

"BAPTIST ON THE BEAVER DAM"

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From the Pastor's Cluttered Desk,

How do you prepare for Christmas? Oh, I know, there are presents to buy, food to cook, decorations that need to go up, guest lists to make, and cards to mail. But how do you prepare your heart and mind? As I write this article I'm still thinking about Thanksgiving and how good the turkey and dressing are going to be, but Christmas is also on my mind. How can you miss it with all the music in the stores, the advertisements, and television constantly reminding us to get out there and shop 'til we drop?

This morning I read Luke's account of the birth of Jesus again. Chapter 2:10-11 with the announcement the angel gave the shepherds caught my attention, "And the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to ALL PEOPLE; for today in the city of David there has been born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'"

In one of her books Madeleine L'Engle wrote, "(can) I separate my own health from the rest of the world? My own good nutrition from the poor nutrition from that of billions? My longing for peace from the warring in the Middle East. . . or anywhere else at all? . . . I cannot isolate myself, because my

Separation may add to the starvation and the anger and the violence."

Do you remember Daren Aronofsky's movie *Pi*? The movie centers around a bizarre character named Max Cohen. Max was obsessed with numbers and believed everything could be reduced to numbers. His obsession drove him to madness and eventually he gave himself a homemade lobotomy by driving the drill bit of a power drill through his temple.

Our English word "disaster" comes from the root "dis-" meaning "separation" and "-aster" meaning "star." Disaster is a separation from the stars, a fragmenting of creation; the shattering of the whole that was created by God.

We tend to separate people into groups: Latino, African American, wealthy, poor, homeless, gay, female, liberal, conservative, and on the list goes. We put up walls between us and them and then we wonder why we can't reach them and get them to worship with us. We focus on the differences between us instead of the things we have in common. We forget the prayer of Jesus in the garden before his arrest, "Father, that they might be one, even as you and I are one."

All of creation was reconciled by the Savior born that night in the City of David. On the cross Jesus died that we might be reconciled to each other. Even now God

is working to finish His new creation. Paul tells us, "All things in heaven and on earth were created by Him, things visible and invisible . . . all things have been created through Him and for Him. . . And through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of the cross" (Col. 1:16, 20).

Christmas will be a busy time for everyone, but be sure that you remember to make plenty of time for God to speak to you. Be still long enough to remember that God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. We should be an inclusive family; even the "weird" ones should be invited to the table. If Jesus could eat with outcasts, we should be delighted to make them feel welcome at His house. Worship here should be a prelude to worship in heaven. John in his vision saw people from every tribe and nation at the throne.

My wish for you and yours is for a Spirit filled Christmas with the angel announcing good news to you amid all the troubles we face on a regular basis.

Yours in HIS service
Michael Shook

Monthly Schedule
December 2014

Mission Friends: 3 ~ 5
April Smith



NURSERY-WORSHIP

- 07 ~ Kim & Tim Farmer
- 14 ~ Melanie & Rodney Hall
- 21 ~ Donna Banks & Donna Maguire
- 28 ~ Margaret Smith & Teddy Tippett



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 07 ~ April & Sydney Smith
- 14 ~ Kim & Scott Weathington
- 21 ~ CANTATA
- 28 ~ Muriel Hall & Margie Hosking



USHERS

Ricky Hall
Rodney Hall
David Hosking
Chuck Rogers

Harry Tatum ~ Alternate

Our Sick & Shut Ins

Jane Albertson
James Anderson
Jarvis Anders
Donna Atkins
Betty Autry
Ray Autry
Rev. David Bays
Barbara Bergland
Amber Bloom
Ashley Broadney
Ralph Brock
Adam Bullard
Carmon Bullard
Ella Grae Bullard
Joshua Bullard
Larry Bullard
Brittany Bunnells
Carol Carter
Peggy Carter
Kyle Cashwell
Douglas Chase
James Cheek
Sandra Cheek
Cody Clark
Betty Cox
Jimmy Creech
Bill Culbertson
Dana Davis
Brian Day
June Dorton
Cathy Eaton
David Echartd
Karla Hall Edge
Retha Faircloth
Shelia Faircloth
Wayne Falls
Ann Farmer

Gary Fisher
Julie Fisher
Wayne Fisher
Brenda Hales
Harriett Hales
Tommy Hales
Wanda Hales
Bobby Hall
Hilda Hall
Vicky Hall
Jim Hardin
Kim Harrell
Bob Hartel
Luke Hawkins
Pete Hawkins
Sue Hobbs
Melody Honeycutt
Beth Horne
B.J. Howard
Susan Huffman
Mary Hutchins
Faye Johnson
Connie Lawrence
Cheryl Locklear
Lisa Long
Pat Love
Rodney Maguire
Peggy Marsh
Amanda Mason
Roscoe Meek
Tyler Moore
Victor Murray
Faye Norris
Johnny Owens
Cara Lee Parker

