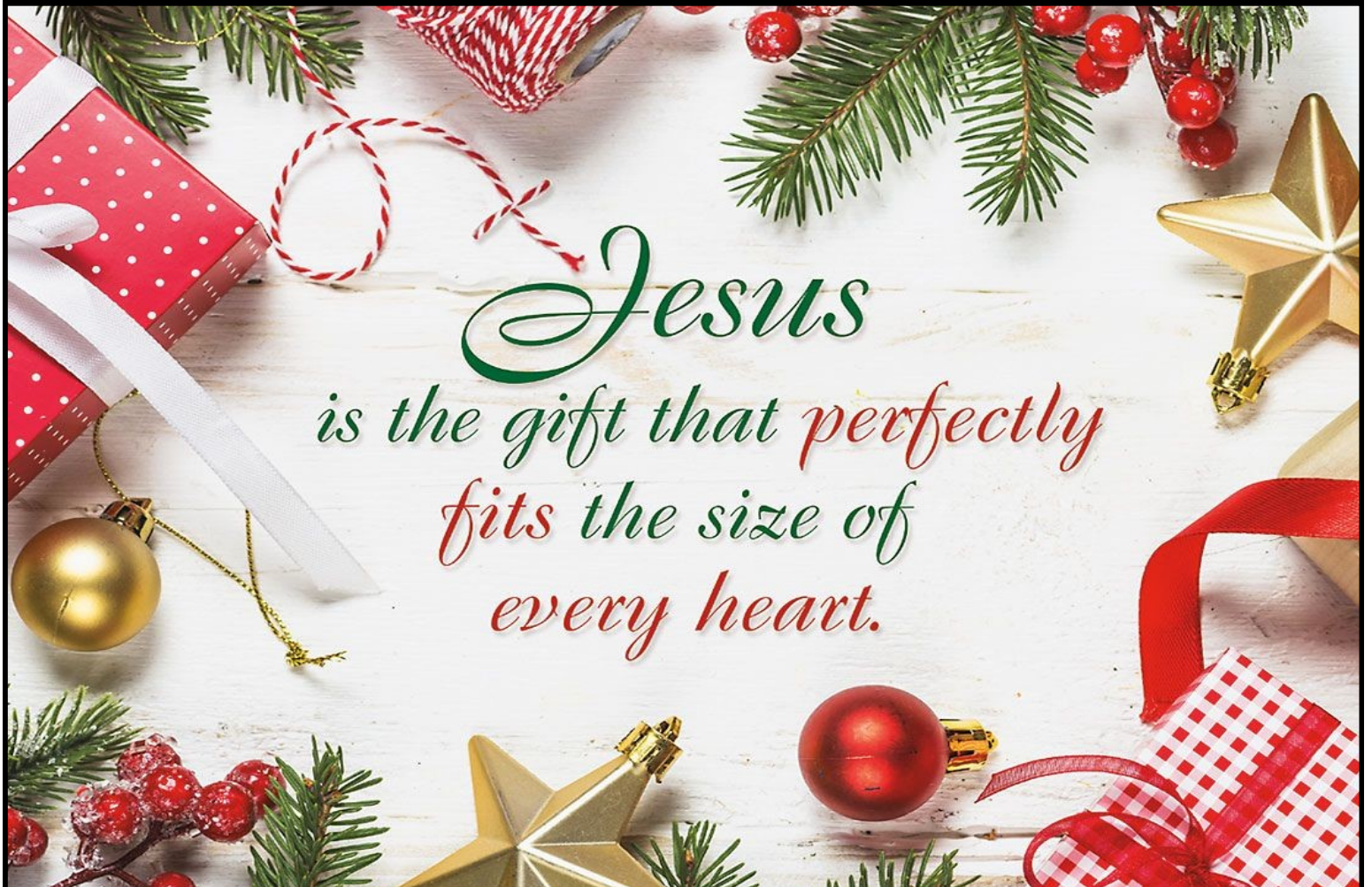


*In this the love of God was made
manifest among us; that God sent
His only Son into the world so
that we might live through him.*

1 John 4:9

The BEACON

December 2023



*Jesus
is the gift that perfectly
fits the size of
every heart.*

WEEKLY MINISTRIES

SUNDAYS

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

Evening
 Choir Practice 4:30 - 5:30 PM
 C.R.E.W. 5:30 - 6:30 PM
 Children's Bible Study 5:30 - 6:30 PM
 Youth 5:30 - 7:00 PM
 NEXT Ministry :30 - 8:30 PM

WEDNESDAYS

Mid-week Connection 6:30 PM
 Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM
 Children's Bible Study 6:30 PM

