



# Christian Challenger

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## Parents' Night Out!

This Saturday, December 3rd, from 4:00-10:00 pm, the youth from Chi Rho & CYF will be providing child care for children ages 3-10 years old in the FCC Activities Building/Gym, so that you can have a much needed date night, or even finish up that Christmas shopping that you've been meaning to do! Cost is \$15 per child and you will need to bring a sack dinner. The youth will provide a snack for the children, as well as a fun atmosphere to get in the Christmas spirit! Christmas games, Christmas crafts, and a Christmas movie to close out the night! All funds raised will go to the youth, in order to make our mission trip and camp experiences the best they can be! Sign up in the Church Office. Space is limited!



### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

by Cheryl Appling, Business Manager

Here are a few numbers to update you on the 2017 Stewardship Drive so far. We have received:

- 113 commitments, totaling \$551,828
- 72 commitments reflect an increase
- The average 2017 commitment so far is \$4,883.43—an increase of 21.18% over 2016.
- The 2016 average was \$4,063—an increase of 3.96% over 2015.

Follow-up begins this week to hear from the rest of our members and complete our campaign. There is still time to make your commitment. Extra commitment cards are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex and in the pews.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
**everyONE**  
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## Advent Workshop 2016



Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata "A Celebration of Carols"  
One Service Only on Sunday, December 11, 10:45 am, Sanctuary  
Details inside.

# Across Dave's Desk...

by Senior Minister Dr. David B. Hartman, Jr.

## Lest We Forget



Edward Hicks, "The Peaceable Kingdom," ca. 1840

With the 1984 publication of *Cities and the Wealth of Nations*, Jane Jacobs became America's most acclaimed chronicler of civic life. That chronicle had begun 50 years earlier, during the Great Depression, when 18 year old Jane lost her job as a cub reporter in Scranton, Pennsylvania. She moved to the hamlet of Higgins, North Carolina, deep in the Appalachian mountains, where her aunt, Martha Robison, ran a Presbyterian mission. As Nathaniel Rich wrote in the November, 2016 issue of *The Atlantic* ["The Prophecies of Jane Jacobs"], Higgins was not only poor, but desperately backwards. The one room schoolhouse rarely opened, commerce was conducted on the barter system, the roads were unpaved and the resident preacher believed the world was flat. Upon her arrival in 1922, Martha Robison built a church and community center, adopted children, and taught classes in woodwork, pottery, and weaving. But the people of Higgins continued to live an existence so precarious that, as Jane Jacobs would later relate, "the snapping of a pitchfork or the rusting of a plow posed a serious financial crisis."

The place had not always been so backwards. The families of the three Higgins brothers who established it in the early 1700's had possessed a wide range of essential skills:

...spinning and weaving, loom construction, cabinetmaking, corn milling, house and water-mill construction, dairying, poultry and hog raising, gardening, whiskey distilling, hound breeding, molasses making from sorghum cane, basket weaving, biscuit baking, music making with violins...

By the early 20th Century, the community had lost the knowledge of how to do most of those things. As Rich notes, "Candles were a vanishing luxury. After the few remaining cows died, there would be no more milk or butter. One woman still remembered how to weave baskets, but she was close to death. When Robison suggested building the church with large stones from the creek, the community elders rebuked her. Over generations the townspeople had simply forgotten how to build with stone. They had lost the knowledge that such a thing was possible."

Higgins was not unique. During the Dark Ages, the peasants of western Europe marveled at the crumbling viaducts and coliseums of the fallen Roman Empire and, ignorant of their provenance, believed that giants had once lived there. One certain sign a society is approaching collapse is cultural amnesia, as succeeding generations grow ever more ignorant of their own civilization's history, values and essential competencies. Progress is not inevitable. Sometimes, it's not even sustainable. Just like human beings, a nation can die of Alzheimer's.

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As many in our church family can attest, Alzheimer's is a terrible disease, a prolonged and anguished shedding of memories, associations and habits, until, sometimes, the victim has even lost the memory of how to swallow. My late, deeply beloved mother—wise, good, learned and generous of heart—suffered from it for ten years, as did, by extension, my father, sister and brother-in-law, all of whom devotedly cared for her. My mother's farewell was a long one. Now, I'm attentive to any sign of it within myself—the internal scrambling for a name or a fact, the misplaced car key, the forgotten parking spot. During my mother's long decline, I often prayed this prayer from the Book of Common Worship:

God of compassion, you have borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Preserve your covenant of peace with my mother in her distress. Although the pain of her forgetfulness is great, I rejoice that you remember her always in your grace...

