

# Bethany United Methodist Church

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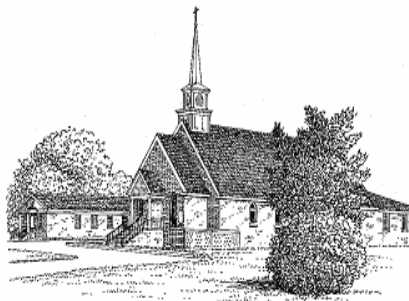
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Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.



December 7, 2008

Second Sunday of Advent

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available for your use – request one from an usher.

Listening devices are available from the ushers for the hearing impaired.

## Gathering

### CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

*You are invited to use this time to welcome and visit with others in the congregation.*

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*Let the chiming of the hour be a call to silent meditation and prayer*

### PRELUDE

*The Shepherds, from "The Nativity"*

Olivier Messiaen

(born 10 December 1908)

*"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things  
that they had heard and seen . . ." Luke 11:20*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

8:30 the Kidd family

11:00 the Tipton family

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung)

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joel 2:13-14

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,**  
ready always to relent from punishing.

**Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*Once in Royal David's City*

UMH, No. 250

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Book of Worship

**Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance  
and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings  
and forsake our sins, so that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ,  
our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### \*CANTICLE OF GOD'S GLORY (sung response at 11:00)

UMH, No. 83

## Proclamation and Response

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*At the 11:00 a.m. service children are dismissed to Children's Church*



Bishop:	Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer	
District Superintendent:	Reverend Joseph D. Carson	
Minister:	Reverend Stephen E. Young	
Pastor in Residence:	Reverend Bob Justis	
Pastor in Residence:	Chaplain L. Lawson Byrd	
Pastor in Residence:	Chaplain Carol Johnson	
Lay Leader:	Archie Leigh	
Associate Lay Leader:	Roy Bauschatz	
Youth Leader:	Sondra Colbert	
Children's Ministry:	Kris Kent	
Director of Music:	Sandra Fox	
Organist:	Rudy Shackelford	
Soloist:	8:30	Janet Chapin
Lay Reader:	8:30	Dolores Breen                      11:00 Roy Bauschatz
Acolytes:	8:30	Joel & Hannah Kidd    11:00 Trip Vaughan & Hunter Tipton
Altar Guild for Dec.:	Charlotte Cecil and Diana Simmons	
Greeters:	11:00	Narthex : Carolyn Scott    Side Entrance: Lavalle Wilson

### **This Week at Bethany**

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15	Children's Christmas Program rehearsal
	5:00-7:00	Middle School/High School Bible Study/6:00-7:00 Supper/MYF
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers - WBFH
	7:00	Men/Women's Bible Study/Christian Believer
Tuesday	7:30	Abingdon Women's Club - WBFH
Wednesday	6:30	Focused Prayer: "People without Jesus in our Neighborhood"
	7:00	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	10:30	Naomi Circle
	6:00	Scouts meet in Educational Classroom
	6:30	Emmaus
	7:30	Midweek Worship
Friday	7:00-9:00	Youth play rehearsal
Saturday	9:00-12:00	Cantata practice
	10:00-2:00	Scrapbooking in the WBFH
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00	Cantata "The Winter Rose"
	12:15	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	6:00	Bible Buddies
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible Sunday 6-7:30 Supper/MYF

### **Bring a Friend Sunday**

Next Sunday is "Bring a Friend to Church" Sunday. Everyone is asked to think of someone they know who does not attend church. Begin praying about them now, and make plans to invite them, either to the traditional service at 8:30 or to the Choir Cantata at 11:00 a.m.

### **Calling all Scrapbookers**

No experience necessary! - Bring some pictures and we will show you how to preserve them.

Already a scrapbooker? Come out and spend some time getting your pictures in an album. Haven't finished making your Christmas cards, this is a good time to get them done.

