

THE

MESSENGER

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THE KING IS HERE

A CHRISTMAS WORSHIP MUSICAL
for Multi-Generational Choirs

Presented by:
The Adult Choir and
Adult Praise Band
Sunday, December 16
8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
Services
LEC Gym

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In Sympathy

Susan Callahan in the passing of
her mother, Valiree Hawkins.

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Hilda Proctor
Oakland Living Center
704 Poors Ford Road
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

PREACHER B'S BE-ATTITUDES

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the winter wonderland God gave us this past Sunday. It was absolutely beautiful!

Mack McKeithan and I made the decision to cancel services shortly before 6:00 a.m. on Sunday. Our hope is that through the Church Notification System, the Church Life App or messages on television or radio everyone received word of the cancellation in a timely manner. We never like to cancel services, and it is especially disappointing to cancel in December, but we did not want to put anyone at risk.

By our not having services this past Sunday, we did not have the G.L.O.W. Christmas Program this past Sunday evening. We will do our best to reschedule this as soon as possible.

Also by our not having services this past Sunday, many of you have not had time to bring your Homebound Christmas Cards to the RA/GA Post Office. We had said the deadline for mailing these cards was this past Sunday, December 9, and that they would be delivered this Wednesday, December 12. Obviously, we will have to adjust this schedule. Our Homebound Members look forward to getting these cards, so please bring your cards this Wednesday or Sunday, and we will get them delivered as soon as possible.

Our hope is to have our Wednesday night activities this week, but if there is no school for Rutherford County Schools on Wednesday, we will not have the fellowship supper or Wednesday activities. We will keep you posted.

Surely we will be back on track by this Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. The Adult Choir and Adult Praise Band will present *The King is Here* at First Light and Salt and Light. **Please note that both morning services will be in the LEC Gym.** Please make every effort to be here, and we hope you will invite friends and neighbors to come with you. Our Adult Choir and Adult Praise Band do a wonderful job throughout the year. We are so proud of them! But the Christmas music is always extra special!

Parents, please note we will not have Children's Worship. Children will remain with parents in the LEC.

Again, please note that both First Light and Salt and Light will be in the LEC Gym. We look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday morning.

Sunday evening we will be back in the Sanctuary for The Service of Carols. This will be at 6:00 p.m. and is always beautiful and meaningful.

Preacher B

SUNDAY, December 2, 2018

Sunday School Attendance	338
General Fund	\$31,429.00
Lightshine/Bldg Fund	\$9,552.00
BackPack Program	\$683.00
Lottie Moon	\$2,845.00
Campus Crusade	\$45.00
The Luke Commission	\$30.00
RA Fund	\$20.00
World Hunger	\$20.00
US Hunger	\$20.00

GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

Will and Cary McFarland

Stella Hollifield

Carlyle and Marie Davis

Margaret and Hugh Rollins

W.T. and Guynell McFarland

Mike and Mary Jane Hinkle and Family

Johnny and Gerry Perkins

Janice Perkins Clayton

Lou Anne and Rick Nelson, Trey & Ryan

RA & GA Post Office is OPEN for mail!



Due to the inclement weather the deadline for mailing Homebound Cards will be Sunday, December 16th! No charge to mail Homebound Cards!



12/16 Beverly Davis, Tucker Forrest, Dakota Morrow
 12/17 Todd Ellis, Sarah Beth Munson, Jason Suttle
 12/18 Ansley Bennett, Jason Glover,
 Brandt Herndon, Ginger Perry
 12/19 Tammy Arrowood, Mike Campfield,
 Brandi Holland, Devin Silvers, Sarah Tuttle
 12/20 Lavonne Holland, Kim Jonas, Maisy Suttle
 12/21 Deacon Mayse, Randy Rowell
 12/22 Lisa Leach, Rodney Marshall,
 Sammy Romney



12/16 Robert & Wendi Litaker
 12/17 Chris & Courtney Stone
 12/18 Kelly & Vicki Mitchem
 12/20 Johnny & Sandra Mayse
 12/21 J.P. & Dorlis Roberts
 12/22 Rodney & Christy Butler,
 Travis & Jessica Butler, Jason & Lesley Suttle

