

SECOND STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 13, 2009 11:00 a.m.

The Assembly of the Saints on the Lord's Day

Welcome! We are multi-generational, multi-cultural and missional. We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to save and to change His people through faith, by His sovereign grace, by hearing the Word of God written and preached. We believe He will do just that this morning!

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Prelude

"O Holy Night" Joyce Harwood & Karen Grotenhuis

The Church at Work and Worship

*Call to Worship & Prayer for God's Special Presence

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

PRAYERS OF PRAISE, REPENTANCE

and INTERCESSION

Pastoral and Congregational Prayer

Prayer in Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offering

"Christmastime". . . soloist, Stan Napier

Offertory Prayer

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

Lighting the Advent Wreath

** The Word of God Written Genesis 43

The Word of God Preached . . . "The Famine Grew Severe"

Hymn of Response . . . "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

*Blessing for charge into the mission field (fields of victory)

*Postlude

**Those who are able may stand*

***Children, through 1st grade, may leave for children's church*

SUNDAY NURSERY

(Nursery is available for children 6 years old and younger)

Dec. 13: Dan & Belinda Phillips

Dec. 20: Kathy & Hunter Stone

Dec. 27: Donna & Maddie Medlin

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing new elders. This is scheduled for **today** immediately **following the worship service**. The candidates are David Grotenhuis, Gary Levine and Stan Napier. These men have all been examined and approved for candidacy by the Session*

WEDNESDAY

5:45 p.m. Supper

6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Youth, Pioneer Clubs

7:30 p.m. Choir practice.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Covered dish suppers are scheduled for the first Wed. of each month: Jan. 6 is the next covered dish.

*We have enough cooks through December and most of January. **January 20th is available if anyone would like to volunteer.** Also, if you would like to help any of our cooks, please speak to Tracy Letto.*

CANTATA

*The choir will be presenting a very special Christmas cantata, "The Glory of Christmas", next **Sunday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.** Please make plans to attend this presentation and invite others.*

CAROLING

*Come and go caroling with us! It's always a lot of fun. **Monday, Dec. 21.** We'll meet at the church at 5:45pm and have hot chocolate and cookies and stuff before and after. Let Nancy Napier or John Black know if you are interested in going or if you have suggestions for places to go.*

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

We will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on **Dec. 24th at 7:00 p.m.** This is always such a beautiful service as we prepare our hearts for Christmas and celebrate the birth of our Savior. We hope you will invite friends and family to attend.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Singing Americans of Stanly County are presenting their Christmas Concert **this Sunday at 3:00 p.m.** at the Agri-Civic Center in Albemarle. "The Glory of Christmas" is a celebration of the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus Christ. This Singing Americans are directed by Elizabeth Wilson. This is a **free** concert, though donations will be gladly accepted. Come join us. We hope to see you there.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thanks to everyone who provided Christmas boxes to give Christmas to a child and to provide the good news of Jesus Christ.

CLOTHING CLOSET

Infant/children's clothing and coats, sweaters of all sizes are especially needed at this time. Please speak to Kathy Stone or Debbie Mullis if you would like more information or to find out other specific needs of the clothing closet. Thanks to all who have been bringing items for our clothing closet.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

Our appreciation to everyone who donated items to provide Christmas packages for soldiers. A special thanks to Jennifer Harwood & Southwestern Randolph Middle School's Beta Club for all of their donations and a special thanks to all who helped to pack the boxes! Please continue to remember our soldiers in prayer – especially at this time of year when separated from families during Christmas. Pray that soldiers will come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

CHURCH COOKBOOKS

The church cookbooks have been completed and are off to the printers! The books include 416 recipes in a hardback, 3 ring binder entitled, "Fruits of the Spirit." There are also 16 color pages of hints/tips, 4 pages of personalized info including the history of our church as well as an introduction by Pastor John discussing Fruits of the Spirit.

Payments may be included with your advanced order or you may pay when the books arrive. We would like to have all advanced orders placed today. After advanced sales are collected, we can personalize and number certificates for those who wish to give the cookbooks as gifts. Please be in prayer that our cookbooks arrive in time for Christmas. **The cost for each book will be \$14.00.** Thanks to all of you who contributed recipes and helped to make this the best cookbook ever.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Friday, December 18: Ian Levine
Saturday, December 19: Aaron Deese

ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK:

Thursday, December 17: Ben & Sharon Davis

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budgeted monthly need: \$10,600.00
Avg. '09 monthly giving: \$9,276.00
Giving for December: \$ 3,827.00
'09 Faith Promise giving for Missions: \$2,126.00