

HERITAGE NEWS

Monthly Newsletter



Reaching People in the Name of Christ - Discipling People in the Way of Christ - Empowering People in the Service of Christ



Just the Right Gift

By: Kaye Compton

Do for others what you want them to do for you: this is the meaning of the Law of Moses and of the teachings of the prophets.

Matthew 7:12 Good News Translation

My name is Kaye and I'm an addict; I'm addicted to gift-giving. If I give you a present at Christmas, or "just because," it makes me so happy. I delight in finding what I feel is just the right gift.

Now, what if that attitude could be transferred to stewardship? What if we got really excited about what could be done with our financial gifts beyond the churches basic needs of lighting, heat and plumbing. What if we imagined the faces? An orphan in Uganda. A homeless person in Cartersville. A refugee from Ukraine. A student

with a backpack of food. A fresh start for someone in Liberia. A local family in a safe place. A new believer in Cuba.

These people are real and their needs are real and we can help. We can and we must.

Our stewardship team will launch the "Candle of Giving Campaign" during Advent. Please consider using your gifts to not only "round out" our anticipated annual expenses, but to bless others and light up the world with such love and kindness. Our goal is \$100,000.



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“Traveling the Road Called Hope” An Advent Journey

By: Michael Tutterow

The Christmas season brings lots of travel. Cross town and cross country. Trips to the mall and trips to homes of family and friends. Often it will take planes, trains and automobiles to get us where we want to go. Sometimes our journeys may only require a pair of warm socks and shoes as we stroll next door to share holiday cheer with neighbors. But no matter where or how far we journey, all of us will spend some part of the holiday traveling on a road called hope.

The road called hope is a well-worn path that winds around our hearts. It's a road that is paved with longings that we carry in us all year long. But a longing that always seems strongest at the holidays. We are not alone in our journey. The Christmas

story is told by all kinds of travelers with similar longings who also venture down the road called hope. Ancient prophets and wise men from the East. Mary and Joseph and a group

of weather-beaten shepherds. Even angels who journey from heaven to earth. This season, they all invite us to join them once again in Bethlehem. That little out-of-the-way place of wonder that can only be reached by traveling the road called hope.



November 27

First Sunday of Advent: Hope

“Reduce Speed, Mystery Ahead” (Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44)

Drive around town and you'll start to see homes decorated for the season. The lights transform the darkness and invite us to wonder as we wander. Such mysteries require us to slow down or we will miss the mysteries of life and love around us.

November 30

Wednesday Church Supper

(5:45 p.m.) and Bible Study (6:30 p.m.)

“Blue Christmas” – Sometimes we find our Christmas is muted by grief. Together we look for comfort and healing as we deal with loss during the holidays.

Saturday, December 3

9:00 a.m. Church Family Breakfast

We will share breakfast together as a church family. And then church “elves” go out to help loved ones with holiday preparations at their homes (fundraiser for youth camp). * **Bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots**

December 4

Second Sunday of Advent: Peace A Service of Lessons and Carols

The HBC Music Ministry tells the story of Christ's coming in this program of

scripture readings, carols and hymns of the season. Following worship, we share a meal together in Fellowship Hall. Please bring some homemade food to share or purchase a treat at the **Youth Bake Sale** that morning!

Wednesday, December 7

Church Supper and Community Christmas Caroling (Time change – 5:15 p.m.)

Following supper, join one of the caroling teams and spread some Christmas cheer!

December 11

Third Sunday of Advent: Joy “Asking Directions”

(Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-9)

Even with GPS on our phones we sometimes get lost. So it's a wise move to pull over and ask directions. It helps to know where you're going by first understanding where you are.

December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love “Change Lanes — Baby on Board” (Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25)

With his engagement to Mary, Joseph had his life all mapped out. And then he learned she was already pregnant and everything was now about to change.

Youth Christmas Party - Time:TBD

December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Services (5:30 p.m./9:00 p.m.)

“Holding Hope in Our Hands” (Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20)

Angels break open the heavens with songs of joy to announce the Good News for all people: the birth of “A Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” A rag-tag band of shepherds scamper into Bethlehem and find a newborn. They become the first to understand what it is like to hold hope in your hands.

December 25 – Christmas Day

(no in person sanctuary worship; family worship at home)

We celebrate the gift of God's love with family at home. The staff will provide a simple home worship format as we reflect on how “the Word became flesh and lived among us.” Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14

January 1 – New Year's Day

No Sunday School / Worship Only “Guiding Light”

(Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44)

Matthew tells how the Magi found Jesus by following a star. On this first day of a new year, we choose our own “star words” to bring light into our lives and guide us in new paths throughout the year ahead.

CBF Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Glisson - "Be Real"

Photos By: Robyn Rhodes





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Let's Get Together

November 17 - December 31

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17 - Act III Friendsgiving
 19 - Youth Friendsgiving 6-8 pm at The Brownings
 23 - NO Wednesday Supper / Events
 (church office closed)
 24- Thanksgiving Day
 27 - First Sunday of Advent

December*

*Please see page 2 for a listing of all events.
 26-30 - Church Office is Closed



General Budget Receipts Nov. 6 & 13: \$ 22,958.65

YTD Receipts: \$387,165.91

YTD Expenses: \$407,929.06

Debt Retirement Receipts Nov. 6 & 13: \$2,250.30

YTD Receipts: \$28,196.96

YTD Expenses: \$51,200.00

Other Receipts Nov. 6 & 13: \$ 150.00

Global Missions: \$ 5,285.90



HBC Kids Costume Parade



Oct. 26

Children took treat bags to The Fountains and visited with all of our friends that live there.

Act III Leaf Peeping



Oct. 27

Act III Ministry enjoyed a trip to Fort Mountain to look at the gorgeous fall foliage.

Reading Buddies Celebrate



Nov. 1

All the little buddies gathered around Ms. Vicki to wish her a very Happy Birthday!