



THE BEACON

December 1, 2021

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

He Gave

HIS ONE & ONLY SON.

JOHN 3:16



WEEKLY MINISTRIES

SUNDAYS

Morning:
Morning Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:45 AM

Evening:
C.R.E.W. 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Children's Bible Study 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Youth 5:30 - 7:00 PM
College & Career 5:30 - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS

Mid-week Connection 6:30 PM
Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM
College & Career 6:30 PM
Children's Bible Study 6:30 PM
Choir Practice 7:30 PM

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ACCOMPANISTS

BLESSINGS LAST MONTH

OCTOBER 31

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 4,050.30
BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 10.10

NOVEMBER 7

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$11,598.83
BUILDING FUND \$ 200.00
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 60.10

NOVEMBER 14

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$11,659.31
BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 11.10

NOVEMBER 21

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 7,973.52
BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 30.10

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM CARROLLS CREEK



This year, more than ever, we want to share the love of God and the true meaning of Christmas with our community. On Saturday, December 4th, from 1:00-3:00 pm, we will distribute MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM CCBC flyers inviting the community to come to CCBC on Saturday, December 11th to receive a gift bag from the church. This bag will contain information about the church and a small gift. We need your help! Please bring a store-bought gift for a child, 2 - 10 years old or a gift for the home for adults (each gift should be about \$10 in value). Please bring all gifts to CCBC by Sunday, December 5th.

Deacons' Meeting

December 5, 2021

4:00 pm

All Deacons' are encouraged to attend.



December 9, 2021

6:30 pm @ CCBC Gym

All ladies are invited to attend.
Refreshments will be provided.



December 14, 2021

@ 11:30 am

Potluck & Penny Auction

Sunday Nights @ The Creek

5:30 pm—7:00 pm

C.R.E.W. Classes for Adults
Youth/College & Career Bible Study
Nursery & Children Activities

Come Grow Spiritually With Us!!!!



Wednesday Night Prayer Groups

@ 6:30 pm

Men's Group—Room S106

Women's Group—Room S104

Senior Adult's Group—S105

Nursery, Children, & Youth Activities Provided



Wednesday Nights @ 7:30 pm

Security Ministry

Dec. 5	Mike Hogue
Dec. 12	John Horton
Dec. 19	Todd Hudson
Dec. 26	Jeff Kirkley



Alan Roggli

From my heart to yours...

THANK YOU, LORD, FOR CCBC! I am so very blessed to be pastor of **GOD'S** Church at Carrolls Creek for many reasons.

- First of all, CCBC is a fellowship of believers, a family of faith with a collective heart that is loving, caring, and giving. It is a joy to watch you, and to participate with you as the "hands and feet" of **JESUS** in our church, community, and beyond – as Paul said, *"We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that He preordained that we should walk in."* **Ephesians 2:10**
- Next, the fortitude and resiliency of the people of CCBC is admirable as you have for over twenty months, (since March 15 of 2020), gone through the ravages of a pandemic that brought horrific health issues and financial uncertainties to many.
- In this same time period, we have grieved the passing of over two dozen precious CCBC brothers and sisters, as well as many family and friends outside this church.
- In spite of these stressful hardships and losses, CCBC has, is, and will stand strong in our trust in the **LORD** and our desire to worship and serve **HIM!**
- We will continue to spread the Gospel of salvation in **CHRIST JESUS** all around the world.
- We will continue to worship the LORD in spirit and in truth.
- We will work till **JESUS** comes!

I praise **GOD** for the privilege of being your pastor, and I am grateful to **GOD** for you and every other CCBC member as we carry out our commitments to

continue following and serving the **LORD** in the days ahead! To **GOD** be the glory now and forever more!

THANK YOU, LORD, FOR YOUR FUTURE FOR CCBC! "No change, no change... Know change, know change..." This cliché begs a question for many if not most people – *"Is there something I need to change? Something I am doing that I need to stop or something I am not doing that I need to start?"* This is particularly true as it relates to our lives in **CHRIST**. As we will soon be entering 2022, let us challenge ourselves to: 1) do something for the **LORD** and **HIS** church that we are not presently doing; and 2) stop doing something that keeps us from getting closer to the **LORD**. I pray you will take up this challenge with me. I have no doubt you will be glad you did, and I have no doubt the LORD will be honored when you do!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS THAT WILL BLESS YOU AND OTHERS... Thank you for making plans now to participate in these most worthy ministries and events in December: **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions** – CCBC goal is \$7000; **Merry Christmas from CCBC** – Gift collection and distribution in our community; **Christ-Eve Worship** – 5:30 pm. Call the church office, (205) 339-1742 for additional information about how **YOU** can be blessed and how **YOU** can be a blessing during the season of our **SAVIOR'S** birth and beyond.

