

# FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH



## What is Advent?

We are a people of promise. For centuries, God prepared people for the coming of his Son, our only hope for life, our only hope for a right relationship with God and salvation from His righteous wrath toward our sin. At Christmas we celebrate the fulfillment of the promises God made - that he would give a way to draw near to him.

*Advent* is what we call the season leading up to Christmas. It begins four Sundays before December 25, sometimes in the last weekend of November, sometimes on the first Sunday in December. This year Advent begins December 1.

Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means coming or arrival. There are three meanings or ideas behind Advent (coming) for us. We celebrate the first coming, the baby conceived by the Holy Spirit, born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger. We remember and celebrate God's love for us that sent His One and Only Son, that baby who came to give His life as a ransom.

We also celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus into our hearts by faith. I used to balk somewhat at the phrase "Jesus in our hearts," but it is entirely biblical. Ephesians 3:17 says, "so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith," and Romans 10:9 says we must believe "in our hearts" that God raised Him from the dead.

The third idea or coming of Advent is the final return of the Lord Jesus, the second coming of the Lord. Jesus will return, and all will be made right and all will be in complete subjection to Him - the King of kings and Lord of lords.

For four weeks, it's as if we're re-enacting, remembering the thousands of years God's people were anticipating and longing for the coming of God's salvation. We know He has come; God's salvation has arrived. Advent becomes a time of renewal of our faith in Christ and recommitment to Him. In the midst of busyness and decorating and traditions and gathering, use these four weeks as a time to deepen your faith in and love for the Christmas babe.

Merry Christmas,

*Pastor Tommy*



## Jackson Memorial Baptist Church

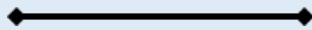
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### Sunday Services

9:00 am Life Groups  
(Bible Study)

10:30 am Worship

11:00 am Kids Worship



JMBC Goal is \$14,000





**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm – Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall led by Pastor Tommy or *Experiencing God* led by Raleigh Baggett (Room A08).

**DECEMBER OPEN and LOCK-UP TEAM:** Will Hebert & Brian Gentilini



We will not have Wednesday night dinners during December. They will resume on January 8, 2020.

*Welcome!*

**New Members:** Stephanie Louve, Daniel Moss, Hope Moss, Wes and Debbie Copeland, Rae, Regan and Skylar Gatten, Gavin Moss, Jackie Richard

**PARENTS' DAY OUT – Sat, Dec 7 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

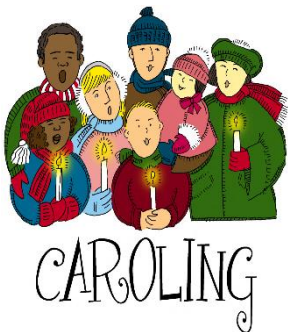
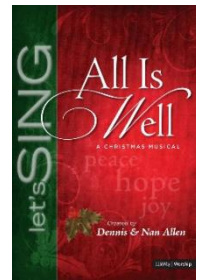
Parents, enjoy an afternoon of shopping while your children have fun playing, making Christmas gifts, and even watching a movie. Lunch will be served. Sign up at the Welcome Center by **Sun, Dec 1**. For more information, contact Mary Terwilliger at [m.terwilliger@jacksonmemorial.org](mailto:m.terwilliger@jacksonmemorial.org)



Our Senior Adult group is traveling to Regent University as they proudly present a Christmas Concert. Sacred music will be performed by the Regent University Choir, Regent University Chamber Choir, the Regent University Singers and First Edition. Our church bus will leave JMBC at 6:15 pm. Sign up on the Senior Ministry bulletin board in the Main Hallway near the Foyer or call the church office (757-484-5568). Sign-up Deadline: Sunday, December 1.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

Our service on **Wed, Dec 18** will be the Christmas cantata, *All Is Well*, presented by our Choir in the Sanctuary at **6:30 pm**. Make plans now to join us. There will be a finger food fellowship afterward in the Fellowship Hall. Members are asked to drop off finger foods in the kitchen prior to the cantata.



**Sun, Dec 22** - Meet in the Fellowship Hall at **5:30 pm**. Every age group - the Whole Church. Sing loudly, sing softly, hum or tap your toes. We will gather for prayer, and then go out in groups of 6 – 8. Each team will visit homebound members of our church family. We will share Christmas music and homemade cookies with them. **Please - Life Groups/Small Groups are asked to help by donating homemade cookies, to be dropped off at Sandra Barkley's classroom (#128) that morning.** We will return at 7:30 pm to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

**Tues, Dec 24 at 6:00 pm** - Join us in the Sanctuary 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) Hot cider and ginger cookies will be available in the foyer from 5:30 pm- 5:50 pm. (to be enjoyed in the foyer only)





**INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEK OF PRAYER**

**December 1 – 8**

Join us on **Sat, Dec 7 at 9:30 am** at Collinswood/Agape Baptist Church for the International Missions Prayer Brunch, featuring guest speaker, Laura Davis.  
**\$2.00 per person/Reservation deadline is Tues, Dec 2** - Call Brenda Smith (477-0859)

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS** – Any church member wishing to refer someone for a basket should call the church office (484-5568) no later than **Mon, Dec 16**. Baskets will be packed on Dec **Sun, Dec 22** and may be picked up on **Mon, Dec 23** in the Fellowship Hall from **10:00 am – 12:00 pm**. Please consider donating a few items to help keep our Food Pantry stocked and ready for baskets. Items needed include: canned vegetables, Stove Top stuffing, canned yams, cranberry sauce, gravy (jar or can), peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, spaghetti pasta and sauce, Jiffy cake mix.



