

“Second Sunday of Advent”

We Assemble in God's Name

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Mary said... ‘My heart praises the Lord;
my soul is glad because of God my Savior,
for he has remembered me, his lowly servant!’”
-Luke 1:46-48

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

“Processional”
(Venita & Erin MacGorman) Joyful Ringers
“Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming”
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

[Please sign and pass the pew registration pad to those seated next to you. Prayer cards can be found in the pews. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.]

WORDS OF WELCOME

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES Joe, Kim, Matthew, & Drew Hamon

“Joyful All Ye Nations Rise”
(Arr. Dan Edwards) Jubilation Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP L – Leader P – People

L – Jesus Christ, God's Son, reflects God's glory to us.

P – When we see Christ, we see God.

L – All who believe become part of the family of God.

P – Can you see a family resemblance?

L – Does God's glory radiate from us?

P – Let us glorify God the Father and the Son with our worship. (-David Trout, 2005-)

***HYMN** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” No. 173

*UNISON INVOCATION

“Gracious God, we come before you as your Advent people who have need to see your love over and over again. We come looking for evidence that you truly do love us and have gifted us with the abilities to not only handle life, but to make life a gracious place, rich and full, for those around us. Be near us as we worship you today. Amen.

ANTHEM “Song of Bethlehem” Chancel Choir
(Molly Ijames)

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38

***HYMN** “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” No. 156
[During the Hymn, children age 4 through Kindergarten are dismissed to Children's Worship.
Older children are invited to stay and participate in worship.]

OFFERING PRAYER Linda Foster

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “People, Look East”
(Arr. Douglas Wagner) Jubilation Ringers

THE CONGREGATION'S PRAYER

MESSAGE “Can You Hear . . . A Mother's Voice?” Pastor Dan Cash
Luke 1: 39-56

COMMUNION

BREAD “Of the Father's Love Begotten”
(L. Smith)

CUP “Hush, Bambino”
(R. Summers)

***HYMN** “What Child Is This?” No. 150

--During the hymn those who would like to profess their faith in Jesus Christ or transfer church membership to First Baptist are encouraged to come forward. The Pastor will meet you at the front of the sanctuary.-

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Joy to the World”
(G.M. Martin)

We Depart to Serve

***All who are able may stand**

(Please remember to turn off your cell phone.)
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The Body of Christ Prays For... Military Personnel & Families & Homebound Members

Also remember... Tom Ganus, Carmel Joslin, Mary Margaret Tekulve, Ruth McCracken, June Ann Vickers, Joyce Crowder, Fannie Barker, Sally Flint, Carl Harlow, Margo Hughey

We wish a happy birthday to Shirley Park, who turns 80 on December 12.

We rejoice with the following couples as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries:
John & Roselyn Hoff – 64th on Dec. 8; Paul & Cindy Casey – 40th on Dec. 13

Emergency Responder – Forest Daugherty

Cookie Ministry – Liz Lipson

Pastoral Care Team for this week: Teresa Arbuckle, Judy Rhude, & Carolyn Curry

THIS WEEK

TODAY, December 6

9:30 a.m. – Communion Worship
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
1:00 p.m. – Lasting Impressions Show
3:30 p.m. – Jr. ABY & ABY
5:00 p.m. – Yak-n-Snak
6:00 p.m. – Touring Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. – Exultation Ringers

MONDAY, December 7

4:30 p.m. – Prayer Group (Prayer Room)

TUESDAY, December 8

9:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. – Jubilation Ringers
2:30 p.m. – Homework Helpers
2:45 p.m. – Joyful Ringers
5:15 p.m. – Bell Quartet

WEDNESDAY, December 9

9:00 a.m. – Four Seasons Mending
6:15 p.m. – Awana (K-6)
6:30 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study
7:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, December 10

2:30 p.m. – Homework Helpers

FRIDAY, December 11

6:15 a.m. – Men of Faith Bible Study at Sadie's Restaurant

NEXT SUNDAY, December 13

9:30 a.m.–Communion Worship–“Can You Hear..The Shepherd's Witness”, Luke 2:8-12, 15-18,
Pastor Dan Cash
6:00 p.m. – Touring Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. – Exultation Ringers

Looking Ahead

Dec. 15–“Wings for the Journey” Bereavement Support
Dec. 15 – Church Council
Dec. 15 – Newsletter Deadline
Dec. 18 – Wedding Rehearsal & Dinner
Dec. 19 – Putterill/Satterthwaite Wedding (5:30 pm)
Dec. 20 – Called Business Meeting (following worship)
Dec. 20 – Christmas Caroling (4:00 pm)
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7:00 pm)
Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas! (Church Offices Closed)
Dec. 27 – Coffee Fellowship

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor
Joyce Crowder, Minister of Music; Lauren Skelton, Children's Minister;
Donna Tull, Organist; Laura Friedrich, Administrative Assistant;
Dortha Anderson, Librarian; Peter Hensley, Barry Ferrill, Custodians
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Columbus, Indiana*

“Practicing Our Faith”

December 6, 2009



POP TOPS FOR RICHARDS SCHOOL: We are collecting can pop tops for Richards School. Please place them in the container on the Welcome Center.
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We are now accepting donations for the Advent & Christmas decorations. If you would like to donate, please complete the form, include your check & place in the offering plate.

I/We \_\_\_\_\_

would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards Advent Decorations.

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

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

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We will publish a list of donors and the person you wish to remember in the bulletins on Sunday morning, December 20th and at the Christmas Eve service on the 24th.
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YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS TODAY AT 3:30 PM
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**The Jr. ABY Group** (grades 5-8) will meet at the church with Joe & Kim Hamon leading. Meet in the downstairs drama room at 3:30 PM and look forward to what the Hamons have planned.

