

- We will take a break from choir rehearsals for the remainder of December. Regular rehearsals will resume in January on Wednesday, the 4th.
- Please plan to arrive for the adult Christmas musical at 5:30 on Sunday, December 11. Meet in the fellowship hall. Wear Christmas attire (something red, green, or white).
- I cannot begin to tell you just how wonderful you were in the musical, "All About That Baby." I have had so many compliments on your singing, acting, and presentation of this wonderful worship service. Thank you for your HARD work – good work on the parents part as well!



Children's Choir

- Please arrive for sound checks this Sunday, December 11, at 5:00 PM. We will meet in the choir loft and wear choir robes for the program.
- Drama participants for the program should also arrive at 5:00 PM for sound checks.
- Following our Christmas musical, the Holt's are hosting our annual choir party. All choir and drama participants as well as praise team members are invited. Bring a snack and come join us!
- We will not have choir rehearsals for the remainder of December, but we will lead worship for the December 11 & 18 services. Please plan to meet each week in the choir loft at 10:40 to prepare for the service.



Celebration Choir



- Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, December 14, at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary.
- Next scheduled time for handbells to play is December 18. Please meet at 9:30 that day for rehearsal.
- Handbells will also take a break from rehearsal following the December 18 worship service. Please plan to be at our next practice which is scheduled for January 4.

I am hoping to get the youth band together some time during the December holidays for practice. Please watch your text messages for this scheduled rehearsal.



Youth Choir



What an awesome job you all did in your musical on December 4. You all worked so hard and your program was wonderful! Everyone enjoyed your reminder that Christmas is **all about that baby!**

We will have our annual Christmas Family Night on December 18th at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will make a simple craft, eat supper, and enjoy a special visit from Santa Claus!

What an exciting time of year...Christmas is right around the corner! As you are getting ready for Jesus, show His love to all those around you!!

With much love, Miss Suzanne

Catch the Spirit

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December 11 & 18, 2016

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Advent Schedule

- December 11** – Third Sunday in Advent ~ Senior Adults Christmas Party at Noon and Celebration Choir Program at 6:00 PM
- December 23** – Church Office Closed
- December 24** – Christmas Eve Communion at 6:00 PM
- December 25** – Christmas Day Worship at 11:00 AM
(No 9:00 AM Worship, No Fellowship Breakfast and No Sunday School)
- December 26** – Church Office Closed

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

For immediate prayer needs contact our Prayer Chain at 423-3769 (Judy Hunter-Hill).

December Prayer Team: Annette Braddy, Anne Smith, Tommie Nichols, Margaret Chasteen, Anne Wood

Calendar

Sunday, December 11, 2016

- 9:00 AM..... Early Morning Worship
- 9:15 AM..... Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:45 AM..... Sunday School
- 11:00 AM..... Morning Worship
- 12:00 PM..... Senior Adults Christmas Lunch
- 5:00 PM..... UMYF
- 6:00 PM..... Celebration Choir presents: "Come Let Us Adore"

Monday

- 12:00 PM..... UMW Group 2 with Susan Hughes
- 4:00 PM..... Church Staff Meeting
- 6:00 PM..... Webelos Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday

- 5:00 PM..... "Wolf" Cub Scouts (Brown Room)
- 6:00 PM..... "Tiger" Cub Scouts (Brown Room)

Wednesday

- 5:00 PM..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir
- 5:45 PM..... Youth WOW
- 6:00 PM..... Fellowship Supper

Sunday, December 18, 2016

- 9:00 AM..... Early Worship
- 9:15 AM..... Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:45 AM..... Sunday School
- 11:00 AM..... Morning Worship
- 5:00 PM..... UMYF

Monday

- 11:00 AM..... UMW Group 1 with Annette Braddy

Saturday

- 6:00 PM..... Christmas Eve Communion Service

- The Praise team will be taking a break from singing for the month of December.
- Looking ahead: Next rehearsal will be January 7 at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary.



Helpers for December

USHERS: Jeremy Martin, Lawson Owens, Darrell Weeks, Gill Braddy, Todd Damato, Michelle Strickland.

WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, Parker Wiley

Worship Notes for Sunday, December 11, 2016

Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 & 11:00 AM)

Scripture: Luke 1:5-17

Message: "Elizabeth's Story"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Heath & Mia Parrish

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennessey

Church Greeters: Bob & Beth Bryant, Darrell Weeks

Sunday School Greeters: Anna Brown

Breakfast: Women of Faith/Barnabas

Worship Notes for Sunday, December 18, 2016

Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 & 11:00 AM)

Scripture: Luke 2:8-14

Sermon: "A Christmas Story"

Prelude: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir

Call to Worship: Ashley Braddy

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Wesley & Amanda Griffin

Offertory: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir

Postlude: Becky Anderson

A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson

Breakfast: Friends

Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen

Church Greeters: Ken & Neesa Williams

meal train

Remember to sign up for the mealtrain for the Benson's. This was done to help organize dinners for their family. Go to mealtrain.com to sign up or contact Karla Foster or the church office if you need help.

"O Come Let Us Adore"

Presented by the Celebration Choir

Sunday, December 11
6:00 PM

Christmas Music



End of Year Giving

Please note that the church office will be closed for Christmas holidays on Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26. We will reopen on Tuesday, December 27, at 9:00 AM. Any donations you would like included on your 2016 giving statement should be turned in to the office before 11:00 AM on Friday, December 30. The church office will also be closed on January 2 in observance of the New Year's holiday.