Come out and join us for a few hours of scrapbooking on Saturday, December 13, 2008

from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share for lunch. Any questions, e-mail Diane White at [dianemwhite1@cox.net](mailto:dianemwhite1@cox.net)

### Notes of Appreciation

My sincere thanks for the many cards, visits, phone calls and other acts of concern and kindness shown to me during my recent stay in the hospital and since returning home. Friends are great— and Bethany, you're the best. - Gene Harrell

I want to thank the people of Bethany for the visits, phone calls, cards and flowers during the time I was sick. Getting sick was not one of my plans. It just happened. Now I'm doing great but a little slow. To the choir -- you really outdid yourself. The card with everyone's message was very uplifting as were the flowers. Pastor Steve and Susan's visits were a ray of light each time they came. Much love to all of Bethany. I'll never forget any of you. - JoAnne Lewis

### Stewardship for November 30, 2008

Required for Weekly Budget:	6560	<b>Attendance:</b>	
Received for Weekly Budget:	4101	Worship:	195
Building Fund:	20	8:30	64
Emmaus:	15	11:00	131
Pastor's Discretionary Fund:	25		
Memorial Fund:/Mem. Bill Hargis:	25	Sunday School:	83
Advocate:	15	Adults	65
Youth Fund:	85	Youth	10
Poinsettias:	96	Children	8
Children of Cambodia:	700		
Cambodia/Mem. Gladys Driggers:	250	Nursery:	
UM Student Day:	125	8:30	1
Total Designated Funds:	1356	11:00	1
		Children's Church:	16

### Counting Teams Schedule

December 7 Bernard Robins, Jackie Hampton, Teresa Sullivan

December 14 Jean Heywood, Carlton Heywood, Norman Poland



### December 14 - 11:00 a.m. Choir Cantata

The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Sandra Fox, will present their annual Christmas cantata during the 11 o'clock worship service. This year's cantata is entitled "*The Winter Rose*" by Joseph Martin.

### December 14 – 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Bible Buddies for all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will meet for a special Christmas Gathering!

### December 20 – 6:30 Youth Christmas Party

The Bethany UMYF will hold their Christmas party from 6:30-10:00

### December 21 – Children's Christmas Program

At 9 a.m., breakfast will be served by our United Methodist Men in the WBFH

At 10 a.m. our children will present their Christmas program entitled "*A Christmas Carol — Scrooge in Bethlehem*" arranged by Anna L. Page and Jean A. Shafferman, (only one service

today!)

**At 11 AM.** The children will participate in a Living Nativity tableau in front of the church, followed by a “Happy Birthday, Jesus” party in the WBFH

### **December 24 – 7:30 and 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services**

**At 7:30 p.m.** there will be a family Christmas Eve service with the participation of the children and the lighting of the congregation’s candles. The children will sing “*Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star, Jingle Bells, and Silent Night*. A nursery will be offered.

**At 11:00 p.m.** there will be a formal service of Lesson and Carols, culminating in Holy Communion.

### **December 31 – 11:30 p.m. Watch Night Service**

#### **NOTE ON THE PRELUDE**

Those who appreciate sacred organ music at the highest level have much to celebrate in 2008, with the 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays of Hugo Distler (24 June) and Olivier Messiaen (10 December). Both drew inspiration from the Bible and wrote music appropriate for specific days in the church calendar, but in terms of musical style no two composers could be more dissimilar. As we heard in November, the German Protestant Distler treated hymns such as “*Savior of the Nations, Come and Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* in the manner of Johann Sebastian Bach. Distler’s life was tragically brief and his small output was devoted chiefly to choral and organ music.

The French Catholic Messiaen, by contrast, enjoyed a long and very fecund creative life, producing works in every genre from solo piano and organ to songs and choral pieces, chamber and symphonic music, and opera (*St. Francis of Assisi*, 1983). His style, initially grounded in Gregorian chant (the unaccompanied plainsong of the medieval church), evolved into a unique musical “language” that embraced Greek and Hindu rhythms, birdsongs, and many other influences from around the world.

