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OPPORTUNITIES – Week of December 2, 2018

Sunday, December 2	First Sunday in Advent
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Hanging of the Green Service Called Church Conference to Follow Worship – Budget Vote
6:00 pm	Youth Activities
Tuesday, December 4	
8:15 am – 12:30 pm	CBS Leadership Team Meeting
10:00 am	Staff Meeting
6:00 pm	Annual Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 5	
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 7	
	Cantata Rehearsal
Saturday, December 8	
7:00 p.m.	<i>Rejoice in His Coming</i> Cantata to be Presented by the Covenant Choir

**“Rejoice in His Coming” will also be presented
Sunday, December 9, at 7:00 pm.**

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

**“This is the confidence that we have in approaching
God: that if we ask anything according to His will,
He hears us.”** – 1 John 5:14 NIV

Pam Buckner
(Iris Avery, Libby McCraw’s sister-in-law)
(Regina Elmore, Linda Bess’ sister)
(Lisa Grigg, Debbie Strider’s sister-in-law)
(Jerry Hill – Trudy Shuford’s brother-in-law)
(Janice Swann Howes – Former Member)
(Charlain Fitzgerald) (Mary Kerley)
(Molly Menger,
Moris & Linda McSwain’s granddaughter)
(Larry Marshall) (Ernie Smith)
(Calissa Stubbs, Prissy Ballenger’s granddaughter)
(Salvation for a Mother)

DECEMBER

DEACON	BUILDING LOCK-UP	USHERS
Trudy Shuford	Art Morgan	Covenant Deacons
USHERS – DECEMBER 16 – COVENANT YOUTH		
DEC 2	Robin & Leeann Jacobs	Pam Phillips & Assistant
DEC 9	Renee & Hannah Phillips	Pam Phillips & Assistant
DEC 16	Susan Herd & Cathy Brooks	Linda Pettigrew & Dianne Duncan
DEC 23	Libby & Meredith McCraw	Pam Phillips & Assistant
DEC 30	Robin & Leeann Jacobs	Pam Phillips & Assistant



**LAST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4 6:00 PM
\$15.00 PER PERSON
NURSERY PROVIDED**

MENU (CATERED)

**Lemon Pepper Chicken, BBQ Pork Ribs, Gravy, Corn
Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Vegetable Medley, Rolls
Sweet Tea, Coffee, Banana Pudding, Chocolate Fudge Cake**

ENTERTAINMENT

**Cross Anchored Male Trio
(Featuring Jay Pass who grew up in this church)
Recently, Jay was awarded the BEST MALE TENOR
vocalist in the Western District.**

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE



The Christmas Angel Tree, located in the narthex, contains requests from some needy children at Gardner Park School.

We received fewer names than we requested this year, so some of you might want to "share" a child. Also, check to see if an angel is left on the tree after the service on Sunday, and take one for yourself.

Bring the UNWRAPPED gifts to the church by Wednesday, December 12 (with tag attached).

Thank you in advance for helping make Christmas a little merrier for each of these families. If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Gail White

POINSETTIA FORMS – DUE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

The cost for each poinsettia is \$9.50. The checks and forms are due by Sunday, December 2. Forms may be found on the fellowship hall tables, narthex table, and the hallway shelf.



HEART HEALTHY COOKING CLASS SIGN UP SHEET LOCATED ON NARTHEX TABLE

On March 21, 2019 Covenant Baptist Church will host a heart healthy cooking class beginning at 12 noon. We are partnering with Lisa Marisiddaiah and the Faith Health Gaston team from CaroMont's Spiritual Care Department. This is a free class where you will learn from a professional chef how to cook meals that are both delicious and heart healthy. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the narthex. Space is limited to 25 for educational and time constraint purposes.

MAKE A NOTE!

- The Advent Booklets are ready for you to pick up. They are located on the round table in the narthex. We ask that you please take one per household.
- Contribution envelopes are located in the church office hallway.
- A called church conference to vote on the 2019 proposed budget will be Sunday, December 2.



- Covenant's Christmas cantata will be presented at 7:00 pm Saturday, December 8, and Sunday, December 9.
- The Wednesday Fellowship meals will resume January 2.

Chilled But Filled



Women's Ministry Ladies Dinner & Fellowship Tuesday, December 11 6:00 pm
Covenant Baptist Fellowship Hall All Ladies Invited Child Care Provided on Request



Reservations are required by December 7. Sign-up sheets are located in the Sunday School classes, on the Bulletin Boards, and on the Narthex table.



The Women's Ministry Cheer Bags will be ready for distribution to our homebound and nursing home friends. We are also taking donations to purchase items to fill the cheer bags. Designate "Women's Ministry" on your check memo line.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Thanksgiving is a special time of the year for many Americans. No matter your political leanings, your rung on the socioeconomic ladder, religious affiliation, or any other classification that helps to define who you are, you can find something for which to be thankful. I will grant that for some Americans it may take longer to identify something for which they may feel led to offer thanks, such is the nature of an unjust world.

For Christians this mentality of thanksgiving is not limited to one day out of an entire year, it is a daily practice of offering thanks to God for our most prized gift: salvation from our sins and all the hope and assurance that comes along with this gift. As the people of God through the New Covenant in Jesus Christ, Christians have reason to be thankful every day.

However, as American Christians, we have a special opportunity to share in thanksgiving with all our fellow citizens on the fourth Thursday of every November.

My hope is that you were given opportunity or took advantage of the season, and gave thanks, reflecting on the many reasons that you ought to offer thanks last Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. It is easy to become preoccupied with the feasting, fellowshiping, football watching, and preparations to shop, so that we fail to be thankful on this holiday of thanksgiving. Be encouraged to carry this thankfulness into the next round of holidays next month. How might you be able to turn this thankful heart that beats in your chest into thankful hands and feet that impact our community for the better? Helping others to find thankfulness in their lives, perhaps thankfulness for your living out your faith in tangible ways for them.