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OPPORTUNITIES – Week of January 7, 2018

Sunday, January 7

9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Youth Activities



Monday, January 8

6:30 pm Community Watch Meeting

Tuesday, January 9

8:15 – 11:30 am CBS Leadership Team Meeting
9:00 am Speeders – Firestone Grill
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 10

5:45 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
6:20 – 7:15 pm Children's Music & Missions
6:20 - 7:15 pm Youth Hang
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 13

2:00 – 4:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved

VOLUNTEERS

BABIES & PRESCHOOL TODDLERS

JANUARY 7

Cathy Brooks Libby &
& Assistant Meredith McCraw

JANUARY 14

Renee & Pam Phillips
Hannah Phillips & Assistant

JANUARY 21

Livvie Richard Robin &
Linda Pettigrew Leeann Jacobs

JANUARY 28

Cathy Brooks Susan Herd &
& Assistant Dianne Duncan

JANUARY

DEACON

Bill Walters

BUILDING LOCK-UP

Randy Strider

USHERS

Men's & Ladies' Class

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

ADULTS – Stew Beef over Rice, Green Beans, Cole Slaw,
Rolls, Dessert, Beverage CHILDREN – Chicken Nuggets

CHRISTMAS CARDS MISSION PROJECT

Used religious Christmas cards are being collected for a mission ministry. A basket has been placed in the narthex for the cards. We need only the front portion of the card.

Thank you.
Betty Ammons



Rev. Dan Freeman, Intentional Interim Pastor
Rev. Pamela Phillips, Minister of Preschool and Children
Rev. Nick Clanton, Minister of Youth
Gene and Becky Bumgardner, Co-Directors of Music
Becky Bumgardner, Pianist
Jerry Fulham, Organist
Sharon Waters, Church Secretary
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OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

*“Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.”*

Colossians 4:2 NIV

Pam Buckner (Salvation for a Mother)
(Regina Elmore, Linda Bess' sister)
(Mary Kerley) (Charlain Fitzgerald)
(Lena Marston – 4 years old – Cancer
Betty Ammons, Friend of Family)
(Larry Marshall) (Ernie Smith)
The Pastor Search Committee

THOUGHTS FROM REV. FREEMAN

I want to thank everyone for the outpouring of love that you bestowed upon Judy and myself during the Christmas season with your cards, food and financial gifts. Your kindness to us has been overwhelming.

As my time grows short with you, I want to thank you for the manner in which you participated in the Intentional Interim Process. It has been a joy for me to lead you through the process. I pray that it will have a long, lasting effect on Covenant Baptist Church.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Dan



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

We express our Christian sympathy to Trudy Shuford and family in the loss of her mother and one of our dear members, Mrs. Aline Shuford, and also to Tim and Lisa Taylor in the loss of her father, Mr. Benjamin Dominick.

Please know that your church family is remembering you and your families in thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

GIFTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN



In Memory of Aline Shuford

- Music Fund Joe and Pearline Buckner
- Building Fund Steve and Wanda McCraw
- Building Fund Bill and Barbara Walters
- Building Fund Bill Spargo
- Building Fund Ronald and Janice Goble
- Building Fund Cathy Barrett
- Building Fund Patsy Dellinger
- Building Fund Ann Lippy
- Building Fund Members of the Ladies' Deerbrook Golf Association - Shelby, NC

REMINDERS

- **Church Council Meeting** – January 9 7:00 pm
- **Church Conference** – January 24 6:30 pm
- **Contribution envelopes** are located in the church office hallway. Please take as many as you need for your family.
- **Inclement Weather** – Check WBTV, WSOC, WCNC or WHKY, or call your deacon.
- **Flower Calendar** - If you would like to place flowers for worship, choose your date, sign the hallway calendar, call or email Gayla Green, and call or email Sharon with wording to be included in the bulletin.



MUSIC MINISTRY

What a worship service, PEACE HAS COME! You were all instrumental in presenting the story of the baby, our Savior, JESUS! on Sunday evening, December 10.

Regardless of whether you parked cars, invited friends, memorized a monologue, sang in the choir or built a stage, fashioned fine royal robes or simple shepherd attire, made sandwiches or welcomed guest, maybe you painted a scene or changed it from behind, directed drama rehearsals, printed scripts, ran sound, lights, or put on make-up, took up tickets, held a word chart, or came to Adult Choir - 17 Wednesdays and 3 Saturdays! etc. . . . you made this happen . . . for us . . . for our community, for HIM!

Thank you cannot be said adequately enough to bring recognition to your collective labors of love.

Let's continue to seek HIM as we move together in 2018, as we continue to seek His will for Covenant Baptist church.

Becky and Gene Bumgardner



Dear Covenant friends,

Thank you so much for the cheer bags you gave to my parents, Jim and Sarah Navey. The bags were very much appreciated and they have enjoyed checking out their contents.

Most of all, I want to thank you for your support and prayers during the past year.

Sincerely,
Cathy Brooks

Thank you for everything you do!

For the bags of Christmas goodies, Steven and I want to thank you. We thank all of you and hope you had a Merry Christmas and wish each you all the best in the coming year.

Bill and Steven Spargo

Dear Beloved of Christ,

This is just a note to say Thank You for your continued support of Cornerstone Christian Center. God has been moving in the lives of our men and in the lives of our staff. We currently have 12 men at the facility with a waiting list. As a partner in our ministry, through individual sacrifice and service, it is Covenant Baptist Church member's prayers, gifts, and financial support that enable us to continue to point men to Christ, and watch Him transform their lives and the lives of their families. Please accept our thanks for Covenant Baptist Church's continued support of our ministry to these men. Our men are forgotten by many, but not by the Lord Jesus and his servants. Thank you again, and may God bless you in all you do.

Doug Lance, Executive Director *Philippians 1:3*