Rev. James Parson
Rev. Odell Peterson
Donald Pollard
Kim Ray
Ronald Reddens
Judy Rierson
Rick Sawyer
Laura Schindler
Billy Sessoms
James Shearon
Kathy Hall Sherra
Chris Simpson
Pauline Simpson
Carol Smith
David Smith
Deanna Smith
Harold Smith
Gary Strickland
Beth Horne
Linda Strickland
Rhonda Strickland
Stephen Strickland
Tammy Strickland
Wade Stroud
Lois Ann Thornton
D. H. Vinson
Troy Watkins
Frances West
Sybil Whatley
Louise White
Rev. Roger White
Chance Wil-Day
Earl Williamson
Terry Wind
Danny Wolf
Carolyn Wrench

Please Remember Our Sick and Shut-Ins In Your Daily Prayers

Please Remember our Military and Para/Military and their families in your praers:
*Deployed

Eddie Backer Jon Pollard Kenny Taylor
Jeremy Brown Joel Scheib Joe Clark
Robert Seymour Matthew Dunlap John Sheety Daniel Wilson Ralph Weller

Please remember our Nursing Home/Rehab Residents and their caretakers in your daily prayers.
Retha Autry Grace Bullard Dot Gault Rose Hales
Clarence Haithcock Ethleen Harris Audrey Howell
Jesse McCarley Lillian Moore Jerry Vinson, Jr.
Lois Wright

Pam & Don Brownfield John McLamb Allen Seigler
Judith & Danny Williams Eric & Mimi McMillian Jana Smith
Please remember our missionaries in your daily prayers.

BEATITUDE MINISTRY NEEDS



525-4351
Men's Belts, shirts, shoes, good jeans, paper items (toilet paper, paper towels & napkins), canned goods, 13 gallon kitchen trash bags, 55 gallon drum liners.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Our Sympathy goes out to the families and friends that have lost loved ones. Our Prayers and thoughts are with you.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 2014

01~ John Smith
 02 ~ Roger Bullard
 03 ~ Chris Pollard
 04~ Angela Cashwell & Chrystal Smith
 05 ~ Cheryl Simpson & Harry Tatum
 06 ~ Billie Weathington, & Ellie Scheib
 08 ~ Jenna Katherine Hales
 09 ~ Gary Brock, II
 11 ~ Savannah Phipps & J. P. Bullard
 12 ~ Cameron Phipps
 14~ Daniel Simpson
 15 ~ Jessica Brock, Kim Longo
 Austin Michael O'Hara
 16 ~ Rev. Michael Shook
 17 ~ Sharon Frost & Elise Smith
 18 ~ Troy Adams & Nancy Phipps
 19 ~ Thad Banks
 20 ~ Muriel Hall
 21 ~ Rose Hales & Amber O'Hara
 22 ~ Stormy Hendryx
 23 ~ Felton Bullard
 24 ~ Matthew Dunlap
 26 ~ Shannon Thompson
 27 ~ Jason Bullard
 28 ~ Elizabeth West Mullen
 29 ~ Melissa Williams & Kenneth Averitte
 31 ~ Nicholas Hall



*Happy Birthday from your Church
 family at Beaver Dam Baptist Church*

BYW NEWS

The BYW met on Sunday, November 9th, at the home of Kim Weathington. There were 13 members present. Brooke opened in prayer and April gave the Treasurer's report. Minutes from the last meeting were read by Melanie. We discussed the "Sonshine Cups" that were given last month and added new recipients. Iris read the missionary Birthdays and Prayer Patterns and the program was presented by April. We reflected on Veteran's Day and our mission to serve. We had a busy October and didn't shift gears for

November. Our BYW is on fire for Missions. In October alone there were 4 opportunities for service and missions.

November gives us time to be thankful as we give to others. We purchased items for the Thanksgiving Basket and presented it Friday, the 14th, to Sampson Beatitude House in Roseboro. We are preparing for the upcoming Christmas Season and with another food basket, sponsoring a Christmas family,

gearing up for the Wednesday night fellowship meal, the WOM joint meeting, and the annual BYW Christmas Party. Please come out and join this group of amazing women serving our Savior through mission work in our community.

