

**Advent**

A  
COMMUNITY OF  
FAITH  
STRIVING  
TO

**KNOW**  
CHRIST  
PERSONALLY

**GROW**  
WITH CHRIST  
INTIMATELY

**SHOW**  
CHRIST  
PASSIONATELY

It's almost here! My favorite season of the church year – Advent – is almost here. I love the building sense of expectation and anticipation as we wait on the coming of Christ. This year, our Advent theme is "Expecting Emmanuel." I love this theme because it reminds us that we are waiting expectantly for Christ to come – and come again. Also, it reminds us that, just as Mary was expecting Jesus, we, too, are called to bear Christ into the world – to share the hope, peace, love, and joy that only Christ can bring.

In her book of Advent and Christmas poems, *Kneeling in Bethlehem*, Ann Weems writes of "Mary, Nazareth Girl":

Mary, Nazareth girl,  
what did you know of ethereal beings  
with messages from God?

What did you know of men  
when you found yourself with child?  
What did you know of babies,  
you, barely out of childhood yourself?

God-chosen girl;  
What did you know of God  
that brought you to this stable  
most blessed among women?

Could it be that you had been ready  
waiting  
listening  
for the footsteps of an angel?  
Could it be that there are messages for us  
if we had the faith to listen?

May we follow Mary's example of waiting and listening as we expect Emmanuel, God with us, this Advent season.

Blessings, Pastor Melissa

**Our Mission**  
Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

**Our Vision**  
To **Know** Christ personally, **Grow** with Christ intimately, and **Show** Christ passionately

Prepare  
the way  
of the  
**LORD.**  
ISAIAH 40:3



## Finances

Total Budget Income for 2022: **\$ 110,514.36**

Jan. Budget: \$ 9,414.77	July Budget: \$ 12,151.46
Feb. Budget: \$ 11,259.52	Aug. Budget: \$ 12,485.32
March Budget: \$ 11,793.02	Sept. Budget: \$ 8,857.03
April Budget: \$ 12,246.36	Oct. Budget: \$ 12,000.59
May Budget: \$ 8,394.18	Nov. Budget: \$
June Budget: \$ 11,912.11	Dec. Budget: \$

## December Birthdays

Camryn Durrer	Dec. 1	Cindy Poff	Dec. 20
Kaitlyn Dillon	Dec. 1	Brittany Knott	Dec. 24
Tucker Coleman	Dec. 9	Reatha Linkenhoker	Dec. 30
Nancy Burgess	Dec. 13	Brennon Viele	Dec. 31
Jennifer Minnix	Dec. 15	Alyssa Viele	Dec. 31
Kris Willis	Dec. 17		



## Prayer Concerns

- Those who are homebound or in retirement and nursing homes: Madaline Brown, Lois Burge, Jane Byrum, Virginia Draper, Mary Durrer, Evelyn Hutcherson, Nadine Minnix, Shirley Moore, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Evelyn Ragland, Alice Scogin, Katie Wood
- Those with cancer including Amy Brown (Pastor Melissa's friend), Barbara Kern, Paula Bailey (Reatha Linkenhoker's daughter), Susan Wimmer (Ginny Smith's friend), Elizabeth Clary's father, Dawn Ferrone (Dabney Ward's friend)
- Margaret Jones' husband, Ronnie, recovering at home from a stroke
- Jack Cooper's friend, Gwynn, awaiting a liver transplant
- Posy Weddle, Michael Krawchison's uncle
- Sylvia Shortt's sister, Louise Thompson, in Radford Hospital with heart issues
- Clayton Padfield, recovering from surgery
- Paula Dull, as she recovers from a hip replacement

## Bible Study Opportunities

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** is a great way to connect with God and with our church family! We have classes for all ages and stages of life at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.
- Join us in the fellowship hall on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 beginning on November 29 as Pastor Melissa leads us in an **Advent Bible study**, "Expecting Emmanuel." If you are unable to attend in person, you can join us on Zoom using the link: <https://bit.ly/cabcbiblestudy>.
- Join us for our **Brown Bag Bible Study** on Wednesdays at noon as we study the book of James. Feel free to bring your lunch, if you wish. We will meet in the fellowship hall. If you are unable to attend in person, you can join us on Zoom using the link: <https://bit.ly/cabcbiblestudy>.
- **Young Adult Dinner & Bible Study** meets on Thursdays at 6:00 pm at Pastor Melissa's house.

## Children's Ministry

- Children's families are invited to our "**Colors of Christmas**" **Driving Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, Dec. 10**, 5-7 pm. Come to the church parking lot to get your scavenger hunt list, drive around with your family to find the items, and when you are through, come back to CABC to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.
- We have a special **Advent activity book** for our children's families: Jesus' Family Tree. Be sure to pick one up from the table in the foyer!

## Youth

- Our **youth progressive dinner & Christmas party** is **Friday, Dec. 2**, from 6-10 pm. Bring an inexpensive (\$5 or less) wrapped gift for our White Elephant gift exchange. We need adult drivers for this event. Let Pastor Melissa know if you can help.
- We will **shop for Angel Tree gifts** from 5-7 pm on **Sunday, Dec. 4**. Drivers/adult helpers are needed for this event. Let Pastor Melissa know if you can help.
- Our **youth Advent worship** will be **Sunday, Dec. 18**, from 5-7 pm. Dinner will be provided.
- We will **not** have Sunday evening youth activities on December 11, 25, or January 1.
- **November** is penny race month! Youth, bring your change and put it in the jars in the youth room. Proceeds will help by gifts for our Angel Tree families this Christmas. The losers of the penny race will cook dinner for the winners in January, so be generous!
- If you would be willing to host our youth in your home on **Friday, December 2**, for a course in our Christmas Progressive Dinner (appetizer, entree, or dessert), please let Pastor Melissa know.

