



CBC News

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A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH

I want to start by saying Merry Christmas from the DeCosta family. We love you very much and look forward to a New Year of serving the Lord at Clarendon Baptist Church. This year, 2020, has been excruciating for many of us. It has taken a toll on all of us personally, spiritually and otherwise. However, God has blessed us so much. The last three weeks, our church has seen a good turn in ministry, missions and overall spirit. I am excited about the future and all of the possibilities that come with serving Christ in 2021.

As I think about Christmas, I am moved to praise. When I read Luke chapter 2, I cannot escape the massive event that took place. The thing that stands out is the overwhelming praise in heaven and earth. In verses 14 and 20, we can see the armies of heaven (heavenly hosts) and angels saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests." The average person in the streets could not contain their praise of "The One" who would take our sins away. The shepherds went home, "glorifying and praising God."

I want to focus on the word *glory*. The announcement of His birth brought hope for the world and light to the darkness. Jesus' birth gave us the opportunity to gain access to God. He would pave the way to a personal relationship with God Almighty for those who repent and believe. Bethlehem is the announcement that God is not a distant deity but is now with us, Emanuel. It was undeniable to the heavenly hosts, shepherds and Magi.

When the shepherds went out into the community glorifying God, they were boasting of God's goodness. The word *glory* in Luke's account means "to give proper weight." In the days of Augustus, merchandise was bought by weight, and a scale measured the value. The scale would give you a value or price. It is where we get the saying, "He is worth his weight in gold." Glorifying God is expressing His value as much as humanly possible. Do you express to others how valuable Christ is to you? It is hard to define glory, but that is what we must do with our lives. We must glorify Him in all we do. Express to a lost and dying world that Jesus is infinitely valuable. There is none like Him.

This Christmas remember that we will miss Christmas altogether if we are not changed by what happened in that manger over 2,000 years ago. Let us gather around our trees, tables and churches and glorify the King of kings and Lord of lords. Merry Christmas!

Just a Servant,
Pastor Mike and Family

Flowers: *Poinsettias* **Building Attendant:** Jay Gardner

Counting Committee

- 12.6** Heather Alsbrook, Jewell Brown
- 12.13** Robert Etheridge, Derek Lee
- 12.20** Tabitha Gardner, Jodi Thompson
- 12.27** Tom Chappell, TBA

*To all who are involved in various ministries,
please keep in contact with the chairperson of your ministry as we
move forward. Thank you for your faithfulness and patience.*

Calendar of Events

- 8** Deacon Board Meets 7 PM
- 20** Christmas Caroling & Mission Outreach, 6 PM
(Details in lower right corner)
- 24** Church Office Closed
- 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service 6 PM
- 25** **CHRISTMAS**
- 31** Church Office Closed *thru Jan. 1st*

PRAYER MINISTRY

CBC Members:

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|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Johnny Baker | *Welborn Brewer | Jewell Brown |
| Esau Dennis | Jennie DuRant | Valorie Evans |
| David McCabe | Jessie McCabe | Ray Richburg |
| Shaun Richburg | Joshua Stone | David Young |

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer
and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made
known to God.” Philippians 4:6*



**FAITH PROMISE
MINISTRY**

**Alex & Jamie Pettett
& Family**
w/World Witness

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Happy Birthday

- 5** Jessica Gabert
 Rodney Richburg
 Nikki Woodard
- 9** Maria Rose
- 10** Mary E. Lee
 Darrell Turner
- 11** Clayton Lee
- 12** Brittanie Steen
- 15** Johnny Baker
 Ed Hinson
 Kelly McCrea
- 18** Scott Tanner
- 19** Charlie Ard
 Sadie Gardner
- 20** Katherine Ann Gardner
- 21** Rhyan Gaff
 VeLinda Reynolds
 John Thompson
- 25** **JESUS CHRIST**
 Jamie Hodge
 Berneice Smith
- 28** Kayla Acord
 Linda Ard
 Cory McWhite
- 29** Kathy Thompson
 Jim “Bubba” Walker
- 30** Welborn Brewer
- 31** Heather Alsbrook

*If we have missed your birthday,
please call the church office so that
we can add your name to our
birthday list.*

**Christmas Caroling &
Mission Outreach**

Sunday, December 20, 6PM

Donations of Wal Mart or
grocery store gift cards (\$20-
\$25) are requested by Wed.,
Dec. 16. Cards can be turned
in to Tom Chappell (*Point
Person*) or the church office.
*Fellowship meal to follow in CBC
Fellowship Hall.*

Women of Joy - Abide: The Spring 2021 Tour

March 12-14, 2021, The Ramsey Hotel and Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

Rates for 2 nights lodging & conference:

4 per room	\$179 per person
3 per room	\$199 per person
2 per room	\$239 per person
1 per room	\$369 per person

If interested in attending, monthly payments can be made with **all monies due by Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020.**
Checks can be made out to the church with Women of Joy Conference written on the memo line.

For more information, speak with Karen DeCosta (803.530.4425), Carole Evans (803.566.0991) or go online to <https://womenofjoy.org/upcoming-events/2021-03-12---2021-03-14---pigeon-forge-tn---the-ramsey-hotel-and-convention-center/109/>

A Note: The Church Lady will not be in the office Dec. 7 – 10. However, the pastors will be available and will pass on any pertinent information to her (info for bulletin, prayer list, etc.).

A Christmas Prayer of Good Wishes

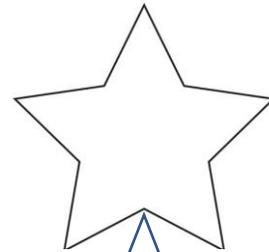
May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.
Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

– Author Unknown

A Prayer About the True Gift of Christmas

The gifts I'd leave beneath your tree,
Aren't those that you can touch or see,
No toys meant just for pointless play,
But gifts to bless you every day.
The gift of friendship warm and true,
Is one that I would leave for you.
Good health and happiness and cheer
To keep you smiling through the year.
The gift of peace that comes from God,
With prayer to guide each path you trod.
And when your heart has lost its song
The gift of hope to cheer you on.
These are the gifts I'd leave for you.

– Kay Hoffman



O
holy
night, the
stars are
brightly
shining. It is the
night of our dear
Savior's birth!

*May you be blessed with the spirit of the season, which is peace,
the gladness of the season, which is hope, and
the heart of the season, which is love.
Merry Christmas from those at the corner of
Hotel and Main!*