April Smith



December 2014 CALENDAR

01~05 ~ Week of prayer International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 01 ~ Deadline for Toy Store Ministry Toys & Applications
 03 ~ 7:30 PM Prayer Meeting, Mission Friends, GA, RA, Youth
 8:15 PM Choir Practice
 07 ~ 7:30 AM Prayer Meeting
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 5:30 PM BYW/ WOM Meeting
 10 ~ 7:30 PM Prayer Meeting, Mission Friends, GA, RA, Youth
 8:15 PM Choir Practice
 12 ~ Deadline for Christmas Baskets & Applications
 12 ~ 13 ~ Toy Store Ministry - Resource Center
 14 ~ 7:30 AM Prayer Meeting
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 The Lord's Supper
 15 ~ 7:30 PM Deacons' Meeting
 17 ~ 6:30 PM Fellowship Meal
 7:30 PM Church Conf/Worship ,Mission Friends, GA, RA,
 Youth , 8:15 PM Choir Practice
 21 ~ 7:30 AM Prayer Meeting
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM CANTATA/Worship
 7:00 PM CHRISTMAS PLAY
 22 ~ Christmas Caroling
 24 ~ Christmas Eve—No Church Servcies
 25 ~ CHRISTMAS DAY - HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS
 28 ~ 7:30 AM Prayer Meeting
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
 31 ~ 7:30 PM Prayer Mtg., Mission Friends, GA, RA, Youth
 8:15 PM Choir Practice
 10:00 PM Breakfast Hosted By Brotherhood

We at Beaver Dam Baptist, invite you to make a commitment to join with us at this crucial time of our spiritual growth and development.

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GOD LOVES YOU

OUR YOUTH ARE THANKFUL

I am thankful for my family being on good terms with one another. My parents being happy. My brother graduating from nursing school. I am thankful for my entire life as it is. – Ben
I am thankful for my family. – Rebekah
I am thankful for my family and friends and Beaver Dam Baptist. – Nick
I am thankful for my family, my friends, God’s everlasting love. – Sydney
I am thankful for the opportunity to make beautiful things. – Lila
I am thankful for a Christian family that raised me around church. – Colin
I am thankful for my family and the people that stay by me no matter what I do or how I act. – Regan
I am thankful for my family, church family, God. – David
I am thankful for my family, food, a house to live in, and God. – Drew
I am thankful for my family. – Kenneth
I am thankful for music. – Rachel
I am thankful for my family. – Samantha
I am thankful for the Ten Commandments. – Caroline
I am thankful for friends and family. – Johnathon
I am thankful for my wonderful family and church family. – Madelyn
I am thankful for everything God has blessed me with; a wonderful Christian church family, a home to sleep in and food to eat, but most importantly a God who loves me. – Tyson
I am thankful for family, experiences, friends, animals, and Jesus’ love for me. – Savanna
I am thankful for art, a good warm home, my family, and my chickens. – Veronica
I am thankful for my family and my church family. – Donna M.
I am thankful for a loving family and church family.– Donna B.
I am thankful to God for my family, my friends, my church, and my health. Merry Christmas. – Melanie
I am thankful for God’s love for me, my wonderful family, and the amazing group of Youth and leaders we have at Beaver Dam Baptist Church. – April

As we enter into the fall/winter season it is a blessing to enjoy the fall colors and prepare for Christmas. Donna Banks has been taking some excellent photos of God’s creation during this fall season.

Some western states don’t have nearly as many trees and especially colorful trees as the eastern ones. In the Southwest, winter is not marked by leaves falling but by cooler, bright days and some freezing nights. It is the best season of the year to be outdoors during the day!

Sometimes when I am running down the trail on a cloudy morning, I will come up to a place where there are yellow leaves scattered on the trail and they will be illuminated by a kind of surreal light. It is amazing to see. At other times, when I am exploring on a cloudy day, I will come across these small trees that have bright and pale green leaves that seem to be lit up by an unseen light source so they shine out of the woods. This tells me that no matter how gray the day is God will always make something beautiful to be found if I will only look for it. Where is the beauty in the middle of winter? It can come in the golden light shining through the leaf-bare trees on a sunny day, and especially from the memory of God’s faithfulness each day of the year.

Our youth group is starting to practice for its annual Christmas play. I believe this will be an amusing play and a good opportunity for the youth group to grow closer together as friends. There is also a ski trip coming up in January that many of the youth are very excited about!

On Sunday, November 23, there was a barbecue at the church at 5:00 p.m. in honor of the softball team.

We continue to pray for those who are fighting cancer at this time and for the young man who was severely injured in a corn picker last month. Also we must remember to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6; Gen. 12:3) and for the persecuted Christians around the world.

Thankfully, Brooke and Gabe’s dog, Huck, is starting to do much better!

“The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.” Psalm 12:6

“Build a little fence of trust
Around today;
Fill the space with loving work
And therein stay.
Look not through the sheltering bars
Upon tomorrow;
God will help thee bear what comes
Of joy or sorrow.” ~Mary Butts

Have a blessed Christmas *Savanna White*