As organist of Holy Trinity Church in Paris for over fifty years, Messiaen composed prolifically for his great Cavallé-Coll pipe organ, making this traditional instrument sound in ways never before imagined! The many short pieces he created were grouped into extended cycles, intended for performance during Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Holy Communion and other feasts and rites of the church. Still by far the most popular is his Christmas cycle, *La Nativité du Seigneur*, nine meditations on the birth of Jesus, composed in 1935. From this hour-long pageant we shall hear the second piece, *Les Bergers*, a charming vignette which describes the shepherds praising and glorifying God as they return to their fields having seen the child Jesus in the manger. With marvelous delicacy, Messiaen uses irregular rhythms to suspend the sense of ordinary time and suggest the momentary liberation these men have found from their humdrum lives.

–Rudy Shackelford

#### **Ring in the season**

It is time for the Salvation Army to start the **Red Kettle Ringing** again. Your help is once again asked as the Christmas Season approaches. Please call the local Salvation Army office at 642-3960 to sign up for your “turn” ringers are NEEDED! Thank You!

#### **Birthday Congratulations**

Congratulations to Kathryn Meissner, who celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday.

#### **Angel Tree Thanks!**

All the 46 angels from the Angel Tree have been taken. Please bring you gifts back by this Wednesday, Dec. 10, unwrapped. Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry of the Salvation Army!

#### **Pastor’s Discretionary Fund**

We have been helping several needy families with their power bills, thanks to your generosity. Your love gift on Communion Sunday will mean so very much! - Pastor Steve

### **HELP THE CHILDREN IN CAMBODIA**

**We will be accepting contributions through December 21, 2008. You can make a gift donation in honor or memory of someone or just a donation. You can learn more about this Global Mission opportunity by visiting our display table on November 30, 2008, December 7, 14 & 21 at the completion of both church services or see Mike Andersen.**

**Just pick up a gift card from the North Annex. Please fill out the gift card and make your checks payable to BUMC and put Cambodian Children in the memo line.**

Clara Biswas, our missionary in Cambodia, works with other UMC missionaries to rescue impoverished children and youth by transforming hopelessness into hope. They do this through programs that combat hunger, illness, and illiteracy, while providing Christian education, vocational training, and improved sanitation

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Help is desperately needed to support the following ongoing programs:

From: \_\_\_\_\_

A gift of \_\_\_\_\_ has been made to the following program/programs.

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<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>
Share of Rice	\$ 25.00 _____
1 Ton of Rice	\$250.00 _____
Sunday School materials	\$ 5.00 _____
Water filters to combat waterborne diseases	\$ 5.00 _____
Share of Vegetable Garden plot	\$ 25.00 _____
Share of a Cow	\$ 25.00 _____
Schooling for Orphan for 1 year	\$100.00 _____
Schooling for Orphan for 1 month	\$ 10.00 _____
Engine Repair scholarship	\$100.00 _____
Share of engine repair scholarship	\$ 25.00 _____
Weaving and sewing scholarship	\$350.00 _____
Share of weaving/sewing scholarship	\$ 25.00 _____

## *Poinsettias*

Poinsettias are available to order and place in the sanctuary for Christmas services, the cost is \$12.00 for each six-inch plant. This is a fundraiser for the MYF. Order deadline is December 15, 2008.

Payment **MUST** accompany order. Make checks payable to Bethany UMC with notation for poinsettias.

"IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_"

"IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_"

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ATTACHED \$ \_\_\_\_\_



***CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST***

The United Methodist Men will be serving breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on December 21 in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall prior to our 10 a. m. service. All are invited to come, but you **must** make a reservation first. Please indicate below the number from your family that will be attending and put in the offering plate or turn in to the church office.

\_\_\_\_\_Number attending.