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The season of Advent began last Sunday. Before we proclaim the joy of our Savior's Christmas birth, Advent requires a recounting (often painful) of what has been lost. During one of Israel's recurring tragedies, Isaiah prophesied the time would come when

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea. [Isaiah 11.6-9]

Why would anyone believe such a preposterous prophecy about predator and prey dwelling in peace together? The only world anyone had ever known was one in which nature, for all its beauty, was red in tooth and claw, a Darwinian jungle in which only the fittest survived, until they didn't. But the faithful believed Isaiah because, in Biblical religion, that was how the world had been created: a Paradise in which all living creatures dwelt in peace with one another, a world to which God proclaimed, "...to everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food" [Genesis 1.30b]. Through God's divine activity, the Messianic future would replicate the original beauty and order of Creation. Did humans have a part to play? Yes. But first, they had to remember the Lord. An oft-overlooked feature of the prophecy is in the final line: "...the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord." The task of humanity was, first, to know the Lord. To know the Lord, we must first remember.

In his poem, *Recessional*, Rudyard Kipling wrote,

The tumult and the shouting dies;  
The Captains and the Kings depart:  
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Be with us yet, Lord, even if—*especially* if—we have already forgotten.

Dave

Prayer: Dear loving God, you always remember us. May we remember you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

# FCC MINISTRY NEWS AND CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**Memorable Moments:** Selected Poems and Other Writings by Sheri A. Sutton



Sheri A. Sutton will hold a book signing in the church library this Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9:15-10:45 a.m. for her recently released book, *Memorable Moments*. Although she departs from her traditional devotional script in her fourth book, the selected writings are cloaked in a meditative awareness of a power beyond ourselves. *Memorable Moments* focuses on those moments in our lives that

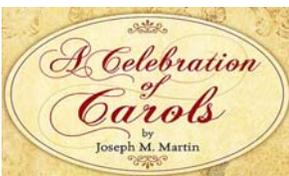
give meaning to the ordinary and transform us.

"Poetry gives us a way to express what we often cannot express in conversation," Sheri writes. "Although poetry is developed through our own experiences, or perhaps our perceived experiences, it exposes an intimacy that we cannot bear otherwise.

Of course, poetry is subjective. We do not all like the same. Sometimes the poet has one destination in mind, and the reader arrives at another. Often times, the content of the poem does not resonate with the reader. However, poetry often speaks to us when nothing else does. It connects us to mankind and asks us to recognize and accept the human condition in all of us."

Her books are also available at [www.amazon.com/author/sheriasutton](http://www.amazon.com/author/sheriasutton).

**Choir Cantata:** Join us on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:45 am for one service in the Sanctuary as our Chancel Choir presents *A Celebration of Carols* by Joseph Martin. This cantata is filled to overflowing with beloved carols and original seasonal songs that tell the story of Christ's birth, a story



adorned with beautiful arrangements, meaning scriptures, and congregational hymns. Songs include *A Christmas Overture*; *O Come, All Ye Faithful*; *A Prayer for Advent*; *People of Promise, Arise!*; *Song of Hope and Joy*; *Lullabies of Bethlehem*; *Angels We Have Heard on High*; *Carols for Seekers*; *Let Christmas Begin*; and *A Christmas Trilogy*. Your Christmas season will be blessed by this gift of music from our choir!

**Pantry Sunday** for Interfaith Ministries will be this Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Items for collection will be cereal and macaroni & cheese. IMI and Outreach appreciate your gifts to this project each month.

**Prime Timers Luncheon** will be this Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Redemption Of Scrooge:** Wednesdays in Advent: 10:30 am in Room 310, 6:00 pm at The Neighborhood

Is there an intersection between Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and the Gospel? You bet! Beginning Wednesday, November 30, Renee Hoke will lead a four week study of Matt Rawle's new book *The Redemption of Scrooge*. Choose the morning group at 10:30 am, the evening group at 6 pm, or mix and match. Join us as we explore how the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the Crachits speaks to our Christian faith.

