



*I was hiking through the woods recently and sat to look at an old crumbling chimney that stood alone in a forest clearing.*

The fire's warm glow on faces burns bright  
 In stark contrast to the bitter-cold, outer night.  
 A steaming pot of savory stew,  
 A family awaiting dinner when preparations are through.  
 Father is reading, Mother is cooking,  
 Children are playing, laughing and joking;  
 And in the midst of the noise the dog lies a-snoring.  
 These are the bright times gathered by the fire  
 Until family is gone and days have retired.  
 The chimney sits solitary in a house without walls  
 With no other voice near, only sounds of cricket calls.  
 This monument to good times reminds me today  
 To enjoy God's gracious gifts for nothing stays the same.  
 Enjoy the warm glow of family and friends  
 Before they are gone and day finally ends.

*I have so much for which to thank our Lord Jesus, and you are some of those gifts. Blessings to you all in this holiday season.*

*Pastor Rusty*

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**12th Annual Fannin CLC  
 Christmas Concert  
 Dec. 6 @ 6:00 pm  
 Hosted by McCaysville FBC**

A love offering will be received for the Fannin Christian Learning Center

*The Gift -  
 born with you in mind*

**Glory Touching Earth**  
 A CHRISTMAS WORSHIP MUSICAL FOR MULTI-GENERATIONAL CHOIRS

Plan now to attend this Christmas Musical with songs of worship and adoration, praise and glory.  
 Presented by our Worship and Children's Choirs  
 Sunday—December 13  
 6:00 pm

**SUNDAY  
 DEC. 20  
 5:00 PM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.**

*Christmas Caroling*

REGISTER TODAY

*Christmas Eve  
 Candlelight Services*

**4:30 and 6:30**

**FBC Blue Ridge**

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***“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” (Matthew 2:6)*** Every year when Christmas time comes around, my mind goes back to the day in 2015 when I first laid eyes on the Shepherds field outside of Bethlehem. The fields look the same as they did 2000 years ago. These were fields that the Shepherds would have been working on that dark and quiet night so long ago. It is a dry, rocky, and barren land. It was over this barren and rocky field that the Heavens opened up and illuminated the darkness as the angels announced the greatest news that would ever be heard by human ears. ***“Behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy. For unto you this day, in the city of David, is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!” (Luke 2:10-11)***

I could not help but think of the difference that Jesus has made in my life. Before He came into my life, my heart was dark, rocky, barren, and dry. It wasn't until the light of Heaven had shone in my dark heart that my life was changed forever! Jesus Christ has come to save all who will repent of their sins and trust Him to be their Savior. He comes at times we are not expecting and with Him comes new life. Praise God for the coming of Jesus and we pray for His soon return. May God bless you and your family during this Christmas Season. May God help us in this season to keep on telling darkened, rocky, and barren hearts in this world the good news that was announced from those fields on that wonderful and holy night. Jesus has come to save!

From my family to yours may you have a very Merry Christmas!  
 We love you!  
 Pastor Bob and family

# DECEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>Nov. 29—Dec. 6—Week of Prayer</b> <b>Lottie Moon Christmas Offering</b> <i>Supporting missionaries among the unreached since 1888.</i> <b>Our Goal: \$10,000.00</b>		<b>1</b> Quilting B's 9 am	<b>2</b> Homeschool 8:30—3:30  DINNER @ 5 pm	<b>3</b> PRECEPT 9:00-11:30 am A/Y CENTER  Aerobics 5:30 pm	<b>4</b>	 Free Event For Families 9:30 am A/Y CENTER
<b>6</b> Advent Sermon "HOPE"  Family Skating 1:00 - 9:00  FCLC Christmas Concert 6 pm FBC—McCaysville	<b>7</b>  Aerobics 5:30 pm  Deacons' Meeting 7 pm	<b>8</b> WMU Heart to Hands 10 am Fellowship Hall	<b>9</b>  DINNER @ 5 pm	<b>10</b>  Aerobics 5:30 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Choir Rehearsal 10 am - 12 pm
<b>13</b> Advent Sermon "PEACE"  Worship & Children's Choir Concert <i>Glory Touching Earth</i> 6 pm	<b>14</b>  Aerobics 5:30 pm  Prophecy Class Rm. 211 6:30 pm	<b>15</b> Men's Prayer Time 6:30 am  Quilting B's 9 am	<b>16</b>  DINNER @ 5 pm	<b>17</b>  Aerobics 5:30 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Advent Sermon "JOY"  Christmas Caroling 5 pm No evening service	<b>21</b>  Aerobics 5:30 pm  Prophecy Class Rm. 211 6:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES	<b>24—CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED—25</b>  CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Service 4:30 & 6:30 pm		<b>26</b> FELLOWSHIP HALL/ KITCHEN RESERVED
<b>27</b> Advent Sermon "LOVE"  No evening service	<b>28</b>  Aerobics 5:30 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES	Dec. 31—CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED—Jan. 1  "May those who have not seen God's Glory, come to see His Glory some day this year." —Faith.PoetPatriot.com		<b>JANUARY 2, 2021</b>

## WINTER WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun.	9:30 am	Sunday Bible Study (Adults only—A/Y enter)
	10:45 am	Morning Worship
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship
Mon.	5:30 pm	Aerobics
Wed.	3:30 pm	Painting with a Purpose (1st grade & up)
	5:00 pm	Dinner is served (beginning September 9)
	5:45 pm	Grades 1-6 Fight the Good Fight (Bible)
		Children's Choir
		Age 3—Kindergarten
		Art/Preschool Choir
		Youth Bible Study—A/Y Center
		Prayer Meeting/Adult Bible Study
	5:45-7 pm	ESL Class
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	9:00 am	Precepts - A/Y Center
	5:30 pm	Aerobics

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

**6** Cecil Anderson  
**13** Bob Brady  
**20** Ed Brantley  
**27** Shan Culpepper

## CHURCH SERVICE SECURITY

**Larry Dyer**  
**Fred Cochran**  
**Jerry Gordon**  
**Hollis Hope**

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**01** Harold Dean  
**08** Dale Dyer Don Sones  
**09** Courtney Culpepper  
**13** Alyse Dressler  
**14** Kenny Stuart Gina Klatt Holly Dressler  
 Hugh & Ann Gibson (A)  
**17** Karen Tilley Ron Williams  
**18** Ethan Arnall Virginia Bryant  
**19** David & Loucretia Morgan (A)  
**20** Johnny Searce Roddy Turner Paula Gumaer Mark Dressler  
**21** Cindy Chapman  
**23** Mary Rucker Jason & Esther Queen (A)  
**26** Hunter Blevins  
**28** Lyn Lord Roger Watson Beverly Weaver  
**29** Joe Pack  
**30** Kathy Culpepper Kennedi Haight  
**31** Betty Cripe Ben Galloway Judy Butler

May the Lord Bless You on Your Special Day!