**The ABY Group** (grades 9-12) will meet at the home of Linda Foster (3386 Cox Lane) at 3:30 PM. Linda has planned and will lead the meeting. Call Linda if you need directions, 376-0090. She doesn't live far from the church.

Yak-n-Snack is being prepared by Lyman & Corbie Snyder & will be at church at 5 PM.  
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Wednesday Bible Study in December ~ "The Purpose of Christmas"

A 3 Session, Video-Based Study Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel continues with: Session 2—A Time for Salvation (Dec. 9); Session 3—A Time for Reconciliation (Dec. 16)
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**HELPING GOD'S CREATURES**

As winter approaches, the Bartholomew County Humane Society is in need of blankets, towels and throws (in any condition) for the cats and dogs in their care. For the month of December a box will be placed on the lower level near the restrooms for donations. For more information contact Don Harris (378-3176) or the BC Humane Society (372-6063).  
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🎵 CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARTY 🎵

The Youth Ministry Team invites the congregation to join the Jr. ABY and ABY groups on Sunday, Dec. 20th for a Caroling Party. Carolers are invited to meet the Youth at Church at 4:00 PM. We will return to the Fellowship Hall after caroling for soup and sandwiches and some Christmas games.
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**AWANA CHRISTMAS STORE**



Check your closets and drawers! Awana will be holding the 6th Annual Christmas Store on December 16. The kids get to purchase gifts for their families with the points they have earned. Unused Christmas & gift items such as ornaments, decorations, mugs, candles, toys, and even those unused Christmas or novelty ties can find a new home. We can also use wrapped candy to fill mugs. This is a fun event for the kids – and the only way some of them can "buy" gifts for their families. You may bring items and leave them in the box marked Awana in the hall by the kitchen. Unused items will be donated to Goodwill or Sans Souci. Thanks for your help.  
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COPIES OF THE 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET are available on the Welcome Desk.
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Join us at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
 December 24, 2009 ~ 7:00 PM  
 As the Chancel Choir leads us in Worship  
 "I Hear the Prophet Callin"



The Christmas Story from Prophecy to Fulfillment ~ Music and Lyrics by Pepper Choplin

**Christmas Offering:** The Church Council has designated the Pregnancy Care Center as the recipient of our Christmas Offering this year. (Please make checks out to FBC, designate "Christmas Offering", and either place in a blue pew envelope, or mail to the church office.)

**HOMEWORK HELP MINISTRY NEEDS ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS** from 2:30-4:00 PM on Tuesdays & Thursdays. The waiting list of children in need at Richards Elementary is growing!

**RICHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR BOOK BUDDIES**

Richards School has a real need this year for Book Buddies. There are at least 6 open spots right now. If you are able to assist with this program, please contact the school.

**Sssshhh.....It's a Secret!** ~ Join the FBC 2010 "Secret Sisters" Club

**This is for all women/girls of the church - any age.** Jr. youth and youth can do it if parents are willing to help them. You will have a secret pal from within the church that you can slip notes, cards, small gifts, emails, etc. to throughout the year. We will end with a big reveal at a Christmas Party in December 2010. Please fill out the form below and place in the envelope on the Welcome Desk or return to the church office. Your Secret Sister will be randomly chosen for you the beginning of January. See Jane Ellen Watkins if you have any questions!

Secret Sisters



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite Food: \_\_\_\_\_

**STAFFING SURVEY RESULTS**

The Staffing Study Group would like to thank members of the congregation for their input November 15 and Sunday school teachers for giving up class time to complete the survey. In the weeks ahead we will be analyzing the data seeking more input in small discussion groups. Meanwhile, we would like to share some of the results of the 90 surveys returned.

1. We asked you to identify ministry or constituent groups deserving particular staff focus. Fifty-four of you identified YOUTH as such a group, with YOUNG ADULTS mentioned 17 times. CHILDREN were identified by 15 persons, MUSIC/MUSICIANS by 10, and SENIORS by 9. Other areas mentioned were YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES, YOUNG FAMILIES, NEW CHRISTIANS, SINGLES, FRESHMEN IN COLLEGE and YOUNG YOUTH.

2. We asked you to identify the top ten ministry areas where professional staff leadership is expected/required. You checked the following areas:

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| 85 – Youth Program       | 58 – Community Outreach     |
| 76 – Preaching           | 52 – Teaching               |
| 75 – Children’s Program  | 50 – Music Program          |
| 71 – Bible Study         | 50 – Visitation             |
| 66 – Worship             | 50 – Missions Program       |
| 62 – Pastoral Care       | 44 – Leadership Development |
| 62 – Christian Education | 36 – Stewardship            |

Others checked Family Life, Young Adult Program, Elderly Activities, Staff Relations, Evangelism, New Christian Support, Local Missions Program, More Sunday School Focus and Creative Promotion Programs (to build a younger congregation).

3. Of the list above we asked you to identify the top five in importance. You circled:

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| 69 – Youth Program       | 31 – Community Outreach     |
| 61 – Preaching           | 28 – Bible Study            |
| 47 – Children’s Program  | 20 – Visitation             |
| 38 – Pastoral Care       | 20 – Missions Program       |
| 37 – Worship             | 20 – Leadership Development |
| 29 – Music Program       | 16 – Teaching               |
| 29 – Christian Education | 12 – Stewardship            |

Also circled were Family Life, Young Adult Program, Evangelism, Local Missions Program, Elderly Activities, Staff Relations, Creative Promotion Programs.