**Tea at Two on Tuesdays!** Claudine Farrell & Renee Hoke are hosting a gathering for women on Tuesday afternoons until December 20<sup>th</sup> then we will most likely resume in February. Bring your favorite tea cup and join us Tuesdays at 2 pm in the Church Parlor. There will be hot tea, tasty treats, and a guided conversation using Joyce Rupp's wonderful book "The Cup of our Life: A Guide for Spiritual Growth." Everyone is welcome—bring a friend or neighbor!

**Christmas Fellowship Dinner:** This year's Christmas Fellowship Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The program for the evening will feature the children of our church in their annual Christmas pageant. Children ages Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to participate in the pageant. Rehearsal will be next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am during Sunday School.

You are asked to bring your favorite Christmas vegetable, salad or dessert. The church will provide the meat. Cost is by donation. Bring your food to the Scout Hall before 6:00 pm. The dinner line will begin in Stratten Hall, continue through Scout Hall, then into the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to make your reservations in worship this Sunday or by calling the church office.

A certain special gentleman may make his annual appearance during the evening.

**Our Sock Tree:** For the 21<sup>st</sup> year the Sock Tree for Fain Elementary School students is up in the church office. Let's decorate it with colorful socks, hats and gloves!

**Christmas Eve Services:** We will have two identical Christmas Eve services at 6:00 pm and 11:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Both services will have the 47<sup>th</sup> annual performance of Herbert Burtis' *CHRISTMAS EVE*. We ask that no flash photography be done during the performance, thank you. Communion will be served at both services and each service will conclude with a service of candle lighting. We invite you to attend one or both services!

**Open Flower Dates:** If you would like to donate the flowers for the worship service in the Sanctuary, the following date is open: **December 4**. Call Peggy Fitts, Flower Coordinator, 781-2426, to donate.

**CFW Group 2 Christmas Fellowship & Dinner:** The CFW Group 2 will meet for their annual Christmas Dinner at Applebee's, on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm. Come and enjoy the laughter, love and fellowship at this beautiful time of year.

**First Time Guests!** We are excited to report that the following persons visited for the first time on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>: Larry Shields; and on this past Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>: Lance Seedig.

**Member News:** *We want to be as inclusive as possible with our Member News, so if you know about an honor someone received, an important event in someone's life, or about an illness or death, please call the church—692-2282. Thanks!*

♥**Hospitalized:** at Health South Rehab is Anna Hainline; at Windmill Rehab is Jimmie Shirley. Released and staying with her daughter in Frisco is Anita Mills.

♥Please join Betty & Bud Rafuse at 2770 Maverick Trail on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, for their Annual Christmas Open House from 5 pm to 8 pm.

**New on the Library Shelves. . .**

**A Trail of Memories: The Quotations of Louis L'Amour** Compiled by Angelique L'Amour

For decades, generations of readers have shared their favorite passages from L'Amour novels and short stories. Now, many of these selections have been collected in one volume representing some of the richest ore of the L'Amour lode: voices that heralded the settling of the frontier, of men and women whose spirit and soul shaped our nation. Louis L'Amour describes the American experience, bringing our heritage to life, in ways no other author has.

## Advent Schedule

### Saturday - December 3

- \* 4:00-10:00 pm - Parents Night Out hosted by the Chi Rho & CYF Youth - in the Activities Building/Gym

### Second Sunday of Advent - December 4

- \* "The Peaceable Kingdom...[As If]!"  
- Isaiah 11:1-9 - Dr. David Hartman
- \* Pantry Sunday for Interfaith Ministries -  
Collection items are: cereal and macaroni & cheese
- \* 9:15 am - Sheri Sutton Book Signing in the Library
- \* 12:00 Noon - Prime Timers Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday - December 7

- \* 10:30 am - Redemption of Scrooge II - in Room 310
- \* 6:00 pm - Neighborhood Worship "Reason for the Season"  
Redemption of Scrooge II - in the Fellowship Hall

### Third Sunday of Advent - December 11

- \* 10:45 am - Chancel Choir Cantata "A Celebration of Carols"  
- One service only in the Sanctuary
- \* Christmas Offering to be received

