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Broadus Church Presents...

## The Living Nativity "A Journey Foretold"

Friday-Sunday, Dec. 6-8 & 13-15

The Living Nativity is a gift our church gives to the community every other year so that people can better understand and appreciate God's act of love in sending His Son Jesus into the world. Guests will experience a guided tour down a wooded path to nine different interactive scenes featuring over seventy costumed actors and live animals. The tour ends with refreshments back at the church.

The Living Nativity is completely free, but tickets are necessary. They will be available beginning at 5 pm on Sunday, Dec. 1. Please visit [BroadusChurch.org](http://BroadusChurch.org) and look for the link. [A limited number of golf carts are available for guests with mobility issues. Please note this need when signing up for tickets, or talk to Karen Tucker at the church office.] Those without internet access may call the church office for assistance with tickets.



THE LIVING  
NATIVITY  
A JOURNEY FORETOLD

Church members are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors, particularly those who are unchurched or do not understand the true Christmas story. Flyers are available at church.

## Thanksgiving Missions Offering Church Goal = \$20,000

We kicked off our offering on Nov. 24th and will be receiving donations throughout December. Every cent of this missions offering will be sent to our ministry partners doing God's work locally and around the world.

- 50% to Lottie Moon Offering for Southern Baptist International Missions
- 25% to Virginia Baptist Kingdom Advance
- 25% to World Hunger Relief

Let's give generously to share Christ with the world!



### Warming Tree

During December, we will have a "warming tree" in the church lobby. You may put your donations on or under the tree: hats, scarves, gloves, socks



(especially men's), underwear (children & adult), blankets or throws (new or clean gently used). Your gifts will be distributed through Moments of Hope, MCEF, and area schools.



## Advent Season

Advent means "coming." It is a time of preparation for a meaningful celebration of the arrival of Jesus. Each Sunday this month we will light a candle of the Advent Wreath, reminding us of the hope, peace, joy and love that come to us as gifts of God. Our children's choirs will be singing on December 15th!

## Christmas Eve Services Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 5:00 pm






We will offer 5:00 services at both the Pole Green and Hebron campuses. Join us for a time of singing and reflection as we celebrate the birth of the Savior! Both sites will also be sharing the Lord's Supper.



# December 2019

**SUNDAY MORNING  
AT POLE GREEN CAMPUS**

8:45 - Traditional Service  
10:00 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Contemporary Service

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The church office is regularly open on Monday—Thursday, 8:30-4:45						
1  1st Sunday in Advent	2  6:30 Ladies Book Club in CB	3	4  5:15 Dinner 6-7:15 Programs 7:15 Choir	5  6:30 Hebron Study 6:30 Praise Team	6  Living Nativity 6:00-9:00	7  Living Nativity 5:30-9:00
8  2:00 Mechanicsville Christmas Parade  Living Nativity 5:30-8:00	9	10	11  5:15 Dinner 6-7:15 Programs 7:15 Choir	12  6:30 Hebron Study 6:30 Praise Team	13  Living Nativity 6:00-9:00	14  10-1 KW Place Kids Christmas Party  Living Nativity 5:30-9:00
15   Living Nativity 5:30-8:00	16	17	18  NO Wednesday Night Activities	19  6:30 Praise Team	20  6:00 Youth Christmas Party	21
22  4th Sunday in Advent	23	24  Christmas Eve!  12:00 Office Closed  5:00 Christmas Eve Services at both Campuses	25 Merry Christmas  Our Savior is Born  Office Closed	26  Office Closed	27	28
29	30	31  New Year's Eve!  12:00 Office Closed	<div data-bbox="812 1806 1136 1984" data-label="Text"> <p>For more information about Broadus Church and a PDF of this Mission newsletter, visit <a href="http://www.broaduschurch.org">www.broaduschurch.org</a></p> </div> <div data-bbox="1193 1785 1510 2016" data-label="Text"> <p><b>SUNDAY MORNING AT HEBRON CAMPUS</b> 3407 King William Road Aylett, Virginia 9:45 - Fellowship and Snacks 10:00 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship Service</p> </div>			



There is something magical about Christmas (and I use the term “magical” in the most divine sense of the word). I can’t claim it is true for everybody, but there is something about the season that seems to bring out our inner child, stirring our memories, emotions and faith.

When I think back to my childhood, I fondly remember a number of special things about Christmas past. Just about all of them are related to our years as a missionary family in South Korea, because I was six when we arrived and eighteen when we left—excluding a couple of “furlough” years. My memories are probably both flawed and well-embellished after all these years, but that doesn’t much matter to me. They are special.

I remember the smell of hot chocolate in those gaudy Santa-head mugs. I remember Mom and Dad letting us open one present on Christmas Eve, while saving all the rest for Christmas morning. Sometimes they would pick it out, and sometimes we got to rummage through the pile under the tree to pick our own. I remember that my older brother and I would tend to get a lot of the same things, being just 1 1/2 years apart. That was not so true of our two sisters, who were about 12 years apart. I remember the roaring fire we would build in our heat-inefficient and seldom-used fireplace. Christmas morning was one of the few times we would light a fire because (1) firewood was hard to come by where we lived, and (2) the fireplace was in our seldom-used living room. I also remember how the snow would start on Christmas Eve so we could wake up to a foot of white wonder! (Ok, that’s an embellishment caused by too many Hallmark movies. I don’t think that ever happened... even once... anywhere in the world. Sleet and cold rain, yes. A foot of snow, no.)