Come as you are from home, shopping or work and join us for this very special worship service. Worship will begin at 6 PM and will include communion and our tradition of singing "Silent Night" by candlelight.



Christmas is on Sunday this year! What a rare opportunity we have to worship our new born King on a Sunday. Please plan to be present. There will be one worship service at 11:00 AM that day. No 9 AM worship. No Sunday School. No Fellowship Breakfast. Children are invited to attend church that day dressed in their Christmas PJs. A nursery will be provided for small children and infants.

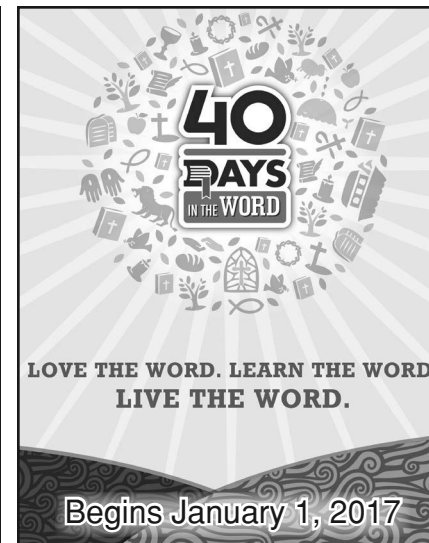


We hope that you will plan to join us for our first worship service of the New Year on January 1. There will be one worship service that day beginning at 11:00 AM. Please note there will not be a 9 AM worship service or a Fellowship Breakfast. Sunday School may meet or not meet as each class decides. Begin the New Year with God as we kick off our **40 Days in the Word** Bible study.

Backpack Blessings Ministry is collecting items from now through the end of December. Items especially needed are: Individual cans of Beanie Weenies, pudding cups, individually wrapped snacks (such as crackers, chips, gummy snacks, etc.). If you wish to donate to the ministry, please drop your items off at the church. Thanks for always being so generous to ministries within our community!



Backpack Blessings



Fellowship Supper Reservations

Reservations for supper should be made by 3:00 PM each Monday. Permanent reservations may be made. Reservations can be made via phone, email, text, or you may fill in the form printed below and place it in the offering plate. The serving line is open from 6:00 to 6:30 PM. Cost is \$7 for adults/teens; \$5 for children age 4-12; children age 3 or younger are free. There is a \$20 limit per family (living in the same home). Make a reservation and join us, you will be glad you did!

Menu – December 14: Salad Bar, Chicken Pot Pie, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Dessert.

December 14 program: FHS Show Choir

No supper on December 21 or 28. Suppers resume on January 4.

Name _____

Adults/Teens _____ # age 4-12 yrs. _____ # age 0-3 _____

December 14 _____ Permanent Reservation _____



40 Days in the Word – Join us as we begin the new year with an exciting new Bible study. The Bible isn't meant to just inform us, it is meant to transform us. **40 Days in the Word** will teach us how to be not just a hearer of the Word, but a doer of the Word! No other habit can do more to transform your life and make you more like Jesus than to study and act upon God's Word. To be a healthy disciple of Jesus, feeding on God's Word must be your first priority. Jesus called it "abiding." He said, "If you abide in my word, then you are truly disciples of mine" (John 8:31). By the end of our forty days together in the Word we hope you will...

LOVE the Word of God like you've never loved it before
LEARN the Word of God like you've never learned it before
LIVE the Word of God like you've never lived it before

Jesus says both knowing and applying the Word creates the foundation for our lives: "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matthew 7:24).

Please join a small group or offer to host one. All of the teaching is on DVD. All a host has to do is open their home, invite some friends, and pop a DVD into a player.

Cindy

We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Brenda Masee. Funeral services for Ms. Masee were conducted in Central's sanctuary on November 29. Ms. Masee was married to Mr. Byron Linthicum. She is the mother of two sons, Brian Nicholson and Jeremy Nicholson, and is the sister of Central member Becky Griffin. Please keep Brenda's family and friends in your prayers.



We also extend our Christian sympathy to Johnny & Dianne Luke upon the death of Johnny's father, Mr. J.J. Luke, Sr. Graveside services for Mr. Luke were conducted on November 30 at the Luke Cemetery. Please keep the Luke family in your prayers.

Ms. Susan Bryant
requests the honor of your presence
at the marriage of her daughter

Bonnie Bryant
to
Kyle Cook

Saturday, the seventeenth of December
Two thousand and sixteen
At six o'clock in the afternoon

First Baptist Church
402 S. Merrimac Dr.
Fitzgerald, GA

Reception to follow at Turkey Creek



**Saturday,
February 4, 2017**

UGA Conference Center
at ABAC

Tickets are still available.

Contact Karla Foster
or B.J. Funk
for ticket information

- Remember, no YOGA for the rest of December
- Our Senior Adult Christmas Lunch will be December 11 following the 11:00 worship service. Wear your favorite Christmas outfit and come join the fun and good food.
- Advent Readers for December 11 – Heath & Mia Parrish
- Advent Readers for December 18 – Wesley & Amanda Griffin



Adult Ministries

Susan