### Monday - December 12

- \* 12:00 Noon - Christian Women's Fellowship Luncheon  
- in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday - December 14

- \* 10:30 am - Redemption of Scrooge III - in Room 310
- \* 6:00 pm - Christmas Fellowship Dinner & Children's Pageant  
- in the Fellowship Hall

### Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18

- \* Rev. Renee Hoke, preaching
- \* Christmas Offering to be received

### Wednesday - December 21

- \* 10:30 am - Redemption of Scrooge IV - in Room 310
- \* 5:00-7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- \* 6:00 pm - Neighborhood Worship "Reason for the Season"  
Redemption of Scrooge III & IV - in the Fellowship Hall

### Thursday & Friday - December 22 & 23

- \* 5:00-7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### Christmas Eve - December 24

- \* 6:00 pm & 11:00 pm - Christmas Eve Worship in the Sanctuary

### Christmas - December 25

- \* Dr. David Hartman, preaching
- \* One Worship Service at 10:45 am in the Fellowship Hall  
Coffee, donuts, blessing of the toys
- \* No Sunday School or Sunday Evening Activities

### Monday - December 26

- \* Church Building, Offices & All Programs Closed
- \* Children Come First & Young Ages School Closed All Week

## New on the Library Shelves. . .

### One Man's Christmas by Leon Hale

In this book, the writer shares his belief that warmth and humor are savored more intensely in the context of the holiday season. In six pieces, he recalls episodes from his own Christmases past and recounts an amusing and touching story told him by a fortune teller from the Brazos River bottoms. He remembers how painful a meager Christmas could be, but also how that pain could turn to joy in the eyes of a child.

### The Canon of Scripture by F. F. Bruce

(Definition: Canon - a list of books recognized as worthy to be included in the sacred writings of a worshiping community.)

The author examines these questions: "How did certain documents come to receive this recognition? Who made the decision and what were the criteria which influenced this decision?"

Bruce is a renowned seminary professor and author of biblical commentaries. He believes that with new discoveries of gospels and tracts, Bible readers and students should revisit the question of past canonical judgments.

### The Jesus Papers: Exposing the Greatest Cover-up in History by Michael Baigent

The author is a religious historian and leading expert in the field of ancient knowledge, who has spent two decades in a quest for the truth about Jesus. Some evidence he has uncovered has led him to new assertions that might threaten, for some, the conventional account of Jesus's life and death. However, he believes that we should always strive to enlarge our understanding of Jesus, and his investigation raises the hope that we may gain new insight into the life of Jesus.

### The Power Of A Praying Husband

by Stormie Omartian

The author writes of the excitement and hope that comes from inviting the God who answers prayer into your marriage. Even in situations full of hurt, He Can do far beyond what one can imagine—He can do the impossible!

*Take advantage of and enjoy your  
FCC Library and its contents any time  
the church building is open.*

## December Meetings

- Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>: **Evangelism Ministry** at 6:00 pm, Rm 405  
**Search Cmte for Director of Children & Youth Ministries** at 7:00 pm, Rm 310
- Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>: **Education Ministry** at 6:00 pm, Rm 405
- Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>: **Prayer Team for Persecuted Church** at 5:00 pm, Rm 310  
**Stewardship Ministry** at 6:00 pm, Rm 310
- Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>: **Executive Council** at 6:00 pm, Rm 310
- If you will need childcare, please RSVP to the church office, 692-2282, by noon on Mondays.



Wish These Friends a  
"Happy Birthday!"