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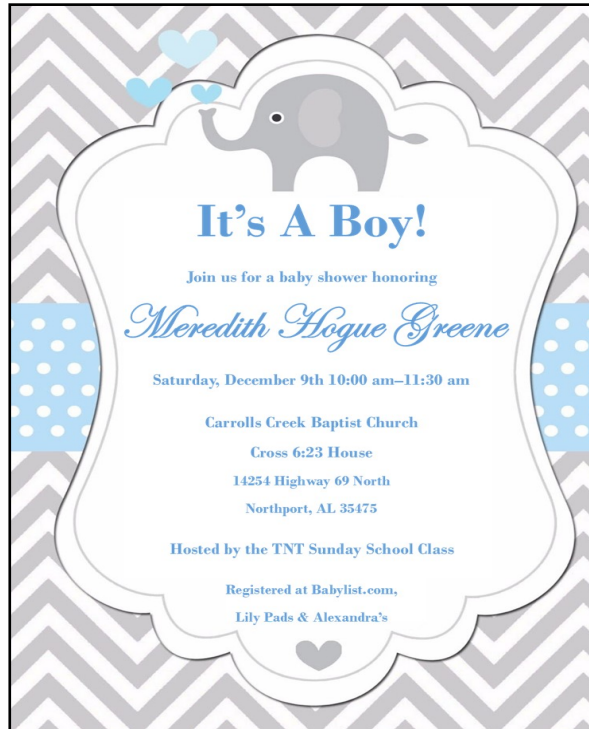
GOD'S BLESSINGS LAST MONTH

NOVEMBER 5
 TITHES/OFFERINGS \$13,828.79
 BUILDING FUND \$ 75.00
 LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 128.14

NOVEMBER 12
 TITHES/OFFERINGS \$12,354.58
 BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00
 LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 128.14

NOVEMBER 19
 TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 5,282.61
 BUILDING FUND \$ 30.00
 LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 128.14

NOVEMBER 26
 TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 5,802.74
 BUILDING FUND \$ 100.00
 LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 128.14



It's A Boy!
 Join us for a baby shower honoring
Meredith Hogue Greene
 Saturday, December 9th 10:00 am-11:30 am
 Carrolls Creek Baptist Church
 Cross 6:23 House
 14254 Highway 69 North
 Northport, AL 35475
 Hosted by the TNT Sunday School Class
 Registered at Babylist.com,
 Lily Pads & Alexandra's



December 2, 2023
11:00 am—1:00 pm
@ CCBC Gym

Join us for lunch, fellowship, & a special missions project.



Choir Notes
 Choir Rehearsal
 Sunday Afternoons @ 4:30 pm
 There is a seat for you.



Wednesday Night Prayer Groups
 @6:30 pm

Men's Group—Room S106
 Ladies Group—Room S103
 Coed Group—S105

Nursery, Children, & Youth Activities Provided



December 12, 2023
@ 11:30 am

Christmas Lunch & Penny Auction



Dec. 3: John Long
Dec. 10: Danny Posey
Dec. 17: John Powell
Dec. 24: Billy Wharton
Dec. 31: Ken Johnson



United Appeal Offering
December 31, 2023

Offering is received every fifth Sunday.

All money collected benefits the Good Samaritan Clinic and CCBC local missions.

Thank you for supporting these ministries!

Please only make donations on the Sunday the offering is collected.



Deacons' Meeting
Sunday, December 3, 2023
@ 4:00 pm

All deacons are encouraged to attend.



John Martz

NEXT

Galatians 2:20

A Ministry For and With Those 18-25 Years of Age



Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:38-42

What's Important at Christmas?

Recently, I received an email from the North American Mission Board that had a list of scripture to read and study during the month of December. Luke 10:38-42 was one of the scripture passages listed. I would dare say that many of you when you read the scripture above did not immediately think of Christmas. I have to admit at first, I did not see a Christmas message in it either.

For most people, Christmas is wonderful and exciting! The holiday season is filled with family and friends, goodies to eat, songs to sing, and presents to give and receive. But for some, Christmas is a stressful, anxious and dreadful time of year. If we are not careful, we can become like Martha and start focusing on all the hustle and bustle, the list upon list of things to do: caroling, trees to trim, shopping, parties, etc. It can become easy to lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

All through the Old Testament, God shouts, "Christmas is coming! The Promised One is coming. The One who will fill the void in your life is coming!" In Isaiah 7:14, God gave a prophecy to His people: *"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel."*

Immanuel means "God with us," and that's exactly what the big news of Christmas is all about: letting Jesus fill that God-shaped void inside. The joy of Christmas is knowing that if you've received the gift of His Son—truly received Him as your Savior and Lord—you'll never be alone. It's knowing Jesus will never leave you, never forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

God has offered you a free gift—the love and grace of Jesus. All you have to do is accept His gift. The joy and excitement of the message of Christmas is something we can experience and share with others every day. God wants to fill our lives with His amazing love. Don't let another day pass without choosing to know the God of the universe and His love for you! Once you do, it will change your life forever!!

