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THE MISSION

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December



Broadus Church Presents... The Living Nativity "A Journey Foretold"

Friday-Sunday, Dec. 3-5 & 10-12

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.



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The Living Nativity is completely free, but tickets are necessary . . . and going fast! They are available at **BroadusChurch.org**. For assistance with ticketing or golf cart reservations (for those with mobility issues), contact Karen Tucker at the church office, 779-2700.

Church members are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors, particularly those who are unchurched or might not fully understand the true Christmas story.

Thanksgiving Missions Offering Church Goal = \$18,000

We kicked off our offering on Nov. 22nd and will be receiving donations throughout December. Every cent of this missions offering will be sent to our ministry partners doing God's work around the world.

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

Special envelopes are in your boxed sets, or you may designate gifts online through the church website. Parents, remember to help your children return their M&M tubes. Let's give generously to share Christ in the world!

Advent Season

Advent means "coming." It is a time of preparation for a meaningful celebration of the arrival of Jesus. On each of the four Sundays before Christmas, families of the church 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.

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.



Order Your
Poinsettias










These flowers are used to decorate our worship center for Christmas.

They are \$13 each,

and orders—by phone or on an order form—are due by Dec. 5th. 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.

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Church Office Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30-12:30.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SUNDAY MORNING AT POLE GREEN CAMPUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM Worship Service—Inside & Parking Lot (Broadcast on short-range radio & Facebook Live) SUNDAY MORNING AT HEBRON CAMPUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Weekly Services—Inside & Parking Lot (Broadcast on short-range radio & Facebook Live) 10:30 Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children 			1 Andrew Barret 6:00 Wed Night Programs at PG 6:00 Support Group @ Hebron 7:15 Choir Practice 7:15 Zoom Study	2 Don Flynn Robert Harrison 6:00 Praise Team	3 6:30-8:30 Living Nativity Presentations 	4 Amanda Gunter Keeley Wright 6:00-8:30 Living Nativity Presentations 
5 Mike Marcum Ella Donaldson <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> <i>**Poinsettig Orders Due**</i> 6:00-8:00 Living Nativity Presentations 	6	7 Brittney Lemon 6:00 Mid-Week Youth @ Hebron 6:30 Men's Military Book Club	8 Harold Flippo Allyson VerLander 6:00 Wed Night Programs at PG 6:00 Support Group @ Hebron 7:15 Choir Practice 7:15 Zoom Study	9 6:00 Praise Team	10 6:30-8:30 Living Nativity Presentations 	11 Nancy Burke Joey Oliva 6:00-8:30 Living Nativity Presentations 
12 Whitney Wilhelmi <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> <i>No Prayer Shawl Grp</i> 6:00-8:00 Living Nativity Presentations 	13 Laurel McCartney Stefanie Timberlake 6:00 Food Distribution Hebron	14 6:00 Mid-Week Youth @ Hebron	15 Rick Witherow Gordon Maddox Grace Hazelgrove 6:00 Wed Night Programs at PG 6:00 Support Group @ Hebron 7:15 Choir Practice 7:15 Zoom Study	16 Russ Kenny 6:00 Praise Team	17 Scott Holmes Felecia Longest <div> Youth Lock-In 5pm Fri — 9am Sat </div>	18 Betty Spargo Lynette Metzger Michael Jarvis 10:00 Thrive Food Distribution at Hebron.
19 Larry Seay Dianne Tuck <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	20 Roy Farmer Ashley Amos Dan Johnson	21 Carol Johnson Michelle Johnson 9:15 Winter's Point Food Distribution	22 Erin Jones Johna Holcomb James Martin Joey Searson No Wednesday Activities	23 Carol Martin Office Closed	24 Emily Seal Pattie Goodloe 5:00 Christmas Eve Service at both Campuses 	25 Ritchie Carter <i>Christmas Day</i>
26 Emma Dodson	27 Willie Jo Elmore Cathy Poythress Office Closed 1:00 Ladies Book Club	28 Stuart Allen Phyllis King	29 Andy Allen Kym LeBlanc Tripp Metzger Leigh Smith No Wednesday Activities	30 Norris Gryder David Holt Nichole Pace Tom Sheets	31 Beverly East Trevor Dodson	

the pastor's paragraphs

When I was a kid, I wanted to be like my father. When I watched him working in the garden, I wanted to plant a garden of my own. When he was in the workshop building things, it made me want to bang on a board with my little toy hammer. When Dad preached, I wanted to do it, too! I'm sure psychologists can list a host of complex reasons why kids want to be like their parents, but I have one that is fairly simple. I believe it's because good parents have first made the investment to be like their kids. It begins when we make silly "goo-goo-ga-ga" sounds while tickling their little toes. Then when they get a bit older, we hold hands and dance in a circle singing "Ring Around the Rosies" until we flop to the floor giggling. As parents, we learn again to play hide-and-seek, and to run around the yard catching fireflies on warm summer nights.