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

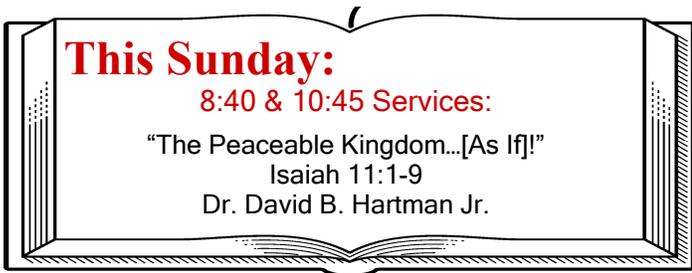
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| 1 Brady Burross   | 14 Jenny Denning  | 25 Alvin Burge<br>Alice Vallejo                    |
| 2 Virginia Krebs<br>Dwight Ross IV  | 15 Camille Brookshire<br>Hannah Ewers                         | 26 Patty Nabors                                    |
| 4 Brandi Brannon<br>Weldon Brunson<br>Helen Jackson<br>Bill Jennings                              | 16 Mary Brock<br>Opal Noble<br>Emily Thomas<br>Angela Vallejo | 27 Andy Robinette                                  |
| 5 Susie Gentry  | 17 Kaye Holland   | 28 Jeff Briscoe<br>Aaliyah Sevilla                 |
| 7 Ewell Cason<br>Kyle Johnson<br>Sherry Martin<br>Jerry Nabors<br>Michael Pettibon<br>David Wyatt | 18 Ann Cocke<br>Sarah Stewart                                 | 29 Ashlen Loskot                                   |
| 8 Harvey Coombs   | 19 Anna Marie Bedford<br>Glenn Briscoe<br>Ida Jo Duncan       | 30 Catharine Forrester                             |
| 9 Diane Brown<br>Tony Nicholas<br>Sarah Sparks  | 20 Jack Cline<br>Connie Ramsey<br>Mark Zellner                | 31 Dana Boswell<br>Kristen Burross<br>James Morris |
| 10 Tucker Conrady<br>Ted Lauck<br>Asher Redding   | 21 Teresa Caves<br>Kathleen Lauck<br>Kay McQuiston            |  |
| 12 Pat Thacker  | 23 Meredith Buckley   |  |
|   | 24 Bobby Dean Jr.   |  |

# & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 7 Debi & Larry Ballard                                 | 27 Jenny & Lee Denning                             |
| 10 Julia & Tres Ward                                   | 28 Elise & Andrew Allen<br>Alice & Gordon West Jr. |
| 17 Andria & Dewayne Aylor                              | 30 Phyllis & Richard Hiraki                        |
| 18 Mary Kathryn & Bill Tanner<br>Sue & Randy Wineinger |  |



If we are missing your birthday or anniversary, please help us complete our records by calling the church office, 692-2282. We want to include all our members on this list!



**SERVING SUNDAY  
ELDERS**

Ted Lauck, Ronnie James; Ann Hunter, Presiding  
**DIACONATE COMMUNION VISITATION**

Colleen James, Travis Ralls

**DIACONATE COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Melody Jennings & Cary Thompson

**DECEMBER DIACONATE SERVERS**

Shirley Craft, Melody Jennings, Donna Long, Travis Ralls, Cary Thompson, Jerry & Cheryl Caraway, Larry & Linda Carr, Jim & Karen LaValley, Sarah Stewart, Carly & Slate Westbrook, Twila Boydston, Sharon Roach, Ben Sabine, Madi Showalter.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

Saturday, December 3, 2016

4:00-10:00 Parents' Night Out (3-10 yr olds) (Gym)

Sunday, December 4, 2016

**PANTRY SUNDAY**

8:40 Worship (Chapel)

9:15 Sheri Sutton Book Signing (Library)

9:30 Sunday School

9:45 Journey Through Scripture (Parlor)

10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)

12:00 Prime Timers Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

3:15 Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults) (Stratten Hall)

5:00 Grow in Grace Choir (Grades K-5) (Stratten Hall)

5:00 Come As You Are (Grades 6-12) (Rm 403)

5:14 CGRM Bible Study (Rm 307)

5:45 Young Disciples (Grades K-5) (Scout Hall)

6:00 Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Group:

Anger Recovery (Rm 304)

Chemical Addictions Recovery (Rm 305)

Parenting (Rm 306)

Women's C.A.R.E. (Rm 307)

Monday, December 5, 2016

7:30-6:00 Children Come First (M-F)

9:00-12:00 Young Ages School (M-F)

10:15 FCC Staff Meeting (Office)

6:00 Evangelism Ministry Meeting (Rm 405)

7:30 Boy Scouts Troop 15 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

2:00 Tea at Two (Parlor)

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

7:00 Elders' Breakfast (Rm 405/Chapel)

5:00 Mid-Week Communion Service (Chapel)

5:00-7:30 Food Truck (Outside Fellowship Hall)

