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Advent



by Paul Sisk

“Advent is a four-week period when the Church joyfully remembers the coming of Christ and eagerly looks forward to His coming again.” That is the beginning of an article by my friend Chris Alford. Paraphrasing and adding to it, consider this about Advent.

Beginning with the Sunday nearest November 30, the season includes the four Sundays before Christmas. Advent, which means coming, is the Christian observance signaling that Christmas is on the way. We decorate our Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas and include the Advent Wreath and Candles. The



Advent wreath consists of a circle of evergreen branches set around four candles. The wreath circle stands for the eternal life

that Christ gives to all believers. The candles, which usually consist of three purple candles and one pink one, represent the coming of Christ as the light of the world. We light one purple candle on the first Sunday of Advent and then another one on each succeeding Sunday. They help us to focus on the anticipation, hope, joy, and peace of the Christ event!

The purple candles signify that Advent is a season of repentance as well as expectation of the royalty of the coming King (Christ

Jesus). We light the pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent as the call to "Rejoice! ... the Lord is near," based on Philippians 4:4. We also have a white candle in the center, called the Christ candle which we light on Christmas Eve and throughout the Twelve Days of Christmas, which begin on December 25 and end January 5.

Oh, let us not forget that Advent also points to the Second Coming of Christ. Mark 13:33 records Jesus saying, "Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come." Other Scriptures to consider for Advent are Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; and Mark 13:24-37. O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

Prayer Corner

Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

To be thankful in all circumstances is to express our acceptance of something God has permitted to happen. Praising involves both gratitude and joy that God is keeping His word to work good through everything if we love Him (Romans 8:28).

To praise God rather than to focus on an un-

by Susan Parker

known fate means that we are accepting the fact that our omnipotent loving Father takes responsibility for what is happening and glories in our understanding and trust that He is at work in our lives perfecting plans for good and not for evil so that we may have a future and hope (Jeremiah 29:11).

Praising God in difficult situations, losing control in sickness or disaster (just as it is) does not come naturally. However, when we make a

conscious effort to do what God says, we can begin to see ourselves, others, and our circumstances with a new "God perspective" and in obedience to His word find a Supernatural ease to be joyful and thankful. A thankful heart is a humble heart. One that trusts and honors God who assures us by His word, unlimited power and promise to release the greatest good into our lives.

"I thank God for my handicaps, for through them I have found myself, my work, and my God."

Helen Keller

By Carl Peters



What's the Score: Music Ministry Update

Do you remember birthdays and Christmas from your childhood? When did you start anticipating these events? A great part of what makes birthdays and Christmas so much fun is the anticipation. For many, the anticipation begins months in advance. We “can’t wait” for these special days to arrive!

Our pastor’s article about Advent aptly describes this four week period as a season of preparation for Christmas. The world teaches us not to wait! You can have it all right now. For some, it has been Christmas since before Halloween! As Christians, we are counter-cultural. Our celebration of Christmas is based on delayed gratification – “in the fullness of time.” Some things are worth the wait, and the more time we spend pre-

paring and anticipating, the more beautiful our experience when “the time comes.”

As part of our preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ will be seasonal music offerings. Each Sunday in Advent, our children’s choir will be singing a stanza of “Light the Light, the Fire of Life.” At this time the candles of the Advent Wreath will be lit. On December 11th at 6 pm, the Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra will present the first part of Handel’s incomparable MESSIAH. Among the soloists for this presentation will be Juliann Aguhob and Dee Dee Kalos. Dr. Tilford will play the organ with Claire Vance accompanying on the harpsichord. Our choir and orchestra have worked very hard to learn this music and we pray

that our offering will be pleasing to the Lord and edifying to His people.

On Christmas Eve at 6 pm, our Chamber Choir will present a Festival of Lessons and Carols. We will mark in Scripture the narrative of Salvation History and sing the beautiful carols of the season. Christmas day is on Sunday. We will have worship at 10:25 am. There will be no Sunday School that day so that we can spend that time with our families.

How will you prepare and anticipate the birthday of the Lord Jesus? Our journey through the season of Advent will help us to arrive at Christmas with great hope, peace, joy and love! May your experience of Advent be most meaningful, so that when Christmas arrives, you will be like a child again!



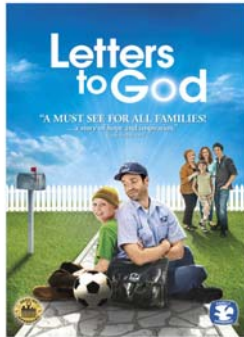
**My soul magnifies
the Lord,
And my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior.**

2011 Advent Schedule

Sunday, December 11	6:00 p.m.	Handel’s MESSIAH	
Sunday, December 18	10:25 a.m.	“First at Christmas” emphasis	
Saturday, December 24	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service	
Sunday, December 25	10:25 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship! (Sunday School cancelled)	

Recreation News

On Friday, January 13th at 8:00pm, we will have a **Family Movie Night** here at the church! We will be showing "Letters to God". This movie portrays the story of a young boy fighting cancer who writes letters to God. An unsuspecting substitute postman, with a troubled life of his own, becomes entangled in the boy's journey and his family by reading the letters. They inspire him to seek a better life for



By Chris Keener

himself and his own son he's lost through his alcohol addiction. This movie is very inspiring and based on a true story. We will show the movie on the big screen in the sanctuary. An

alternate movie for small children will be shown in the youth room in the ARC. Please make plans to attend and bring someone with you!!

Here you also see pictures from recent recreation

activities including the Creation Museum trip and Family Game Night.



