

### From Our Pastor

According to *The Barnhart Concise Dictionary of Etymology*, "Advent" is an old English dating back to 963 A.D.; it comes from the Latin word, *adventus*. *Adventus* comes from the Latin root, *advenire*: "Ad" means "to" and "venire" means "come." The early usage of "Advent" was clearly and without question Christian. It referred to the season before Christmas. By 1400, it was being used to refer to the Second Coming of Christ and by the 1700's it was secularized to refer to any important arrival. Today, we speak of the "advent" of the space age or the "advent" of the computer. Christians today make distinctions in our speech differentiating the first advent of Christ from the second.

The world has been stealing our words for centuries now; but to be fair, we have stolen a few of their words too! Easter was originally, *Eastre*. *Eastre* was the name of the Germanic goddess whose feast was celebrated at the spring equinox. *Eastre* ultimately comes from *East*, which originally referred to the goddess of dawn, corresponding to the Roman goddess, *Aurora* and the Greek goddess, *Eos*.

So, for the sake of peace in this season of Advent, let's agree to stop stealing the world's words so long as they stop trying to steal our Christmas!

In the busyness of the Christmas season, I pray that we all keep our eyes, ears, minds and thoughts on this holy season. We celebrate Christmas to remember the incarnation of God! We celebrate Christmas to remember that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

I pray you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are anticipating a Christ-centered Christmas!

Happy Advent,



No GROW during the months of December and January



We will be vote, with no discussion, during morning worship this Sunday, December 2 to approve the 2013 Northgate Budget.



The JOY Club will meet on Tuesday, December 11 at 11:00 (note change in date) for a program by Joe Hindsman from Anderson and our own, Sam Smith. Sam says that they have

been practicing (for something, we just don't know what!) and we are in for a big surprise!

This will be a covered dish lunch, so bring your favorite dish or dessert to share as you join in the fellowship with friends.

Please bring some canned food for a pounding for the Crisis Center. Other groups, classes, and individuals are invited to participate. Bring non-perishables to the church by December 11 and we will get them to the Crisis Center.

In order to be good stewards of God's money, beginning in January we will be going to a **monthly edition of the Gate Post**. Information for the entire month will be included and weekly announcements will be in your Sunday bulletin and on the Wednesday night prayer sheet.

It is essential for everyone to get monthly information to the office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. The Gate Post will be mailed during the last week of the month.



There are only about 5 spaces left for those wanting to go to the **Billy Graham Library** on December 8. After we tour the library, we will go to the **Operation Christmas Child Operation Center** and help pack shoeboxes from 4:00 - 8:00. Bring money for souvenirs, lunch, and dinner. You must be at least 13 years old to help at the Operation Center. See Blue Bryan if interested.

Since poinsettias will not be used to decorate this year we are asking those who would like, instead of placing a poinsettia, to make a contribution to the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** in honor or memory of a loved one. Fill out this form and place it, along with your contribution, in the offering plate or bring it to the church office by December 19.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

### December Events

- 2: Beginning of Week of Prayer for International Missions, Advent season begins, Vote on church budget for 2013
- 9: Parent/Child Dedication
- 12: Christmas dinner and *The Christmas Shoe Tree* by children
- 16: *Swaddling Clothes* by Celebration Choir
- 23: Christmas worship service
- 24: Christmas Eve service @ 5, Office closed
- 25: Christmas
- 26: No service, meal or activities

All ladies are invited to choose one of the following **WMU Season of Prayer** meetings to attend. Both are in the Fellowship Hall.



- Tuesday, December 4 @ 10 a.m. The speaker will be Polly Lineberger. Bring a salad and join us for a salad luncheon following the meeting.
- Thursday, December 6 @ 6 p.m. The speaker will be Evelyn Copeland. A fellowship will follow this meeting.

Our children's ministry will present *The Christmas Shoe Tree* on December 12. In conjunction with this, they will be collecting shoes for **Soles4Souls** to be distributed around the world to people who have no shoes. Bring gently used shoes for men, women, and kids and place them under the tree in the sanctuary by December 12. Let's help impact the world . . . one shoe and one soul at a time! Check out their website at [www.soles4souls.com](http://www.soles4souls.com).



**In Case of Emergency Call**

Barry Jimmerson @ 609-1845  
Ruth Harrison @ 380-7850

Blue Bryan @ 243-7377  
Richard Hendricks @ 884-6912

**Our Homebound Member of the Week**

Brenda Stroud  
791 Beech Island Avenue, Beech Island, SC 29842

**Christian Sympathy Is Extended to**

Steve Todd and family on the death of his father, Mike Todd

**Happy Birthday for the Week of December 2-8**

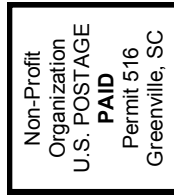
- 2: \*Margaret Bennett, Denise Agnew, Frank Gerwig
- 3: Susan Hughes, Lawrence Williams, Teresa Brazell, Austin Beam
- 5: Anthony Capparelli
- 6: David Brazell, Jamie Hobbs
- 8: Cynthia Hudson

**Happy Anniversary December 2-8**

- 4: Nathan and Heather Witt

**Emergency Information Sheets** have been placed in Sunday School rooms and around the church. If you would like to fill one out (optional) to have on file here at the church, please do so and return it to the church office. This could help save a life in case of an emergency in which someone is unresponsive and no family member is present.

Call the office **before noon on Tuesday** to remove your name from the permanent supper list or to add/remove it for the week. Payment will be expected the next week for meals not canceled by this time.



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Return Service Requested

**Ministers for the Week of December 2-8**

**Deacons of the Month:** Will Kirby, Bob Parker, Porter Huskey

**Preschool Sunday School:** Rhonda Capparelli

**Preschool Worship:** Sarah Folk, Joey and Kelly Hall, Danette Huter, Almena Simon, Joan Taylor

**Children's Church:** Blue and Heather Bryan

**Wednesday Night:** Susan McClure, Katie Nisky

**Greeters:** Tommy Stephens, Bob Landers, Almena Simon

**Ushers:** Perry Folk, Markus Heinis, David McClure, Steve Poole

**Sound/Video Projection:** John Folk, Steve Todd, Payton Wright

**Counter:** Marian Huskey

**Release Time:** Jan Calvert, Dawn Painter, Barbara Lollis, Evelyn Pugh, Almena Simon

**Wednesday Workers:** Tom Simon, Ann Therrell, Del and Roy Sabeau, Barbara Lollis

**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson  
Minister of Students and Education: Blue Bryan  
Minister of Children/Preschool: Ruth Harrison  
Worship Leader: Richard Hendricks



**Week of Prayer**  
for  
**International Missions**  
December 2-9



- **Obedient**
- **Sacrificial**
- **Generous**
- **Prayerful**
- **Bold**
- **His heart**
- **His hands**
- **His voice**

Prayer guides will be in your bulletin on Sunday to guide you as you pray for missions around our world.

Envelopes to support international missions by giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are located in the pew racks and throughout the church. Our goal this year is \$8,000.

**How will you support missions this year?**

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