Remember, **GOD** loves you and so do I,

Brother Alan



Brian Wilson

"I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations."

Psalm 89:1.

If we are honest, each one of us have different things that frighten or scare us. It could be bugs or a snake or even noises in the night. David also got frightened and dismayed. In Psalm 30: 7, David said that when the Lord hid His face, he was terrified. David could not imagine a moment not feeling the presence of God in his life. We have an opportunity each day to experience the presence of God in our life through worship. Have you sought His face today? Listen to a worship song on the radio or through YouTube and experience His presence. Our choir will be presenting Christmas music on December 12th during our morning worship. I hope you will make every effort to be at church on this Sunday. Your heart will be blessed. Another way to receive God's blessings is to reach out to others. Have you made a call or sent a letter to one of our shut-ins? They really enjoy hearing from everyone in the church. God bless you!

Brother Brian



*"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set for the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."
1 Timothy 4:12*

Chuck Eavenson

Sportsman's Dinner

I would like to thank the entire church family for supporting the Sportsman's Dinner as an outreach to our community as we invited them to come to Carrolls Creek. The prayers that were lifted were felt, and I am extremely thankful for them. Dalton and Justin did a fantastic job, and I appreciate them sharing their gifts and talents with us. Dalton blessed and challenged so many hearts with his encouraging testimony of putting your faith in Christ and making sure your foundation is in Him. I am so thankful for the many volunteers that came together to greet the community and make sure they felt welcomed. Thank you to the wonderful teams that worked so hard decorating, serving, welcoming, and cooking to make sure the entire night went well. I would like to especially thank Todd Hudson for using his talent and passion of cooking for the Lord. The food was amazing! May we all strive to be fishers of men!

Youth Christmas Party

Jala Elmore has invited the youth over to her house for the annual youth Christmas party. On Sunday December 5th parents can drop off their youth after 5:15 pm at 11303 Ash Road, Northport Alabama 35475. Her house is about three minutes from the church. Parents may pick up their students any time after 7:00 pm but no later than 7:30 pm. The youth will have a white elephant gift exchange. Students will bring a good and desirable gift to be opened and then possibly swapped for another gift by another person. Gifts should be in the \$10 - \$15 dollar range. The youth ministry will supply the meal for the youth to help with the cost to parents. We are planning to have chicken fingers, mac and cheese, and mashed potatoes.

Student Leadership University "Lift Tour" - January 21-22 - Theme – "Possible"

I am so excited about attending this year's Lift Tour. After a year off, Student Leadership University is bringing the tour back, and they are coming to Tuscaloosa! Students will not want to miss this extremely valuable worship and Bible experience that will encourage them and help get their year started right. The theme is "Possible." We know that we are living in uncertain times, but God's word reminds us that all things are possible with God. The cost will be \$25 dollars plus meals and free time activities. Parents, please watch your email for the schedule and other info.

Summer Camp—Student Leadership University 101—Orlando Florida

I am thrilled to announce that the CCBC youth ministry will once again offer a trip for youth who are going into the 8th grade through graduated seniors to attend one of the best leadership trainings in the nation. I have been taking youth to SLU for over ten years and have seen the difference both short term and long term. While this trip is amazing, it is not designed for everyone. There are hours of seminars and taking notes on how to become an effective leader. Their motto is "work hard and then play hard." This leadership opportunity is for youth that are active in CCBC youth ministry on a regular basis and desire to continue to be a leader in the youth ministry program at CCBC. The cost of this trip will be \$275.00 dollars plus a few meals and free time activities while in Orlando. Please visit the slulead.org website to see more information about this trip. Parents, I will need a \$75.00 deposit by **January 24th**. I am looking at June 12th through June 16th if these dates remain open.