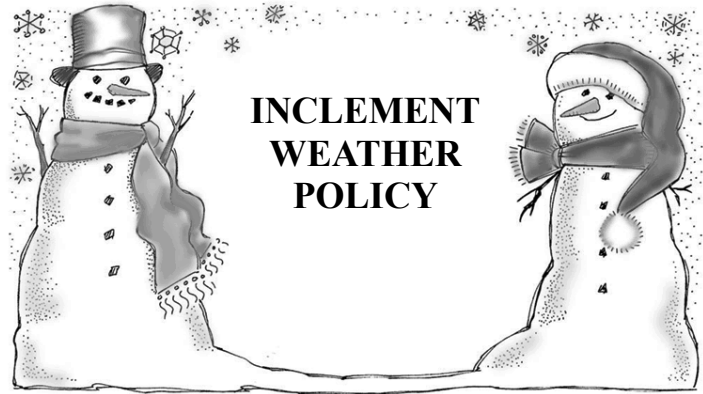
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal \$9,500.00

The College Sunday School Class will meet December 16th, 23rd and 30th. All college students are welcome to attend.

All College Students are reminded that The Pulse meets every Sunday, and you are always welcome to attend The Pulse as well.



No Youth Activities on Sunday Nights in December! We hope your families will enjoy our church-wide programs on Sunday Nights in December.



In case of bad weather on Sunday, we will do everything possible to at least have 11:00 a.m. worship service. If we make any changes in our Sunday schedule because of bad weather, we will contact the local radio stations, and we will put an announcement on WBTV 3, WSPA 7 and WYFF 4. It will also be on the web site: www.florencechurch.net and on Facebook.

WEDNESDAY:

On Wednesday, if there is no school because of bad weather or school closes, we will **NOT** have our evening activities. (fellowship supper, prayer service, choirs, mission groups, etc.) In case of inclement weather on Tuesday or Wednesday, the menu may change without notice.

LEC:

If school is closed, the LEC will be closed for walkers.

UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

If Rutherford County Schools cancel due to bad weather, then practices will be canceled on the same day. If a game is canceled due to bad weather, players will receive a call from their coach.

Church Notification System

Did you know that we have a Church Notification System? The system will send you a text with information about upcoming events and church scheduling for winter weather advisories. To sign up, just text @66kcd9d to 81010 and fill out the prompts for your name and then you're set!



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Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Or Current Resident

Yearly Contribution Statements

We will follow the IRS guidelines for posting donations to 2018 contribution records. If you would like your contribution posted to 2018, please bring it the church office by Monday, December 31, 2018. If you will be mailing your check, please be sure it is postmarked by December 31, 2018.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - December 16-22

SUNDAY:

8:45 - First Light (LEC/Gym)

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Salt and Light Service (LEC Gym)

6:00 - Evening Service, Sanctuary,
A Service of Carols

MONDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers

5:00 - 8:00 Upward Practices

TUESDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers

5:00 - 8:00 Upward Practices

WEDNESDAY:

No Wednesday Activities

THURSDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers

10:00 GriefShare

5:00 - 8:00 Upward Practices

FRIDAY:

8:30 - 11:00 - LEC/Gym Open for Walkers

Save the Date!

December 23 - 8:45 a.m. (LEC Gym) and 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary), The Wise Man's Story (A Christmas Monologue)

December 24 - 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary, Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight

NURSERY - December 16, 2018

8:30 A.M. - **Gina Greene**, Trudy Holtzclaw, Holly Brackett, Valerie Lail, Vickie Campfield

11:00 A.M. - **Kim Bridges**, Trudy Holtzclaw, Holly Brackett, Valerie Lail, Kathryn Holland

Children will remain with Parents in The LEC for the Christmas Music.

6:00 P.M. - **Kim Bridges**, Barbara Blue & Assistants

POWERHOUSE - December 16, 2018

No Children's Activities