6:00-7:00 The Neighborhood Worship (Fellowship Hall)

[Young Disciples (K-5<sup>th</sup>) meets 6:30-8pm in Rm 402

& Chi Rho & CYF (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) meets 7-8pm in Rm 403]

7:00 Chancel Choir (High School-Adults) (Sanctuary)

**THE CHURCH STAFF . . .**

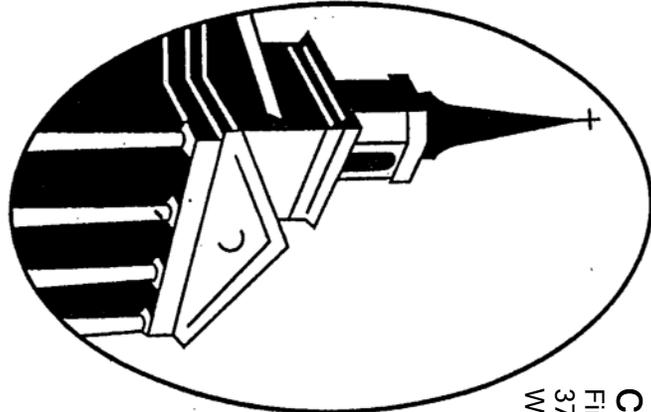
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**FOR THE RECORD . . .**

The Neighborhood (Nov. 23) . . . . .Did not meet  
 Sunday School . . . . . 96  
 8:40 Worship . . . 45      10:45 Worship . . .193  
 Total Worship . . . . . 238  
 CGRM: Sunday Evening Ministry . . 19  
 Sunday Receipts Needed Per Week \$15,842.23  
 Sunday Receipts for 11/27/16 \$18,308.11  
 Through Nov. 28: Income \$642,549.46 Expenses \$713,806.80