# Thank you!

*Words are not mine enough to thank the JMBC Women’s Ministry for the invitation (gratis) to attend the Annual Traditional Holidays Dinner. Dinner was delicious, and the fellowship was wonderful, being with church friends I don’t see often because I am not able to attend Sunday services regularly. I know a lot of hard work went into this event - table decorations were beautiful, and I am so grateful to have been able to attend. To all the volunteers who had a part in this event, Thank You! I also want to thank my church friends who, during my medical issues for the past two years, have been so good to me with cards, phone calls, visits and some (you know who you are) for taking me to PT sessions and doctor appointments, etc. when family was unable to. I love JMBC and greatly miss not being active.*

*Peggy Ayers*

<b>Pastor</b> .....	Tommy Larson	<b>Office Manager</b> .....	Mary Pennington
<b>Associate Pastor of Education &amp; Admin</b> .....	Raleigh Baggett	<b>Church Secretary &amp; Receptionist</b> .....	Brenda Ashe
<b>Associate Pastor of Connections</b> .....	Kevin Hinman	<b>Financial Secretary</b> .....	Autumn Watson
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<b>Director of Children and Preschool Ministry</b> .....	Mary Terwilliger	<b>Keyboardist</b> .....	Pat Tripp
<b>Director of Youth Ministry</b> .....	Andrea Cofield	<b>Custodian</b> .....	Larry Castello

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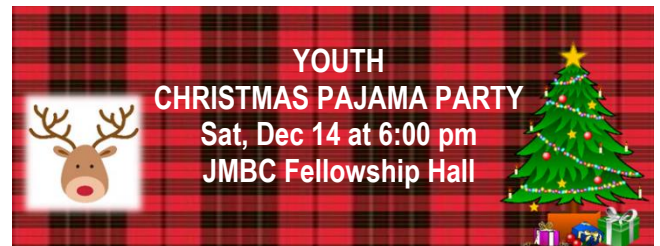


**MEETINGS / SPECIAL EVENTS**

- 3 TUES**  
 7:30 am Packing of Backpacks (Fellowship Hall)  
 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting (Room 120)
- 5 THURS**  
 6:00 am Feeding of the Homeless (OASIS)  
 9:00 am Backpack Delivery to Southwestern Elementary  
 10:30 am WMU Carol Knight Group Meeting (Room A-13)  
 6:30 pm Security Team Meeting (Room 121)  
 Worship at Harmony at Harbour View
- 6 FRI**  
 7:00 pm Build-A-Manger (Fellowship Hall)
- 7 SAT**  
 10:00 am Parents' Day Out (Preschool Wing)  
 6:00 pm Co-Ed 1 Life Group Party (Fellowship Hall)
- 12 THURS**  
 11:30 am Joyful Sounds Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:15 pm JOY Group Outing to Regent University Theater
- 14 SAT**  
 6:00 pm Youth Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)
- 15 SUN**  
 2:30 pm Senior Ministry at Emily Green Shores  
 6:00 pm Called Business Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 16 MON**  
 7:00 pm WMU Barbara Deal Group Meeting
- 18 WED**  
 6:30 pm Choir Cantata - *All Is Well* (Sanctuary) followed by a  
 "Finger Food" Reception (Fellowship Hall)
- 19 THURS**  
 9:00 am Backpack Delivery to Southwestern Elementary  
 12:00 pm JOY Group Covered Dish Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 22 SUN**  
 5:30 pm Christmas Caroling (Meet in the Fellowship Hall)
- 24 TUES** **CHRISTMAS EVE** (Church Office Closed)  
 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
- 25 WED** **CHRISTMAS DAY** (Church Office Closed)
- 29 SUN** **NOTE:** No Kids Worship on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

**REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

- SUNDAYS**  
 9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study)  
 10:30 am Worship Gathering  
 11:00 am Kids Worship K5 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Room 222)
- MONDAYS**  
 9:30 am Nifty Knitters (Room A13)
- TUESDAYS**  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Library)
- WEDNESDAYS**  
 5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:00 pm Jackson's Joyful Noise (Room 222)  
 6:15 pm Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
*Experiencing God* (Room A07)  
 Mission Friends (Preschool Hall)  
 Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing)  
 6:30 pm Children In Action (Room 222)  
 Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)



Wear your favorite, **modest** Christmas Pajamas. Prize for best pajamas. Please bring a present (\$10 limit) for a gift exchange. Come and celebrate Christmas with a hot chocolate bar, cupcakes, brownies, and more! Bring a friend! Sign up at the Welcome Desk by **Sun, Dec 8.**



**CALLED BUSINESS MEETING – Sun, Dec 15 at 6:00 pm** in the **Sanctuary** for approval of the Budget (**Ministry Action Plan**), to vote on Nominating Committee candidates for unfilled positions, election of deacons, to vote on new members and approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation for the pastor's housing allowance for 2020.