

ADVENT III

The Sixteenth Day of December, Two-Thousand and Seven
Eight Forty-Five o'clock a.m.

*"Then the shepherds returned, glorifying praising God for all the things
that they had heard and seen, as it was told them." Luke 2:20*

Welcome to Our Guests
Moments of Meditation

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

The Lighting of the Advent Candles by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Powell

Mrs. Emily Boddy
Mr. Bob Mayo
Southbridge

Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Gloria Patri 252

*Hymn of Praise 100

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Missionary Moments

Responsive Reading 679 *"Birth"*

Message in Music

"Once Upon a Christmas"

Pastoral Prayer

Carol of Christ's Birth 118

"What Child Is This"

Offertory

"Pastorale"

The Doxology 253

Scripture Reading

Mrs. Kathi Traficanti

GLORIA

Mr. Brydon DeWitt

Mr. Ben Davidson

Mr. Bob Reed

Parton

GREENSLEEVES

Mr. Mayo

Broughton

Matthew 2:1, Luke 2:4, Micah 5:2-5a

Pew Bible, pages 783, 832, 756

Sermon

"PERCEPTIONS ARE _____?"

Reverend T. Michael Jessee

Hymn of Invitation 542

"In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came"

Benediction

Congregational Response

"O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!"

HE LIFTED ME

Postlude

"Trumpet Fanfare on ADESTE FIDELES"

Mr. Mayo

Rogers

*People in the Vestibule will be seated by our ushers at this time.

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THANK YOU to Tiffany Dawson, Robinette and Richard George, Randy Street, Angela and Rally Axselle for teaching our preschool children during worship.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the announced visit of the recommended candidate to be our next Senior Pastor during January 8th to January 13th. The purpose of the meetings, scheduled for Tuesday through Saturday, is to afford everyone the opportunity to ask questions and discuss qualifications. Members are urged to take advantage of these opportunities to meet the candidate. **A Business Meeting has been called, to begin immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 13, 2008,** so each member present may cast a ballot vote whether to call the candidate recommended by the Transition Committee as Senior Pastor of our congregation. There will be no 8:45 a.m. service on that day. Members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

THE DECEMBER EDITION of *"The Hummingbird"* is here! Please get your copy in the FLC Commons or on the website. If you would like to receive an email version, please contact Brook Tribble.

AS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BEGINS each year, we focus on prayer for world missions and encourage everyone to give to a special offering that helps take the good news to places where it is unknown. To participate, to help deliver the gift, just take the blue and white envelope that came with your offering envelopes, insert cash or check, and designate where you want it to go - to the Southern Baptist International Mission Board's Lottie Moon Offering or the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Global Mission Offering. It's what Christmas is all about!

"THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS" Dinner Theater will be this evening at 5:30 p.m. For ticket information, please see Leslie Willett or Susan Douglas.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: There will be no Wednesday night dinners on December 19th & 26th. Dinners will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd. **Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. Service Reminder:** Please carpool as much as possible. This is a very well attended service and we need all the parking spaces we can free up.

CARITAS is December 22-29! We need male overnight hosts, shower chaperones, laundry volunteers and breakfast servers for Christmas Day. Needed: men's clothing & shoes (used, includes career clothing), men's underwear and socks (new), toiletry items, other items listed on the board - place items in boxes marked CARITAS.

"CELEBRATE THE SEASON" at the Christmas Breakfast on Sunday, December 23rd at 9:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Sunday School will begin at 10:00 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Youth (grades 8-12) and adult volunteers are needed to work in the Upward Basketball Dunk'n DOG Café (Spence Hall and FLC) every Saturday in January and February. For information, visit the display in the Commons or contact Shelly Savage.

UPWARD DEVOTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Half-time devotions, five minutes in length, will be given to spectators during the games January 5th - February 23rd. Please sign up at the display in the Commons! For information or devotion suggestions, contact Jamie Mitchell (740-2472) or Thomas Gaskins (334-3160).

ATTENTION SECOND COUSINS AND FRIENDS: On Friday, January 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., we will depart for the *Swingtime Canteen* at the Barksdale Theater. The 40's burst onto the scene in this sentimental journey featuring hits from the Big Band Era. The cost is \$32. Please call Patty at 740-7101 to make your reservations.

NEW SS CLASS begins January 13, 2008, featuring lessons from the history and background of Daniel leading into the study of Ezra and Nehemiah. This class is for all ages of adults. It will be led by Joe Traficanti and held at 9:45 a.m. in Ed. 122.

LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS ... for "*Harbor of Rest*" Women's Retreat, given by Second Baptist, on January 25-27, 2008 at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. For information or to sign up, visit the display in the FLC Commons.

CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER, the weekday preschool at Second Baptist, is currently holding registration for the 2008-2009 school year. This ministry serves children who are between the ages of 18 months through 5 years (by September 30th). Please call Susan Hill or Debbie Winston at 740-9342, or email them at clc@secondbaptistrichmond.org for more information.

MISSIONS PANTRY: Before Thanksgiving, our CLC children collected more than 1,200 cans of food! We still need cereal, ***powdered milk (individual packages)***, canned fruit, oatmeal, grits and canned meat to fill the bags that our three Richmond Baptist Community Centers distribute to those in need. Please leave items in the Second Basket in the FLC Commons.

THIS WEEK AT SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship - Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary
11:10 a.m. Worship Builders Pre K & K
11:30 a.m. Russian Church Worship - C
5:30 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater - Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. Brazilian Church - Spence Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:00 p.m. Upward Basketball - FLC
6:30 p.m. ESL International Christmas Dinner - Spence Hall
8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - Library

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

1:00 p.m. *SECOND BELLS*
5:00 p.m. Upward Basketball - FLC
6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship Christmas Dinner - Home of Don and Connie Moe
7:00 p.m. Russian Bible Study - Ed. 105
7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Ed. 201

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study - Ed. 112
6:00 p.m. Middle School Christmas Party at the MacIlwaine, Boddy and Lawrence Homes
6:00 p.m. Senior High Christmas Party at the home of Todd & Leslie Willett
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Christmas Party at the home of Richard and Robinette George

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:00 p.m. 5th Grade SS Christmas Party and Tacky Light Tour
7:00 p.m. College Choir/*JUBILATE* Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Russian Prayer Mtg - Ed. 105
7:00 p.m. Young Adult & College Class Christmas Party at the home of Todd Mawyer

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00 p.m. CARITAS - Spence Hall (through December 29th)
Adult II Class Christmas Party at the home of Tyler and Gwendy Richmond