

ADVENT IV

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

"Brethren . . . out of you will come for me One
who will be ruler over Israel" Micah 5:2

Welcome to Our Guests	Mrs. Kathy LaPlante
Choral Call to Worship "O Holy Child of Bethlehem"	arr. Fontana
<i>The Lighting of the Advent Wreath by Mr. and Mrs. Bentley Heese and Family</i>	
Invocation and Lord's Prayer	Mr. Michael Walker
Gloria Patri 252	
*Hymn of Praise 94 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"	REGENT SQUARE
Responsive Reading 690 "Praise and Adoration"	Miss Michelle Ligon
Anthem "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"	The Sanctuary Choir Manz
Pastoral Prayer	
Choral Response "Lord Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"	Baker
Hymn of Faith 96 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"	IN DULCI JUBILO
Offertory "O Holy Night"	Mr. Mayo Lau
The Doxology 253	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:1-12
	Pew Bible, page 783
Sermon	Reverend T. Michael Jessee
	"WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?"
Hymn of Invitation 231 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"	MADRID
Benediction	Mr. Joel Ingram
Choral Response "Yea, Lord, We Greet Thee"	arr. Harlan
Postlude "The First Nowell"	Mr. Mayo Paxton

*People in the Vestibule will be seated by our ushers at this time.
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THANK YOU to Mary Marshall Graeber, Bev Dillard, Jenn Flinchum and Alice Kish for teaching our preschool children during worship.

OUR SYMPATHY to Emily Boddy and family upon the death of her great aunt and to Allison Rothschild and family upon the death of her great aunt.

"CELEBRATE THE SEASON" at the Christmas Breakfast at 9:15 a.m. in the FLC.

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. The candidate will preach at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 13th. **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 ACTEENS WISH TO THANK EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED our Christmas Post Office. We raised over \$400 for Youth Missions!

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!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: There will be no Wednesday night dinner on December 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.

UPWARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: **Café Volunteers:** Youth (grades 8-12) and adult volunteers are needed to work in the

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. Devotion Volunteers: 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. Referee Volunteers: We need volunteers that would be willing to work at least one Saturday a month, in January and February, for a three hour shift. Training will be provided and no basketball skills are required. Contact Taylor Mawyer or John Blekicki.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS: Nancy Elliott - Healthcare at Lakewood Manor; Jane Eng - Beth Shalom

A BRAZILIAN FAMILY, new to the U.S., needs furniture, household items, bedding, etc. For additional items and details, contact Pastor Rufino at 346-8444.

MERRY CHRISTMAS from WMU Inspirational Bookworms! Put this good book under the tree for yourself: When You're Running on Empty, Hope & Help for the Over-Scheduled Woman, by Cindi McMenamin, the guest speaker at the Women's Retreat in January. To purchase a book (\$11), see Kathi Traficanti in the church office. To sign up for the retreat, please visit the display in the Commons.

GOD HAS SECOND BAPTIST going on mission to South Africa! A *fact-finding vision trip* will take place early in 2008 to help us assess the needs of our partners in South Africa and how we can help. Following this trip, a *targeted mission team* will return. The *Youth International Mission Trip* will also be to South Africa this summer. Everyone can get involved through **prayer** for these missions efforts, **offering** to Second Baptist Mission "For South Africa," **servicing** on the sub-committee or **going** to South Africa! Please see Brydon DeWitt or Jamie Mitchell for more information.

THE FRIDAY MORNING BRIDGE GAMES will resume on January 4th at 10 a.m.

THE SINGLE LADIES LUNCHEON will be held on Sunday, January 6th, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, at Brios.

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.

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

THE CLOTHES CLOSET is *not accepting any clothing* until the end of January! Remember, we do not accept toys or household items due to limited space.

MISSIONS PANTRY is *out of* powdered milk, canned fruit, cereal, oatmeal, grits and *low on* peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, macaroni & cheese.

THIS WEEK AT SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

CARITAS in Spence Hall (through December 29)
 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary
 9:15 a.m. SS Christmas Breakfast
 10:00 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 - Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Brazilian Church - Spence Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE
Office and FLC Closed ½ Day
 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Brazilian Christmas Eve Service & Dinner - Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Russian Christmas Eve Worship - Ed. 201
 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY
Office and FLC Closed
 10:00 a.m. Russian Christmas Worship

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Office and FLC Closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Russian Prayer Mtg - Ed. 105