December 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 midweek connection Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	2	3	4
5 Deacons' Meeting 4:00 pm	6	7	8 midweek connection Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	9  6:30 pm CCBC Gym	10	11
12	13	14  11:30 am Potluck & Penny Auction	15 midweek connection Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	16	17	18
19  Walk to Bethlehem's Manger Lottie Moon Offering	20	21	22 midweek connection Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	23	24  O Holy Night Christmas Eve Service 5:30 pm	25 Happy Birthday JESUS!
26 <i>No Evening Activities</i>	27	27	29 midweek connection Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	30	31	

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



5:30 pm CCBC Sanctuary
Come celebrate the birth of a King

Merry Christmas
from the
CCBC Staff

Bro. Alan
Bro. John
Bro. Brian
Bro. Chuck
Sarah, Jenny, Bill, Angela & Lyn



December 3
December 4
December 5

December 6
December 8
December 10
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Tripp Lyons, Jared Joyce
Patricia Elmore
Amanda Lyons, Tammy Andoe,
Ashley Eavenson
Pat Fretwell, Tara Mohr
Tracy Horton, Mary Kathryn Wheat
Becky Wharton
Elsie Fondren
Jordan Joyce, Jeff Kirkley
Denestia Hamner, Jeremiah Jones,
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John Martz

KIDS

CCBC Children's Ministry

Little feet will one day make Big footprints.

Memorize it!

*Love one another deeply as brothers
and sisters. Take the lead in honoring
one another.
Romans 12:10*

Most of us would agree that the Christmas season can be quite chaotic. It is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle and lose sight of why we celebrate. That is why it is important for you to be intentional in pointing your kids to Jesus during this Christmas season. Dedicate time to worship God as a family and explore the meaning of Christmas.

When you set aside time for discussion and activities that focus on the birth of Jesus, you show your children that his birth is a priority at Christmas. Instead of simply telling them that Christmas is about more than gifts, show them! Here are some ideas for activities that you as a family can do at home to help understand and experience the true meaning of Christmas.

Send God's Love

Excitement over receiving presents is normal and healthy. Talk with children about ways to share that feeling with others and point to God's gift of a Savior. Guide them to look outside of themselves and see the needs of those around them. Explain that some people don't have others around them during the holiday season; discuss how that might feel and what you could do about it.

Read Matthew 25:35–39 together and discuss ways to encourage those who are lonely or sick. Brainstorm ways that you as a family could reach out with a friendly gesture to show God's love. Assemble a list of mailing addresses of people from the CCBC congregation who live alone, can't get out of the house, or live at a senior care center. As a family, pray together for each person on the list.

Have paper, card envelopes, and crayons ready—it's time to make Christmas cards! Make sure your paper is cut to the correct size so that once folded in half, it fits inside your envelopes. Ask children to draw their favorite part of the Christmas story.

The inside of the cards can say something simple: "Dear *(insert name)*, Merry Christmas from your church family at *Carrolls Creek Baptist Church!*" Add a personalized message, if possible. It will make the card even more meaningful to the recipient.

Check the Manger

Get a nativity scene and as you set it up as a family read the True story of Christmas from Matthew 1:18–25, Luke 1:26–38, Luke 2:1–20, and Matthew 2:1–12. As you unpack each piece, talk about each of the figures. Ask questions like these: "What do you think the shepherds were doing the day Jesus was born?" or "How did Joseph help Mary as they traveled to Bethlehem?" Allow your children to arrange each piece and decide where each one should go.

Leave the figure of baby Jesus packed away. Talk about how God's people waited for many long years for the promised Messiah to come—at just the right time he sent Jesus, his only son, to save us. Throughout December, encourage children to "check the manger" for the figure of baby Jesus. When they find the manger empty, say, "It looks like we are still waiting, but God always keeps his promises!" Late on Christmas Eve, secretly place the figure of baby Jesus in the nativity scene. On Christmas morning, encourage children to check the manger, and then celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise of a Savior!

Merry Christmas and God bless you!!!!

Bro John



Children's Christmas Party

December 19, 2021
5:30—7:00 pm
CCBC Gym

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' Birthday.
We will have food, games, crafts and lots of fun.
You don't want to miss it!!!!

A Letter to Baby Jesus

Dear Baby Jesus,

I am excited that your birthday is coming soon. This Christmas I will work hard to show others how much I love you by doing acts of kindness. These acts of kindness will be my gifts to you. I am going to _____

There are many people who need to know your love and forgiveness, Jesus. This Christmas I am especially going to pray for _____

On Christmas Day I will ready of your birth and how You are God's greatest gift to me. I will give and get gifts from the ones I love. This year I hope to get _____

I love you, Baby Jesus. Thank you for all my blessings.
