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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Coming to the  
 Jackson Memorial Baptist Church Sanctuary  
 Sunday, December 2, 2018*

*6:30 pm*



**PEACE**

**HAS COME**

*Presented by the*

*Jackson Memorial Choir*

*Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am*

***Winter Discipleship Classes***

Wednesdays, beginning Jan 23, 2019

- \* Discerning the Voice of God by Priscilla Shirer  
 Donna Johnson (7 – 8 weeks)  
**10:00 am (Room A13)**
- \* John 3:16 – A Max Lucado Study  
 Tommy Larson  
**6:15 pm (Fellowship Hall)**
- \* Kingdom Disciples – a study for everyone  
 Pete Peterson (6 weeks)  
**6:15 pm (Room 108)**

Sundays, beginning Jan 27, 2019

- \* Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey  
 Raleigh and Faye Baggett (9 weeks)  
**4:00 pm – 5:30 pm (Overflow Room)**  
 \$100 per household  
 Open to anyone (members and non-members)



*The NICU Staff and Parents truly appreciate the lovely knitted blankets and caps from Jackson Memorial received on November 2, 2018! Thank You from the bottom of our hearts!*

*Sincerely, PNMC NICU*

*A big "Thank You" from the church to Rachel Emberton and Girl Scout Troop #332 for all the food collected and donated to help us fill our Thanksgiving baskets. We truly appreciate it.*

*Thank you to all who participated in filling backpacks for the Appalachian Mountain Ministry. We filled 15 backpacks, and ask God to use this ministry to call children and families to Himself.*

*JMBC WMU*

*Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Operation Christmas Child drop-off collections. JMBC processed a total of 3,512 shoeboxes (JMBC total was 144).*

*Rachel Emberton*

*To my church family,  
 Thank you for all the prayers, calls and visits during my recent illness. It has been a rough journey, but God has been there every step of the way.*

*Yours in Christ, Nora Culpepper*

**FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH**

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**Sunday Services**

- 9:00 am Life Groups  
(Bible Study)
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:00 am Kids Worship



**JMBC Goal - \$14,000**  
**Received to date - \$1,105**

**Alma Hunt**  
 Offering For Virginia Missions

**JMBC Goal - \$4,000**  
**Received to date - \$2,876**

**Are You Ready for Christmas?**



Are you ready for Christmas? After all, as I write this we are in the last week of November. Thanksgiving has come and gone, along with Black Friday, and Christmas movies are on every other TV channel. You have probably begun to decorate, and I am with you. We already put up two trees and have Christmas décor and memorabilia all over the house. Your calendar is probably filling up with Christmas events and parties, and hopefully, you are planning to gather with the Lord's people the next several Sundays and on Christmas Eve to worship.

I will ask again - are you ready for Christmas? Or let's say it this way - what is your attitude toward Christmas? I am not talking about the trappings of our culture but the reality of "God with us." What is your attitude toward the reality that God has invaded the arena of human life? What is your response to the fact that God has gone to the greatest of lengths to bring us back to himself? After all, that is the story of Christmas. God came and did for us what we could not do for ourselves. He became a man and lived a perfectly righteous life only to die as a suitable sacrifice for our sin. Again, are you ready for Christmas; what is your attitude toward Christmas? As I read a sermon from many years ago by Hugh Litchfield based on the life of Joseph, I was inspired and wanted to share some of his insight with you.

To be ready for Christmas we need to be like Joseph in a few key areas:

- 1) **Trust God, confident He knows what He doing.** Broken hearted, embarrassed and confused by the announcement that Mary was going to have a baby, Joseph trusted God's message and was obedient to the Lord's commands. He was undoubtedly confused and didn't know exactly what was going on or what God was up to, but Joseph obeyed the Lord and took Mary to be his wife. As we look at the world around us and see the challenges in our own lives, we may be tempted to doubt that God cares, has a plan, or is at work. During those times we may decide to do things our own way or go with what makes sense to us, but to be ready for Christmas we need to be reminded that God is in control. We need to trust Him by being obedient, even when it makes little sense to us.
- 2) **Be considerate of others.** Joseph was a considerate person who met the needs of others. In fact, his primary role in the Christmas story is one of caring for Mary and her baby. Despite the gossip, innuendos and criticism that would come their way, Joseph cared for Mary and met her immediate needs. Do you have a caring and considerate attitude that strives to meet the needs of others? This requires effort and sacrifice, but it is fundamental to us being ready for Christmas.
- 3) **Renew your commitment to the Lord.** In other words, remember it's all about Him. Recommit to the fact that your very life is ultimately about God and His glory, holding nothing back from Him. Joseph's obedience to the Lord was costly. He found himself on the run from a King (Herod) who wanted to kill Jesus. He had to relocate for a time to Egypt. Obeying the Lord and being a willing participant in the Christmas story was not easy. And it's no different for us. Living for Christ is not easy. There are troubles, trials and persecution in this life. To be ready for Christmas we must be willing to surrender everything to Him.