Church Family Information-December

Birthdays:

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| 1 Shirley Durbin | 18 Marlene Gibbons |
| John King | Emily Rogers |
| Paula Williams | Lisa Rogers |
| Jerry Wilson | 19 Lallie Aguhob |
| 2 Gussie Smith | Glenda Baker |
| 3 Linda Ledford | Chuck Whitlow |
| 4 Pat Stafford | 21 Bettye Neal |
| 5 Cindy Henderson | 22 Tayanita Hill-Childers |
| Fenna Mulder | 24 Ana Woodcock |
| 6 Don Kelley | 27 Louise Clark |
| Ronnie Pugh | Nick Nicholson |
| Faye Sharp | 28 Marsha Wells |
| 7 Norma Brown | Ella Woolums |
| Matthew Cox | 29 Floyd Carter |
| 9 Laura Rogers | Jennifer Quillen |
| 10 Lesa Denniston | |
| Daniel Webb | |
| 11 Dick Hurst | |
| Jean Wallace | |
| 13 Debbie Edwards | |
| 14 Betsy Morgan | |
| Piper Phillups | |
| 15 Brenda Burton | |
| 16 Mary Jean Gibson | |
| Kimberly Harris | |
| Reid Hucaby | |
| Arliss Rodgers | |

Anniversaries:

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| 1 Peggy & T. L. Wilson |
| 5 Jo & Gene Puckett |
| 9 Jacque & Dan Hammond |
| 20 Katie & Bryan Young |

Welcome New Members!



Jack, Denise, Taylor & Zackary York



Ruth Conley



Beginning 12/4 Children ages 5-9 (or parent's discretion) are invited to come to the Church Library following Sunday School to attend Children's Church

The purpose of this program is to transition 5-9 year olds from child-care to church. Our goal is to do this while providing spiritual guidance in an age appropriate and engaging environment

Discover the Joy of Missions

WMU News

December is a busy month for everyone. As you look at your calendars this month, I would like to invite all the women of Anchor to join us for an afternoon of fellowship on Sunday, December 4 from 2-4 pm at the home of Janie Powell. Janie's address is 3429 Gingertree Circle and her phone number is 269-7264.

Our Missions emphasis this month is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our

goal is \$2,000. We will be collecting for this offering for the month of December. To date we have collected \$1262.00 for World Hunger.

Thank you to everyone that assembled a shoebox for Samaritan's Purse. With help from the Bluegrass Deaf Mission we collected 255 boxes.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that we will not have a WMU meeting in January or February. Our next

meeting will be March 18th, 2012.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you!

by Stephanie Denniston for the Woman's Missionary Union



Anchor's Goal is \$2,000

Strategic Planning Report

These are some accomplishments of Anchor towards achieving the goals and objectives accepted by the church in 2011:

I. Seating in the sanctuary expanded by 84 seats for comfort and growth.

- a. 2010 43 new members
- b. 2011 as of Oct. 15, 56 new members

II. New Sunday School class for 40 Somethings began and taught by Carl Peters.

III. The Information Technology (IT) Committee was revamped to advise and guide Anchor in the area of information technology and maintain existing and future systems. This committee has already been hard at work. Because a large percentage of visitors have come after seeing our website, the committee has undertaken the task of making our website easier to update

and maintain. They are also working to set up a system to stream Sunday worship services on the internet, and to provide better communication for youth activities and sermonettes for the youth. In conjunction with the streaming of Sunday worship services, they are working on providing better lighting which will also help with the glare problem behind the pulpit.

IV. Chris Keener has seen an increase in youth coming to services on Wednesday nights and double the number going to Ridge Crest this fall. He is also working towards getting the youth more involved in church duties (greeting and passing out bulletins)

V. Outreach and Sunday School leaders are working together to forward names of visitors to appropriate Sunday School Classes for further contact.

Also a Sunday School Teacher meeting will be held so teachers can share ideas and discuss issues related to Sunday School materials and other Sunday School related issues.

VI. Church fellowships have been well attended.

VII. A Senior Activities group has been considered. Interest was shown and will be on the agenda at a future date

VIII. The parking lot spaces for visitors and signage have improved and our parking team is doing a tremendous job in greeting and parking.

Anchor has made strides this past year toward meeting our long-range objectives. We anticipate this to continue in the upcoming year. We encourage all members and committee/team members to redouble the effort toward furthering the mission of Anchor Baptist Church.



by Sam Ball

Youth News

In a word, “busy” describes the activity level of our youth over the past weeks and months! As a group, they prepared four shoe boxes for Samaritan’s purse. Each teenager brought one or two items for each box. These boxes will be shipped to children all over the world. Also, on November 12th, the youth participated in a service project for the Elkhorn Baptist Association. Elkhorn recently acquired a storage shed that was in need of painting. Our youth rose to the occasion,



got up early on a Saturday morning and painted the shed for Elkhorn. Please see pictures of this service project in this edition of Moorings. At our weekly youth meeting on Wednesday nights our youth have been preparing to defend their faith. Our series, Demolishing Strongholds, which focuses on defending the Biblical view of creation, will continue throughout December. We are already seeing this study have an impact on our teenagers. One of our mid-

by Chris Keener

dle school youth mentioned the series to her science teacher who is teaching the theory of evolution to her class. This student ended up taking the video we have been watching to her teacher for him to watch! Many more examples of our teenagers defending their faith at school have been very encouraging to see. Finally, the youth offer thanks to A.J. and Janie Powell. The Powell’s graciously opened their home to our youth for November’s Sunday night fellowship. They provided us with a wonderful place to meet and a delicious meal! For information on upcoming youth activities, please refer to the The Forecast, our youth newsletter.

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