



Holiday Schedule—Dec. 11—Jan. 4, 2023
 Sunday, Dec. 11—6:00 pm
 Music/Worship Ministry Christmas Program
 Sunday, Dec. 18—5:00 - 8:00 pm
 Church-wide Christmas Dinner
 A/Y Center
 Wednesday, Dec. 21—Church-wide Caroling
 Saturday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Services—4:30 & 6:00
 Sunday, Dec. 25—One service—10:45 am
 Wednesday, Dec. 28 and Jan. 4—No activities
 Sunday, Jan. 1—One Service—10:45
 Wednesday, Jan. 4—No activities



Thanks so much to Paul Ramirez for constructing our new Welcome Center. His labor of love filled a great need for our congregation.

ADVENT—ANTICIPATING THE KING



Advent may be a new celebration to some in our church family, although we have been celebrating the four Sundays of Advent leading up to Christmas for a few years now at BRFCB. Advent is simply the time in the Christian calendar when the church celebrates, with anticipation, the coming new-born King. The advent wreath is a German tradition that is generally attributed to a 19th century German pastor who wanted to help his church children count down the days until Christmas. He took a wagon wheel, attached four large white candles representing the four Sundays and added smaller red candles for each of the week days in between.

The Advent wreath tradition was brought to America in the 20th century, and though it has changed in some ways, it is still an anticipation of the birth of the King. There are three large purple candles representing the royalty of the coming King (or four blue with the same significance) and one rose colored candle typically lit on the third advent Sunday representing the joy of the shepherds from the angelic announcement. The three purple candles typically represent hope, love, and peace although there are variations to these. In the center of the wreath stands a large white candle, the Christ candle that is traditionally lit on Christmas Eve.

Churches join together at this time in many traditions to anticipate Christmas, celebrating Christ's first coming, but Advent is not just to anticipate the first coming of Christ, but also to remind us that He is coming again.

—Pastor Rusty

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DECEMBER 2022

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
<p><i>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>John 1:14</i></p>				<p>1</p> <p>Aerobics 5:30 pm</p>	<p>2 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS MAIL BOX IS NOW OPEN IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.</p>	<p>3 <i>Morning at the Manger</i> 9:30 am A/Y Center</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:45</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Service at Assisted Living 2:00 pm</p> <p>P.M. Worship 6:00</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Aerobics 5:30 pm</p> <p>Deacons' Meeting 6 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Handbell Practice 7 pm</p> <p>College Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fall Weekly Schedule</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Aerobics 5:30 pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Men's Ministry Kick Off Country Style Breakfast 8:00 am Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:45 Service at Nursing Home 2:00 pm</p> <p>2023 Budget vote</p> <p>Music/Worship Ministry Christmas Program 6:00</p>	<p>12 Cookie Exchange</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ladies of all ages are welcome Fellowship Hall - 6pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Heart to Hands 10 am (Lottie Moon Mission Study)</p> <p>Handbell Practice 6 pm</p> <p>College Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Home school 8:30-3:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fall Weekly Schedule</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Aerobics 5:30 pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church-wide Christmas Dinner 5-8 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Aerobics 5:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Men's Prayer Time 8:00 am F'ship Hall</p> <p>NO College Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church-wide Caroling</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED (observing Christmas Eve)</p>	<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Eve Services 4:30 pm & 6:00 pm</p>
<p>25 Christmas Day One service 10:45 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No evening activities</p>	<p>26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27</p> <p>NO College Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Activities</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Today & Monday (observing New Year's Eve & New Year's Day)</p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>O sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done wonderful things...</i> Psalm 98:1 (NAS)</p>

FALL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sun. 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Morning Worship
- 6:00 pm Evening Worship
- Mon. 5:30 pm Aerobics
- Tues. 7:00 pm College Bible Study
- Wed. 3:30 pm Painting with a Purpose
- 5:00 pm Family Fellowship Meal
- 5:45 pm Preschool/Children Bible Study/Choir
- ESL Class
- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study—A/Y Center
- Prayer Mtg./Adult Bible Study – Sanctuary
- 7:15 pm Worship Choir Practice
- 5:30 pm Aerobics

DEACON OF THE WEEK—DECEMBER 2022

- 04 TOM CARROLL 706-455-3356
- 11 JAMES WEEKS 770-329-9210
- 18 MIKE CREASMAN 678-232-8859
- 25 CECIL ANDERSON 770-597-6493

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Linda Weeks
- 3 Michelle Arellanes
- 4 Suryanni Sullivan Martha Whitfield
- 9 Courtney Culpepper Larry Dyer
- 11 Eli Hughes
- 13 Alyse Dressler
- 14 Holly Dressler Kenny Stuart Sarah Pruitt
- Hugh & Ann Gibson (A)
- 17 Karen Tilley Brittany Carroll
- 18 Ethan Arnall Virginia Bryant
- 19 David & Loucretia Morgan (A) Maggie Golden
- 20 Mark Dressler Johnny Scearce
- 23 Mary Rucker Jason & Esther Queen (A)
- 25 David High
- 26 Hunter Blevins
- 27 Gwen Creasman
- 28 Matthew Shirah Beverly Weaver Roger Watson
- 29 Joe Pack
- 30 Kathy Culpepper Kennedi Haight
- 31 Judy Butler Ben Galloway

*“So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.” Psalm 90:12*