So, I ask again. Are you ready for Christmas?

*Pastor Tommy*



# FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, led by Pastor Tommy (Fellowship Hall)

**DECEMBER OPEN and LOCK-UP TEAM:** Bill Winslow and Gary Stone

**NEW MEMBERS** – David and Carrie Benner; Jonathan and Janet Brown, Patricia Rice

*Welcome!*

**Sun, Dec 9 at 10:30 am**, Christmas music by the Handbell Choir

**Sun, Dec 16 at 10:30 am**, *Peace Has Come*, presented by the Choir

**Sun, Dec 16 after the Called Business Meeting – Caroling.** Bring some bagged cookies to give away and meet in the Fellowship Hall. We will form groups and carpool to visit our members who are homebound.



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS – Dec 2 – 9, 2018**

**“Every Church. Every Nation.”** It’s more than a catch phrase. Every church, and every church member, has a critical role to play in bringing the gospel to the world. When you pray for missionaries during the Week of Prayer for International Missions, you support their work of sharing the gospel and serving people. God also transforms lives through our gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. One hundred percent of what we give goes to send missionaries and provide for the work He has given them to do. Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelopes are in the pew racks.



**JUST OLDER YOUTH Upcoming Events:**

**Monday, Dec 10** - Christmas Program at Ebenezer Methodist Church

🌲 The van/bus will leave Jackson Memorial at 6:15 pm. (no cost)

🌲 Sign up on the Senior Ministry bulletin board

**Thursday, Dec 13** - Christmas lights at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens

🌲 We will stop by IHOP on the way home for dessert/coffee.

🌲 The van/bus will leave Jackson Memorial at **6:00 pm**. (no cost except for restaurant)

🌲 Sign up on the Senior Ministry bulletin board by **Sun, Dec 9**.

**Thursday, Dec 20** - Covered dish luncheon in our Fellowship Hall

🌲 Time: from **12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**.

🌲 Sign up on the Senior Ministry Bulletin Board by **Wed, Dec 12**.

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS** – Any church member wishing to refer someone for a basket should call the church office (484-5568) no later than **Mon, Dec 17**. The Food Pantry is in need of pasta sauce, canned yams, dressing, cranberry sauce and gravy. Please, no canned vegetables at this time.

**LET’S GO CHRISTMAS CAROLING!** – Meet in the Fellowship Hall **Sun, Dec 16 immediately following the Called Business Meeting at 6:00 pm**. We will carpool to visit our homebound members. Bring some bagged cookies to share with them.

**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - Mon, Dec 24 at 6:00 pm.** Join us for this meaningful family-friendly candlelight service. We will hear from Pastor Tommy, share in song, and celebrate the Lord’s Supper. (no childcare provided)

**YEAR END REMINDERS – 2018 Contributions**

In order for contributions to be deductible in 2018 they must be delivered to the Church Office no later than Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, by 11:00 am **OR** if mailed, **both** the check and mailing envelope must be postmarked by **Dec 31, 2018**.

You will not receive your 2018 record of contributions until the later part of January 2019. Upon doing so, please review and if needed, contact Mary Pennington if you have a question.

For your **Online Contribution** to be credited in 2018, it **must be made before 3:00 pm on Dec 26, 2018**.