## *Called Business Meeting*

- We will have a called business meeting at 11:30 on **Dec. 4** to vote on the proposed budget for 2023. The proposed budget was presented at our recent Business Meeting, was mailed to our shut-ins, and will be sent out via email. If you have questions, please contact Joe Durrer or other finance committee members.

## *College Student Christmas Party*

- College students are invited for a Christmas party at Pastor Melissa and Ric's house on **Monday, Dec. 19** at 6:00 pm. Wear your festive Christmas sweater (or pajamas, if you'd prefer). We'll have yummy food, watch a Christmas movie, and catch up with each other.

## *Missions*

- We are collecting food for the Christmas boxes that Keystone Community Center will distribute. You can find a list of requested items on the table in the foyer. Please bring your donations by **Sunday, Dec. 4**.
- On **Sunday, Dec. 4**, we are excited to welcome Jessica Hearne, CBF Field Personnel in Danville, VA, as our **Global Missions Speaker** in worship. Jessica works with Grace and Main Ministries. We were able to work in their community garden and tool library this summer, and we know she will share a meaningful message with us from the pulpit!
- This year's Global Missions Emphasis for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is "A Place at the Table for Everyone." Each week during Advent, we will pray for and learn about the ministry of a CBF missionary. 100% of what you donate to our **Christmas Offering for Global Missions** will support CBF field personnel in the U.S. and around the world. Offering envelopes are available in the foyer.
- We are taking part in **Angel Tree Ministries** again this year, purchasing gifts for children with an incarcerated parent). If you would like to help wrap and/or deliver the gifts to families, please let Tim Thornhill, Jim Rhodes, or other members of the Missions Committee know. If you would like to help with the cost of the gifts, place a donation in the basket by the tree in the foyer. After donating, take one of the ornaments made by our youth. When you see it, remember to pray for the families we are assisting.

## *Advent News*

- Following worship on **Sunday, Nov. 27**, from 11:30 am-2 pm, join us for our "**It's Advent!**" Party, an all-ages event. We'll enjoy food (soup and salad) and fellowship around the table and create Advent calendars and ornaments to keep and to share. There will be activities for all ages, from our youngest children to our oldest adults!
- **Advent devotion books** are available on the table in the sanctuary foyer. If you prefer an online devotion, we recommend [www.d365.org](http://www.d365.org). If you are unable to attend worship in person but would like a devotion book, please let your deacon or the church office know.
- Our minister-in-residence, Rev. Steven Harris, will be writing **daily Advent devotions** that will be posted on our Facebook page and sent out by e-mail. Be sure to check them out!
- **Sunday, Nov. 27** is the last day to purchase a **poinsettia** to be placed in the sanctuary during Advent in memory or honor of a loved one. Please fill out a form (available on the table in the sanctuary foyer) and place it, along with a payment of \$9, in the offering plate.

## *Christmas at CABC*

- Join us at 5:00 pm on **Christmas Eve** for a service with candles, carols, and communion.
- On **Christmas morning**, we will have a joint worship service with Colonial Presbyterian and Calvary Baptist Churches at 10:30 am. It will be a casual, joyful time (expect jingle bells to ring and hot chocolate to drink) as we celebrate Jesus' birth! Wear your festive Christmas clothes (or pajamas, if you'd like).

## *New Year's Day at CABC*

- We will have Sunday Morning Bible Study (with classes for all ages) at 9:30 a.m., followed by worship at 10:30.
- Pastor Melissa and Ric invite you to a **New Year's Day Open House** at their home from 2-5 pm.



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Music Director

# Advent

## WEEK ONE – HOPE

### Sunday, November 27

9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study (classes for all ages)  
10:30 am Hanging of the Green Worship  
11:30 am Multi-church, All Ages "It's Advent" Party (including lunch)

### Tuesday, November 29

6:30 pm Advent Bible Study: Expecting Emmanuel

### Wednesday, Nov. 30

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study

### Friday, December 2

6:00 pm Youth Progressive Dinner & Christmas Party

## WEEK TWO - PEACE

### Sunday, December 4

9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study (classes for all ages)  
10:30 am Worship & Communion (Global Missions Speakers)  
5:00 pm Youth Angel Tree Shopping

### Tuesday, December 6

6:30 pm Advent Bible Study: Expecting Emmanuel

### Wednesday, December 7

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study

### Saturday, December 10

5:00 pm CAB Kids Family "Colors of Christmas" Scavenger Hunt

## WEEK THREE - JOY

### Sunday, December 11

9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study (classes for all ages)  
10:30 am Worship

### Tuesday, December 13

6:30 pm Advent Bible Study: Expecting Emmanuel

### Wednesday, December 14

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study

## WEEK FOUR - LOVE

### Sunday, December 18

9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study (classes for all ages)  
10:30 am Worship  
7:00 pm Youth Dinner & Advent Worship

### Tuesday, December 20

6:30 pm Advent Bible Study: Expecting Emmanuel

### Wednesday, December 21

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study

## CHRISTMAS

### Saturday, December 24

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

### Sunday, December 25

10:30 am Joint Christmas Worship with Calvary Baptist & Colonial Presbyterian Churches

