

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

* Nursery Available

Sunday, November 29, 2009

- * 8:55 AM Sunday Morning Praise
- * 9:45 AM Sunday School
- * 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 5:00 PM Decorate
- 6:00 PM Hanging of the Greens
- Supper immediately following Worship

Monday, November 30, 2009

- 9:00 AM Senior Adult Trip
- 10:00 AM Arthritis Exercise Class

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

- 10:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

- 10:00 AM Circle 4
- 11:30 AM Circle 2 Christmas Party in FH
- 6:00 PM Family Night Fellowship
- * 6:45 PM Adult, Youth, & Children Bible Studies & Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 3, 2009

- 6:30 PM Drop In Class Christmas Party in FH
- 7:00 PM Autism Support Group in Pairs & Spares

Friday, December 4, 2009

- PASTOR'S SABBATH
- 10:00 AM Arthritis Exercise Class

Saturday, December 5, 2009

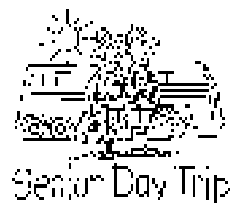
- 6:30 PM Jesup Christmas Parade

Senior Adult News

We are going to the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum in Pooler on Monday, November 30. We will leave the church, by van at 9:00 am. The cost is \$8.00 (plus gas money for the van).

We plan to eat at the Cracker Barrel when we leave the museum at 1:00 pm.

Please sign up in your Sunday School Class or call the church office @ 427-2738.



Senior Day Trip

OUR FAITHFULNESS November 22, 2009

Sunday School	117
Sunday Morning Worship	145
Evening Worship	16
Budget Needs This Week	8,626. 10
Receipts This Week	6,553. 68
Receipts To Date	310,402. 70

My Dear Friends: At this writing, the church has been unable to meet its monthly contribution to the conference apportionments for three months: August, September, and October. With November's portion due next week and December just around the corner, it appears that we could be short 5 months very soon. Jesup First, even in the tough times, has always remained a "Fully Connected Church" by giving 100% of the apportionments. And your pastor has never, in 18 years of pastoral ministry, missed being 100%. Will you dig a little deeper and give a little extra so that we might catch up? Thanks for all you do ... *Tucker*



2010 CALENDARS

Wall Calendar: \$6.00
Pocket Calendar: \$5.00



Sin will keep you from this book, or this book will keep you from sin

D.L. Moody
on the Bible

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ADVENT HAPPENINGS

There's nothing like the excitement of the church's high and holy moments. Today, we enter into one of those, the season called Advent. Advent means "coming." It is the season of the church calendar during which we celebrate Jesus' first advent as Bethlehem's Babe and anticipate His Second Coming as King of kings and Lord of lords. As always, there will be lots to do this year. We will all be asked to make difficult decisions between participation in the church's programs and activities and participation in other activities. I encourage you to place these items on your calendar and plan to attend.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Tonight beginning @ 5:00
More Holy than Holly is the theme of our Hanging of the Greens Service tonight. Often we obsess over the season's activities: decorating, partying, buying and giving gifts, and even family to the total neglect of the holy. Tonight, we'll gather for Christian fellowship as we decorate our Sunday School rooms. Then, at 6:00, we'll worship together in the sanctuary before sharing a family meal in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Sunday, December 13 @ 5:00 – *Our children will present their annual Christmas Program, **The Best Christmas Present Ever**. Invite your family and friends to a night of fun and worship in celebration of Jesus' birth. No PM Worship!*

CHORAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA: Sunday, December 20 @ 11:00 – *The Chancel Choir will present its annual Christmas cantata, **Rise Up**. We will move together through Advent's anticipation to Christmas' fulfillment. No PM Worship!*

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Thursday, December 24 @ 6:00 – *Congregational singing, special music, and Holy Communion will highlight our Christmas Eve celebration. This is a great time to invite your family and friends, especially those who do not attend another church to experience the joy of Christmas and the love of our church family.*

Come and Celebrate ... Tucker



The Worship Of God
First Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Color: Blue
November 29, 2009 11:00 A.M.

THE PRELUDE Davida Phillips

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please register your attendance, using the pew pads, during this time

THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

The Bond of Love

We are one in the bond of love, we are one in the bond of love;
 We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God, we are one in
 the bond of love.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

* **THE CHORUS** No. 204
Emmanuel

* **HYMN** No. 577
God of Grace and God of Glory (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Child - Sumner Card
 Mary - Morgan Harper

SONG FOR THE CANDLE (words below)
Advent Song

Candle, candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
 candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Tucker

Children through Third Grade may attend Children's Church.
 A Nursery is provided for small children.

PASTORAL PRAYER

* **THE HYMN** No. 196
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY Lori Lewis

* **THE DOXOLOGY** No. 79
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
 though in essence only one; undivided God we claim thee,
 and adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

THE ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Advent Song

THE GOSPEL Blythe Bland
Isaiah 9:2-7

THE SERMON Rev Tucker Lewis
Hope's Light is Shining

* **THE HYMN** No. 228
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

* **BENEDICTION**

* **THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
 Redeemer come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide;
 eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name.

* **THE POSTLUDE** Davida Phillips

* *Congregation Standing*

*The beautiful flowers placed at the altar this
 week are given to the Glory of God and
 in Honor of Lauren Stephen's 16th Birthday
 by Calvin & Johnnie Hayes, Joyce Stephens
 and Ray, Debbie & Rachel Stephens.*



Hanging of the Greens

5:00 pm Decorate

6:00 pm Worship

Supper immediately following Worship

Pastor's Vacation & Spiritual Retreat

December 28—January 6

WELCOME VISITORS

*All who worship here enter into God's
 presence as family. Worship is designed
 to honor God and to strengthen us in our faith.
 We trust your experience has been a blessing
 and that you will join us again soon.*

THOSE ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

GREETERS: Open Door Sunday School Class

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Lori Lewis

ACOLYTES: Blythe Bland, Brayden Bland, Hannah Williams,
 Clayce Williams, Isabelle Williams, Bailey Thornton

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Freeman, Dinah Purvis, Ann Causey

VISITATION TEAM: 5

*Our Deepest Christian Sympathy is extended
 to Beverly Roberson and family in the death
 of her husband Rev. Joseph Roberson,
 Statesboro District Superintendent.*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Sunday, December 13
 5:00 pm



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 20
 11:00 am

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Thursday, December 24
 6:00 pm

Our Ministry of Prayer

Members: Mark Johnson, Fred Donica, Larry Collins, John Barry
 Nichols, John Lee, Kathy McCormick, Layton Martin

Friends and Family: Family of Rev. Joseph Roberson, Jack
 Smith, Dorothy Sponholtz (Louise Dear's sister), Jack Jordan, Russell
 McGehee

Shut-In's: Lucille Collier, Martha Gibbs, Tom & Sara James,
 Carolyn Littlefield, Adele Long, Ashley Madray