**RIBBONS AND BOWS CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE**

**Tues, Dec 4 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

*All women are welcome!*

*Come learn how to make a bow. Bring a batch of your favorite Christmas cookies and some canned goods for the OASIS Social Ministry. Sign up on the Women’s Ministry bulletin board by Dec 2.*

**REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<b>MONDAYS</b>	9:30 am	Nifty Knitters (Room A08)
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room B)
	6:30 pm	Zumba Fun Class (God’s Clubhouse)
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	5:45 pm	Youth Music Ensemble (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Preschool Choir (K3-K – God’s Clubhouse)
		Children’s Choir (1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Room 222)
	6:15 pm	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 pm	Children In Action (Room 222)
		Mission Friends (Preschool Hall)
		Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing)
		Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	7:30 pm	
	6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop 332 (FH & Overflow Room)
	6:30 pm	Zumba Fun Class (God’s Clubhouse)
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	9:00 am	Life Groups (Bible Study)
	10:30 am	Worship Gathering
	11:00 am	Kids Worship



**MEETINGS / SPECIAL EVENTS**

- 2 SUN** 6:30 pm **Calvary’s Hill** in Concert (Sanctuary)
- 4 TUES** 6:30 pm **Ribbons & Bows Cookie Exchange** (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 pm **Deacons Meeting** (Room 102)
- 5 WED** 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** (Room A13)
- 5:45 pm **Handbell Practice** (Music Hall)
- 6 THURS** 6:00 am **Feeding of the Homeless** (OASIS)
- 10:30 am **WMU Carol Knight Group**
- 7:00 pm **Worship at The Crossings**
- 7 FRI** 6:00 pm **Raleigh Baggett’s Class Christmas Party** (Fellowship Hall)
- 8 SAT** 5:00 pm **Youth Christmas Party** (Fellowship Hall)
- 9 SUN** 12:00 pm **Second Sunday Lunch** (Parent Adventure Class – Fellowship Hall)
- 10 MON** 6:15 pm **JOY Group to Ebenezer Methodist**
- 13 THURS** 10:00 am **JCP Christmas Party** (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00 pm **Joyful Sounds Christmas Party** (FH)
- 6:00 pm **JOY Group to Botanical Gardens**
- 16 SUN** 2:30 pm **Senior Ministry at Emily Green Shores**
- 6:00 pm **Called Business Meeting** (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm **Caroling** (meet in the Fellowship Hall)
- 17 MON** 6:00 pm **WMU Barbara Deal Group Meeting** (Home of Dawn Mulkey)
- 20 THURS** 12:00 pm **JOY Group Luncheon** (Fellowship Hall)
- 24 MON** 6:00 pm **Church Office Closed**
- 25 TUES** 6:00 pm **Christmas Eve Service** (Sanctuary)
- 30 SUN** 12:00 pm **Christmas Day** (Church Office Closed)
- 30 SUN** 12:00 pm **Winterfest Lunch - Youth** (Fellowship Hall) – Depart for Winterfest
- 31 MON** **Winterfest at Liberty University**

**WEEKS IN REVIEW**

	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 25
<b>LIFE GROUPS</b> (Sunday Bible Study)				
Enrollment.....	369	369	371	370
Attendance.....	195	199	159	171
Visitor.....	5	6	5	5
New Enrollment.....	369	371	370	369
Total Attendance.....	200	205	164	176
<b>WORSHIP</b>				
Morning Service.....	234	233	206	237

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

<b>BUDGET</b>				
Required Per Week.....	13,080.70	13,080.70	13,080.70	13,080.70
Received.....	15,540.05	8,031.25	7,286.00	5,643.00
Mid-Week Received.....	1,586.00	3,625.00	1,150.00	1,141.00
Online Received.....	1,687.00	2,077.00	794.80	326.00
Required to Date.....	554,504.74	567,586.44	580,667.14	593,747.84
Received to Date.....	527,055.67	540,788.92	550,019.72	557,129.72
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>				
Phase 2 (New Sanctuary).....	200.00	150.00	100.00	
<b>MISSIONS</b>				
JMBC.....	100.00	150.00	100.00	
Lottie Moon.....	95.00			710.00
<b>OTHER</b>				
Benevolent Fund.....	20.00		30.00	453.00
Children’s Ministry.....	200.00			
Youth Ministry.....				10.00
Deacon Fund.....		37.00	15.00	15.00
Food Pantry.....	20.00			
Youth Camp.....	50.00			

**NOVEMBER BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS: \$48,887.10**