



CBC News

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A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH

The Purpose of Christmas

In the days of Caesar Augustus, a decree went out from the Roman Empire. I would submit to you a more important decree went out from earth to heaven, a decree that had been written on the hearts of men and women from the time of The Fall, a decree of desperation that said we have no hope to release us from the power of sin, a decree that was the cry of every creature that was in the clutches of death. It was a blood-curdling scream that simply is on the tongue of every person in the midst of a life or death emergency, "Help!"

All of Heaven heard the call, and the Scripture promised in Galatians 4:4, "But when the fullness of time had come God sent forth His Son...", was fulfilled. This Scripture is packed full of hope and reconciliation. On that Christmas morning, Angels sang the praises of Heaven, Shepherds watched with astonishment, and The Star hung over Bethlehem announcing to the world, "Your redemption has drawn near...." God had made the journey from heaven to earth to make us holy and to bring us peace. What kind of peace? Peace with God.

So, as you open your gifts under the tree, remember that night that is the hinge on which history swings. Remember Mary taking her baby (who is the God of all creation) and wrapping Him in swaths of cloth indicating that this gift of Heaven is not only hers but is Emmanuel (*God with Us*). The one who will save us from our sins. Praise the Lord! Let us celebrate this season with Joy and Love knowing that Jesus Christ is the reason. If you realize this truth, you can sing along with the choirs of Heaven, watch with amazement like the shepherds, and shine the light of Christ to the world announcing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men, on whom His favor rests," and we can join in the blessed chorus, "Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King."

Building Attendant: Tom Chappell

Nursery

- 12.5 Patti Odom
- 12.12 Beth Etheridge
- 12.19 Kim Gardner
- 12.26 Heather Alsbrook

Counting Committee

- 12.5 Betsy Jordan, Patti Odom
- 12.12 Dr. Robert Etheridge, Tommy Geddings
- 12.19 Tabitha Gardner, Jodi Thompson
- 12.26 Jewell Brown, Amy Chappell

Ushers

- 12.5 Brent Jordan, John Smith
- 12.12 Aaron, Grainger, & Wyatt Powell
- 12.19 Bryce, Chris, & Reid Jordan
- 12.26 Dr. Robert Etheridge, Les Odom

PRAYER MINISTRY

CBC Members

Johnny Baker, Esau Dennis, Jennie DuRant, Valorie Evans, Juanita Hunter, Nell Langston, *Harriet Locklair, *William Locklair, Margie Mutchler, David McCabe, Jessie McCabe, Dan McInnis, VeLinda Reynolds, Ray Richburg, Shaun Richburg, Jim "Bubba" Walker

Calendar of Events

- 5 Church-wide Business Meeting
(More info on last page)
- 12 Community Christmas Outreach, 6 pm
- 14 Deacons Meeting, 7 pm
- 19 *Sing We Now of Christmas!*
(During AM Worship Service)
Children's Christmas Party Youth Christmas Party
(Details for both on last page.)
- 24 *Church office will be closed.*
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion, 6 pm
- 25 **CHRISTMAS**
- 31 New Year's Eve

Happy Birthday

- 5 Jessica Gabert
Rodney Richburg
Nikki Woodard
- 10 Mary E. Lee
Darrell Turner
- 11 Clayton Lee
- 12 Brittani Steen
- 15 Johnny Baker
Kelly McCrea
Campbell McInnis
- 19 Charlie Ard
Sadie Gardner
- 20 Katherine Ann Gardner
- 21 VeLinda Reynolds
John Thompson
- 25 **JESUS CHRIST**
Jamie Hodge
Berneice Smith
- 28 Kayla Acord
Linda Ard
Cory McWhite
- 29 Kathy Thompson
Jim Walker
- 31 Heather Alsbrook
Please call the church office if we have missed your birthday.

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARY



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Sing We Now of Christmas!

Join us during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 19 as the congregation and sanctuary choir worship together singing songs of Christmas and receiving a blessing from God's Word!

Doughnuts & Coffee

Sunday, 8:45 – 9:30
CBC Fellowship Hall

Juice will also be available.



Deacon Board Update: The 2022 Church Budget, 2022 Faith Promise Budget, and the bank account issues are active business with the church at this time. There will be a Business Meeting immediately following morning worship on Sunday, December 5, 2021 during which the budgets and bank account concerns will be addresses. We will have more update soon on the Church Directory project and other new mission opportunities. *The CBC Deacon Board wishes everyone a blessed and joyous Christmas!*

December Family Night Schedule

Sunday, December 5 Children & Youth will meet @ CBC from 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm.
Sunday, December 12 C/Y will join in Community Christmas Outreach.
Sunday, December 19 Children (5th gr. and younger) – Christmas Party @ the Geddings' home
Youth (6th – 12th grade) – Christmas Party @ the McInnis' home
Sunday, December 26 NO evening Children/Youth Activities @ CBC.

Week of Prayer for International Missions: Nov. 28 – Dec. 5

Why the Christmas offering for International Missions is named for Lottie Moon: While living in China, Lottie wrote letters to the Foreign Mission Board (now the International Mission Board) and to Baptist women. She asked for more missionaries and for money to grow her work among the Chinese. Because of Lottie's determination, WMU collected a Christmas Offering to give to the Foreign Mission Board. In 1918, at Annie Armstrong's suggestion, WMU named the offering for Lottie Moon. Today, we still give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor of her work and sacrifice to keep our missionaries on the field. One hundred percent of the offering goes to the missionaries, none to administration.

CBC 2022 Faith Promise Budget is available for pick up in the sanctuary and can be emailed upon request. Thank you for your continuing support of our Faith Promise missions/missionaries.

CBC 2022 Proposed Church Budget is available for pick up and review; copies of proposed budget can be found in the sanctuary or can be emailed upon request. We will discuss and vote on the proposed budget in the Business Meeting scheduled to follow the morning worship service on December 5th.

Proposal for Banking Account Change for Building Fund

The Deacons have reviewed a concern with the financial security of CBC's total accounts and specifically our Building Fund. Currently, all monies are held in accounts at the Bank of Clarendon. The total value of all accounts exceeds the FDIC insured amount of \$250,000. As such, if there was ever a bank failure, we could potentially lose a lot of those funds. To remedy this, the Deacon Board worked with our treasurer to assess several options and have decided to recommend we open another account at First Palmetto or Bank of Greeleyville and transfer \$250,000 from the Building Fund to a 1-year CD that can be renewed going forward. The total amount of the building fund would remain unchanged, but this would allow for all church accounts to be fully FDIC insured in the future. We believe it is in our authority to make this change, but we did want to bring it before the church membership for discussion and a vote. We will vote on this after the morning worship service on Sunday, Dec 5, 2021.

Community Christmas Outreach, Sunday, December 12, 6:00 pm

Everyone is invited to join together to sing Christmas carols and share with our neighbors the love of Christ and the joy of the Christmas season. Donations of Wal-Mart or grocery store gift cards (\$20-\$25) are requested as are toys for girls and boys. Gift cards and toys can be placed in designated boxes at the front of the sanctuary or can be given to Pastor Mike (*point person*) or brought to the church office **no later than the morning of Sunday, December 12.** Fellowship meal to follow in CBC Fellowship Hall.

*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!*