I think back to when my brother and I were in Boy Scouts and Dad would go camping with us. We'd sleep in musty old tents on hard and/or frozen ground, eating unidentifiable food amidst an endless barrage of inane adolescent stories and pranks. It was a thrill for us, but must have been excruciating for an adult. Why did Dad do it? For a little while, he became a kid as an investment in our lives. It built a precious relationship.

As Christians, it is of great importance that we strive to be like our Heavenly Father. In fact, we desire to do this. Do you know why? Because He first made the investment to become like us. John 1:14 says, *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us."* We can never doubt God's commitment to this relationship, and we are drawn to Him like a magnet.

The English poet John Donne wrote, *"'Twas much, that man was made like God before; But that God should be like man, much more."* In Jesus, God became like us so we could become more like Him. The best way we can honor God at Christmas is to model our lives after Jesus, who became like us. Have a blessed Christmas season!

Pastor Phil

Hebron Happenings

The greatest adventure the world has ever seen goes hand in hand with the greatest love story ever told. They are intertwined in the Christmas story. The King that loves his people more than anything sends his son from the glory and honor of his heavenly palace to go to earth to die so that his people may live.



We know the story, God's Son is born not in a palace but in a stable. He is born to poor young parents. Jesus will face off with Satan in the wilderness, be persecuted by religious leaders, cast out a legion of demons in a man, and eventually die on the cross only to be resurrected from the dead. He defeats death and offers eternal life to those who accept his gift of salvation by trusting him.

The love story is lived out by Jesus in his time on earth. Most of his time is spent teaching, loving and caring for those people he was sent to save. He taught them about his Father and their need to repent and follow him.

As we celebrate this Christmas season, let's not focus on the shepherds, and the magi coming from the east. Even when we look at the cute baby Jesus asleep on the hay, let us focus on his mission. He came to offer his people a way to eternal life. He came to lay his life down for others. Let us join Jesus in his mission. I am not asking you to lay down your life for him, but to pick up your cross daily and follow him. The world is full of people who have not accepted the gift of salvation that comes from following the Messiah and having fellowship with him.

We don't have to leave our home and travel to another world as Jesus did. We can join him in his work right here on earth by sharing his story and his way to eternal life with those who do not have a relationship with him.

Pastor Jeff



Fun Friday

January 14, 2022

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Kid-friendly, fellowship time with dinner, crafts & games! Sign up in the Commons. Adult & youth helpers needed. Cost: 1 item per child for the MCEF Pantry.

May God bless you all during this sacred season!

Carl

Jeff

Tyson

Geneva

Ellis

Karen

Buddy

Jamie

Phil

Carol

Merry Christmas from your church staff!

Tyson's Corner

tyson@broadusmbc.org

Weekly Gatherings:

- ⇒ **Sunday School** at Pole Green is 9am in the Community Bldg. Sunday School at Hebron is 10:30 in the Classroom Trailer.
- ⇒ **Midweek Youth** at Hebron is Tuesdays at 6pm, and Wednesday at 6pm at Pole Green. These will end on December 14 & 15, then resume on January 11 & 12.

*Youth Lock-In & Christmas Party
Dec. 17-18 in the Community Building
Begins Friday at 5pm
Ends Saturday at 9am*

Welcome, New Member!

Erin Medlin
359 Olde Footpath
Aylett, VA 23009

Men's Military Book Club

Tuesday, December 7th
6:30 in Trailer #1

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 27 for Christmas and January 3rd for the New Year's holiday.

Our normal office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30am—12:30pm.

Over 130 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were sent out from our church. Thanks for participating so generously!

January Mo Hope Ministry

Our church will once again be feeding approximately 350 of Richmond's homeless community in partnership with Moments of Hope. The first Saturday of January just happens to be New Years Day. What a great way to start the year! Please sign up in the Commons if you can help cook and/or serve that day.



Warming Tree



During December, we will have a "warming tree" in the church lobby. You may put your donations of new items on or under the tree: hats, scarves, gloves, crew socks, underwear (toddler-adult 3XL), men's knit boxers & T-shirts (L-3XL), blankets or throws (new or clean gently used). Your gifts will be distributed through Moments of Hope, MCEF, and other organizations.

Wednesday Activities will conclude for the fall on Dec. 15th. We will resume with **dinner & studies** on Jan. 12th.

Offering Envelope Boxed Sets

2022 Envelopes will be available for pick-up beginning Sunday, Dec. 5th. Please get all boxes labeled for you or your family. If you would like to begin using offering envelopes, you may pick up an un-labeled box from the display tables. If you are no longer using a boxed set for giving, place yours in the recycle container.

December MCEF Collection: **Canned Tomatoes**

Ladies Book Club—4th Mondays at 1:00 **Pole Green Community Building**

- ⇒ **Dec. 27**—"Christmas at the Little Beach Street Bakery" by Jenny Colgin
- ⇒ **Jan. 24**—"The Secret of Snow" by Viola Shipman
- ⇒ **Feb. 28**—"The Letter Keeper" by Charles Martin

Contact Cathy Tignor for more info.



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