Mary understood the gift that Jesus is. My hope for you this Christmas is that you will focus on the gift of Jesus and not the craziness of the world around you. The Gospel of Luke had 24 chapters. I challenge you starting December 1st to read one chapter a day. By Christmas eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life and like Jesus said of Mary, you will have chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away.

Merry Christmas and God Bless You.

Bro. John



*“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

Northside Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who brought items or donated money for Northside Food Drive. We had a fantastic turnout of support. The youth also went shopping and added a few more items.

A Night to be Thankful

Thank you, Errol Jones, for hosting the youth for a first-class Thanksgiving dinner feast. Everyone had a wonderful time, and the food was amazing!

Live Nativity at Lake Lurleen

Carrolls Creek youth will help other churches provide a silent live nativity for the Lake Lurleen Christmas event planned for December 8th. We will need approximately eight youth to be at the park by 5:45 pm and stay until 9 pm. There will be no entrance fee for the youth who are helping with the live nativity. On Wednesday night, November 29th and Sunday night, December 3rd, we will have a character and costume match up for those who will be able participate on December 8th.

Youth Christmas Party

December 10th, 5:00—7:00 pm at Errol Jones' House

Due to schedule conflicts and to allow more youth to attend the Christmas party we are moving the Christmas party date to December 10th. The youth ministry will provide the ham. Parents, if you are able to send a side, drinks, or dessert, please let me know. The youth have decided to have a white elephant gift exchange with good desirable gifts. Please limit your gift to \$15-\$20.

The Lift Tour

January 26,27

Sign up and \$25.00 deposit—due now.

Great news! The Lift tour is back to Tuscaloosa. We will be going to Valley View Baptist Church on January 26th and 27th to participate in this conference. This will be our Disciple Now Weekend. I am praying that we can incorporate a mission emphasis this year that can be done during our free time. Student Leadership University describes the theme below:

“The Theme for **The LIFT Tour 2024** is **I N V E R S E**. Inverse (*n*) simply means, “something that is the opposite or reverse of something else.” When Jesus spoke, His teachings were the inverse of what culture was and is saying. It was the opposite of what we would assume to be true. This year we will explore some of the most challenging and controversial teachings of Jesus. One of the most common truths that have regularly been applied to the person of Jesus is the fact that *He comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable*. Yes, Jesus said and demonstrated the most loving, accepting, and grace-filled things. However, He also said some of the most complicated truths that even perplexed the people who knew Him best. Why? Because **Jesus taught both grace AND truth!** “



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.*

I am so excited about our Christmas program coming up on Sunday morning December 17th. Our music program has been working hard getting ready to lead us in worship this Sunday. I hope you will make plans now to come. Love in Christ,

Brother Brian



December 2023



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 11:00 am - 1:00pm CCBC Gym
3 4:00 pm	4	5	6 Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 JUST-OLDER-YOUTH 11:30 am Potluck & Penny Auction	13 Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	14	15	16
17 During the Morning Worship Service	18	19	20 Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	21	22	23
24 Morning Worship 10:30 am	25 	26	27 Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	28	29	30
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Children's Connection



ABOUT ABBY CRAIN

Hey! My name is Abby Crain and I am so thankful to be a part of this Church family. I have considered this Church as my family for roughly 20 years. I have grown up here, made several friends, and numerous memories. In fact, I can remember my very first VBS here, Rambling Road Trip! My goal is for each child to experience the love of Jesus and make lifetime memories like I did. I am married to Luke Crain. Together, we have a son, Levi. We are also expecting our second son, Archer, to make his arrival in January 2024. We also have a chocolate lab, Dunny, and a cat, Kitkat, that we love to play outside with. I currently teach at Walker Elementary, where I attended school. I graduated from Northside in 2016 and from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor's in Early Childhood and Elementary Education in 2020.

What's Coming

- Security upgrades to the Children's wing
- 5th Sunday of the Monday Children get to experience "Big Church" and hear the Word of God from their Pastor
- In 2024, those months would be March, June, September, and December
- Volunteers Appreciated
- Monthly rotations for Sunday School, Sunday nights, and Wednesday nights.



December 4	Patricia Elmore
December 5	Ashley Eavenson
December 6	Pat Fretwell
December 10	Becky Wharton
December 13	Elsie Fondren, Russell Griffin
December 15	Jeff Kirkley
December 16	Denestia Hamner, Jeremiah Jones
December 20	Tyler Stillwell
December 22	Kandace Kirkley
December 24	Penny McNutt, Teresa Robertson
December 25	Mike Anders
December 28	Drew Strickland
December 30	Debbie McCann

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