward to sharing the gospel with young men and women (the next generation) in a country that claims only 3% of their population as Evangelical Christians. Please pray for them as they seek prayer partners as well as funding for, what they refer to as, 'burning out for Christ rather than rusting out' in their senior years. Psalm 71:18, "Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare Your power to the next generation, Your mighty acts to all who are to come."



Trail Life Tracks

Our troop has gotten off to a great start. We have 12 boys ranging from K-4 through 5th grade. In October we had to change our plans for a hike due to inclement weather, and instead we visited the Augusta Museum of History. The troop participated in Operation Christmas Child, which TrailLife USA has partnered with on a national level. For Thanksgiving we had a re-creation of the first Thanksgiving feast held at Plymouth Plantation. In December, we'll be participating in Wreaths Across America, placing wreaths on the graves of veterans buried in our national cemeteries, as well as visiting the DuPont Planetarium to see "Tis the Season" and learn about the Star of Bethlehem. If you know of a boy, from K-5 up to high school, invite him to join our troop. Contact Troopmaster John Norkus (706-860-4311 or thenorkusfamily@comcast.net) if you need more information.



Thank You!



Thank you for your support of this year's Shoe Box Project. Through your generosity 85 gift-filled shoeboxes will be distributed to needy boys and girls around the world. Just think – your gift may be the only Christmas gift they receive! Let's pray that as they receive these gifts and learn about the true meaning of Christmas, they will find their hope and joy in Jesus Christ.

Missions Opportunities

Christmas Missionary Love-Gift Dinner

On Saturday, December 6, at 6 p.m. we will gather as a church family to celebrate our Savior's birth, to enjoy rich fellowship and to sing our favorite Christmas carols. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord this month we also remember those who have obeyed His command to go into all the world preaching the gospel and making disciples. Every December we receive a love offering for our missionary staff as a tangible expression of support and encouragement. This year we also have an opportunity to support David Dyer and Mark and Susan Walters in short-term mission work. At the Christmas Fellowship dinner we will receive your offerings for the annual missionary love-gift as well as the short-term missions fund. Please designate on your check or envelope how you would like your gift to be used. All cash received at the dinner will go into the short-term missions fund. Contributions may also be made until December 21 through the regular offerings. So come prepared to celebrate our Savior's birth, to give back to the Lord with glad hearts and to request your favorite Christmas carol. If you have not already indicated your attendance, please respond via the "Fellowship Meal Sign-up" link on the Welcome page of our church web site, www.christchurchpres.org.

Missionaries Prayer Focus

Please remember the following missionaries in your prayers throughout the month as they labor for the Lord, "Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart," 2 Corinthians 4:1.

- Cheryl Crocker, *Mission to the World, Medical Missionary/Recruiter.*
- Karl & Debbie Dortzbach, *Mission to the World (PCA), International Representative for Peacemaker Ministry.*

Sunday School Scoop

Come, Celebrate the Birth of the King!

All Sunday school classes will celebrate the King's birthday with merriment! The Upper, Middle and High School classes are invited to a gathering at the home of Nikki and Greg McGraw located at 4376 Lake Idylwilde Drive in Evans on Friday evening, December 19th, at 6:30.

The Primary, Intermediate and Junior classes (pre-K through 4th Grades) will celebrate on Saturday, December 20th, in Covenant Hall from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Parents are invited to attend.

Volunteers are needed to assist with decorations and refreshments for the party on Saturday, December 20. Please contact Fay Deal at 803-278-1176 or via runningdeal@gmail.com to volunteer. Please mark your calendar and plan to celebrate the coming of our King!



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December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Each Sunday's Schedule 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Worship	7 p.m. Trail Life	7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Evans 7 p.m. Diaconate Meeting	6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble		6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Augusta	7:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 9 a.m. Workday 6 p.m. Christmas Fellowship Dinner
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
5 p.m. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering	7 p.m. Trail Life	7 p.m. Session Meeting	6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble	6:45 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study	7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
5 p.m. Prayer Meeting			5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Service	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>		
28	29	30	31			
5 p.m. Prayer Meeting						