One of my true special memories was how our Korean church family would sometimes come caroling ... *at midnight!* This took us by surprise the first time, but later we learned the proper etiquette of inviting them in for snacks and cocoa. Things like that stick in the heart and mind. I also remember how on Christmas Eve, our family would pull down the nativity scene display and re-enact the story with the small figurines, reading the Bible passages as we went along.

Now I’m all grown up—and even our kids are all grown up—but Christmas memories and traditions are still in the making. For me, even though I’m only nominally involved, our Broadus Church Living Nativity is a prime example. My favorite thing to do is to slip in with a tour group and watch the children. They hold their parents’ hands as they walk down the dim wooded path. But then the lights come on at each scene, and their eyes get wide with wonder! They are captivated by the words of prophets, peasants and priests. They laugh at funny shepherds and point at the adorable animals. They gasp when the angels suddenly appear in the sky. They whisper to their parents, asking if the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh are real. Then they hold hands again as a Roman soldier declares Jesus to be the living Lord and Savior. The memories of a special night will stay with them forever!

The Gospel of Luke tells us that after the shepherds visited the newborn king, his mother Mary “treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.” Mary would keep those special memories, and they would fuel her faith for the rest of her life.

My prayer is that the Living Nativity would stir the hearts and minds of children and adults alike. I pray the treasured experiences and memories would fuel their faith until they come to know and trust Jesus Christ as their own Savior and Lord. We won’t always know when that has happened, but planting just one seed of faith makes it all worthwhile!

I hope you will treasure in your heart every special moment God sends your way this Christmas season.

Joy and peace to you!

Pastor Phil



## Youth Ministry News!

### Special Events:

- ◆ **Youth Christmas Party**—Friday, Dec. 20th at 6:00 in the Community Building. More details TBA.
- ◆ **Youth Improv Speaker**—Sunday, Jan. 5th at 6:30 in the CB. James Wasilewski will be sharing “Can You Hear Me Now?” - an insightful and comical look at how we communicate every day. A great time for youth and their parents.

### Weekly Schedule:

- **Sunday School** every week at 10:00 am in the CB.
- **Sunday Night Connect Groups** will not meet in December because of the Living Nativity. They will resume on January 12th.
- **Wednesday Night “Elevate,”** 6:00-7:15pm in Community Building. December 11th will be our last Elevate of 2019. We will start back on January 8th.

## Kroger Rewards Program

Our church is now signed up for the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Kroger will pay our church a rebate amount each quarter based on how much our registered members spend. This could add up to thousands of dollars per year.

- ◆ To participate, you must have a Kroger Rewards Card. You can get one at the customer service desk of any Kroger.
- ◆ Once you have a card, go to Kroger.com/communityrewards. Click “I am a Customer.” Sign in with email and password.
- ◆ Search for “Broadus Memorial Baptist” or our Non-Profit Organization code QF697.
- ◆ Click to enroll. Enlist your friends! Thanks for your support.

# Broadus Bulletin Board

## Welcome New Members!

**Bruce & Deborah Cobb**  
319 Shelton Place  
Aylett, VA 23009

## Ladies Book Club

**December 2, 2019 @ 6:30pm**

Books we'll be discussing are "The Hideaway" by Lauren K. Denton and "Home for Erring and Outcast Girls" by Julie Kibler. Any questions? Call Cathy Tignor at 262-7195

## Christmas Cards

Beginning Dec. 1, if you would like to send a card to someone at either campus, please put their name and Sunday School class on the envelope and put it in the collection box. Cards will be distributed each Sunday through Dec. 22nd.

## Offering Envelope Boxed Sets

2020 Envelopes will be available for pick-up beginning Sunday, Dec. 8th. Please get all boxes labeled for you or your family. If you would like to begin using offering envelopes, you may pick up an unlabeled box from the display tables.

**Youth Christmas Party**  
**Friday, Dec. 20th at 6:00 pm**  
**Broadus Community Building**

Interested in helping throw a Christmas Party for the kids in the King William Place Apartments? Talk to Pastor Jeff about helping out on Saturday, Dec 14 at the Hebron Campus.

*You can now listen to recent sermons and make contributions online! Just go to [BroadusChurch.org](http://BroadusChurch.org) and follow the links.*

## Christmas Poinsettias

These flowers are used to decorate our worship center for Christmas. Orders are due by Dec. 8, and you may designate your poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. You may pick up the flowers you purchased after the Christmas Eve Service.

Wednesday Night Dinners & Discipleship Groups will conclude for the fall on Dec. 11th. We will resume on Jan. 8th.

*The Church office will be closed from noon on Tuesday the 24th through Monday the 30th for the Christmas holidays. It will be closed again at noon on the 31st as well as New Year's Day.*

*Financial gifts for 2019 must be at the office by Monday, December 30th.*

**December MCEF Collection:**  
**Canned Tomatoes**



## The December Mission

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ELECTRONIC SERVICES REQUESTED

## Ministerial Staff

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*Senior Pastor*

**Karen Tucker**  
*Minister of Children & Families*

**Jeff Poythress**  
*Minister of Missions/Hebron Site Pastor*

**Jamie Cosley**  
*Minister of Contemporary Worship*

**Carl Monfalcone**  
*Interim Traditional Worship Leader*

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