

Prelude	Pianist
Opener	To the King
Congregation	All Heavens Declare
	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Choir	The Gift Goes On
Special	Michelle Mabry
Message	Facing Truth in the Wilderness Numbers 21:4-9 Barry Lawrence
Invitation	I Surrender All
Prayer	Aimee Bottorff

Ministry Opportunities of the Week	
Sunday, November 29, 2020	
9:10am	Prayer Walk-Sanctuary & SS Classrooms
9:30am	Choir Practice
10:00am	Sunday School
11:00am	Morning Worship Service
4:45pm	AWANA
5:00pm	Rooted Student Ministry
	Small-Group Bible Study
Monday, November 30, 2020	
6:00pm	Visitation
Tuesday, December 1, 2020	
6:30pm	Deacon's Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 2020	
12:00pm	Praise Team Practice
6:30pm	Rooted Student Ministry
7:00pm	Business Meeting
	WOW & Prayer
8:15pm	Adult Choir Practice
Thursday, December 3, 2020	
5:30pm	Celebrate Recovery
Friday, December 4, 2020	
9:00am	Prayer Team Meeting
Saturday, December 5, 2020	
10:00am	Women's Ministry Event

Women's Ministry Event

Saturday December 5 10am

An Ornament for Christ

What do you need to bring?

- prepackaged snack to share
- glue gun (and glue sticks if you have one. There are some available)
- small ornaments for the craft (If you want a specific color)
- Ornament for an ornament exchange (optional)

If you wish to participate bring a wrapped ornament (limit \$10)

- Don't forget your mask!

Please RSVP for set up for social distancing!



COOK-OFF & BAKE-OFF

Chili & Dessert

December 6 after Worship

Lottie Moon Fundraiser

Follow us



Carolina Faith Riders

Awana

Celebrate Recovery



If you would like to speak or meet with Pastor Ronnie, please make an appointment with him. He would like to make sure he is here for you. Call 910-436-0276

Did you know we offer

ONLINE GIVING

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Youth Fundraising!

The youth will be hosting a Drop & Shop fundraiser on Dec 12 from 12-7 for parents to finish Christmas shopping, wrapping, or just some time together. There will be a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center and on the youth Bulletin board. More details to come!

The Youth are in need of donations of fleece fabric to make baby tie blankets for the Agape Pregnancy Center



Gourd Springs Baptist Church Choir presents

Glorious Light of Christmas

Bright Dawn of Redeeming Grace

Sunday, December 20, 2020
during the 11:00am Worship Service

What is Advent?

It is a four week period of preparation in anticipation of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember, through prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds what the true meaning of Jesus' birth is.



Advent Wreath

1st CANDLE – (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE – (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE – (purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE – The angles announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) "CHRIST CANDLE" – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

Advent Calendar

NAMES OF JESUS

NAME	REFERENCE	ADVENT READING
1. Glory of the Lord.....	Isaiah 40:5.....	Isaiah 40:1-5
2. I AM.....	John 8:58.....	Malachi 3:1-6
3. Alpha and Omega.....	Revelation 1:8.....	Isaiah 44:6-8
4. Lamb of God.....	John 1:29.....	Romans 5:1-11
5. Root of David.....	Revelation 22:16.....	Psalm 89:1-4
6. Good Shepherd.....	John 10:11.....	Ezekiel 34:11-16
7. The Word.....	John 1:14.....	John 1:9-18
8. Branch.....	Isaiah 4:2.....	Isaiah 11:1-10
9. Prophet.....	Luke 24:19.....	Deuteronomy 18:15-19
10. Morning Star.....	Revelation 22:16.....	Genesis 15:1-6
11. Light of the World.....	John 8:12.....	Isaiah 49:6-7
12. Arm of the Lord.....	Isaiah 51:9.....	Isaiah 40:9-11
13. Servant.....	Isaiah 52:13.....	Isaiah 52:13-15
14. Man of Sorrows.....	Isaiah 53:3.....	Isaiah 53:1-12
15. The Way.....	John 14:6.....	Isaiah 35:8-10
16. Redeemer.....	Isaiah 59:20.....	Psalm 130
17. Horn of Salvation.....	Luke 1:69.....	Psalm 85:1-7
18. The Gate.....	John 10:7.....	John 10:7-10
19. Mediator.....	1 Timothy 2:5.....	1 Timothy 2:1-7
20. Cornerstone.....	Isaiah 28:16.....	Psalm 118:18-24
21. Bread of Life.....	John 6:48.....	John 6:44-51
22. Immanuel.....	Isaiah 7:14.....	Isaiah 7:10-14
23. Son of God.....	Luke 1:35.....	Luke 1:26-35
24. Prince of Peace.....	Isaiah 9:6.....	Isaiah 9:2-7
25. Messiah.....	Luke 2:25.....	Matthew 1:18-25
26. Savior.....	Luke 2:11.....	Luke 2:1-20
27. King of the Jews.....	Matthew 2:2.....	Matthew 2:1-2
28. Jesus.....	Matthew 1:21.....	Luke 2:21-35