**PERSECUTED CHURCH PRAYERS  
THIS WEEK ARE FOR:**

Pray that God will protect believers in Yemen.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Sunday Morning Schedule</b></p> <p>8:40am Worship (Chapel)            9:30am Sunday School            9:45am Journey Through Scripture (Parlor)            10:45am Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>Sunday Evening Schedule</b></p> <p>3:45pm Chancel Ringers (Stratten Hall)            5:00-5:45pm Grow in Grace Choir (Grades K-5) (St. Hall)            5:00-7:00pm Come As You Are (Grades 6-12) (403)            5:14pm CGRM Evening Ministry (307)            5:45-7:00pm Young Disciples (Grades K-5) (402)            8:00pm CGRM Groups (Rms: 304/305/306/307/310)</p>	<p><b>Monday through Friday</b></p> <p>7:30am-6:00pm Children Come 1st            9:00am-12:00pm Young Ages School</p>	<p><b>The Neighborhood</b></p> <p><b>Wednesdays from 5:00-8:00pm</b></p> <p>5:00-7:30pm Food Truck (Outside FH)            6:00-7:00pm Worship (FH)            [Young Disciples class (K-5th) 6:30-8:00pm in Room 402 &amp; CYF/Chi Rho (Grades 6-12) 7:00-8:00pm in Room 403]</p>	<p>10:00am YAS Storytelling (310)             1:30pm Knit Wits (Parlor)            6:00-8:00pm ARC Party (FH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Romans 7:14-25</i></p>	<p>9:00am CCF Spanish (220)            10:00am YAS (Chapel)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Proverbs 21:1-21</i></p>	<p>4:00-10:00pm Parents Night Out (Gym)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>John 1:19-31</i></p>
<p><b>Pantry Sunday</b></p> <p>9:15am Sheri Sutton Book Signing (Lib)             12:00pm Prime Timers Luncheon (FH)             5:14-7:00pm Sunday Evening Activities</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 26:26-28</i></p>	<p>10:15am Staff Meeting (Office)             6:00pm Evangelism Ministry Mtg (405)            7:00pm Search Cmte for Director of Children &amp; Youth Ministries Mtg (310)            7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 15</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Colossians 3:23-24</i></p>	<p>2:00pm Tea at 2 on Tuesdays (Parlor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 18:31-36</i></p>	<p>7:00am Elders' Breakfast (405/Chapel)            10:30am Redemption of Scrooge II (310)             5:00pm Mid-Week Communion Service (Chapel)            5:00-7:30pm Food Truck Meal (FH)            6:00-8:00pm The Neighborhood (FH) "Redemption of Scrooge II"            7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mark 8:22-26</i></p>	<p>10:00am YAS Music (220)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 7:7-12</i></p>	<p>9:00am CCF Spanish (220)            10:00am YAS Music (220)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mark 4:35-41</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hebrews 10:19-25</i></p>
<p><b>Choir Cantata</b></p> <p>Christmas Offering            NO 8:40 Chapel Service            9:30am Children's Pagaent Rehearsal (FH)            10:45am Chancel Choir Cantata (Sanc)             3:45-7:00pm Sunday Evening Activities</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 2:25-32</i></p>	<p>10:15am Staff Meeting (Office)            10:30am CWF Board Mtg (310)            11:45am CWF Luncheon (FH)             7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 15</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Romans 12:6-8</i></p>	<p>2:00pm Tea at 2 on Tuesdays (Parlor)            2:00pm Library Committee (Lib)             6:00pm Education Ministry Mtg (405)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>I John 2:7-17</i></p>	<p>7:00am Elders' Breakfast (405/Chapel)            10:30am Redemption of Scrooge III (310)             5:00pm Mid-Week Communion Service (Chapel)   <b>6:00pm Christmas Fellowship Dinner &amp; Children's Pagaent (FH)</b>            7:30pm Chancel Choir (St. Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 2:1-18</i></p>	<p>9:00am CWF Group 3 Birthday Bkfst (IHOP on Southwest Pkwy)             1:30pm Knit Wits (Parlor)             5:30pm CWF Group 2 (Applebees)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Philippians 4:10-20</i></p>	<p>9:00am CCF Spanish (220)             1:00pm CWF Group 3 (Parlor)             5:30pm CWF Group 2 (Applebees)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Isaiah 55:8-13</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 21:25-28</i></p>
<p>Christmas Offering             3:45-7:00pm Sunday Evening Activities</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hebrews 2:10-18</i></p>	<p>NO Young Ages School until Jan. 3             10:15am Staff Meeting (Office)             1:30pm CWF Group 1 (TBA)             7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 15 (FH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deuteronomy 32:7-11</i></p>	<p>2:00pm Tea at 2 on Tuesdays (Parlor)             5:00pm Prayer Team for Persecuted Church (310)             6:00pm Stewardship Ministry Mtg (310)            6:00-9:00pm CCF Staff Christmas Party</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2 Corinthians 2:14-16</i></p>	<p>7:00am Elders' Breakfast (405/Chapel)            10:30am Redemption of Scrooge IV (310)            5:00-7:00pm Christmas Eve Rehearsal (Sanc)            5:00pm Mid-Week Communion Service (Chapel)            5:00-7:30pm Food Truck Meal (FH)            6:00-8:00pm The Neighborhood (FH) "Redemption of Scrooge III &amp; IV"            7:00pm Chancel Choir (St. Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>John 13:33-35</i></p>	<p>5:00-7:00pm Christmas Eve Rehearsal (Sanc)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ecclesiastes 3:1-8</i></p>	<p>5:00-7:00pm Christmas Eve Rehearsal (Sanc)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Romans 8:18-27</i></p>	<p>6:00pm Christmas Eve Service (Sanc)             11:00pm Christmas Eve Service (Sanc)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 10:1-8</i></p>
<p>Christmas             NO 8:40 Chapel Service            NO Sunday School            10:45am Worship (Fellowship Hall)             NO Sunday Evening Activities</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 2:8-16</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Church Building, Offices &amp; All Programs Closed For Christmas Holiday</b></p> <p>NO Young Ages School until Jan. 3            NO Children Come First until Jan. 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 19:16-30</i></p>	<p>2:00pm Library Committee (Lib)             6:00pm Executive Council Mtg (310)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 139:1-18</i></p>	<p>7:00am Elders' Breakfast (405/Chapel)             5:00pm Mid-Week Communion Service (Chapel)            5:00-7:30pm Food Truck Meal (FH)            6:00-8:00pm The Neighborhood (FH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>John 14:1-7</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 18:15-17</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Philippians 3:12-14</i></p>