

## From Our Pastor

The “incarnation” of Christ is a great mystery to many but it is the core of the Christmas message. It is difficult for the natural mind to grasp this deep truth. I can understand man being made in the image of God but why in the world would God want to be made in the image of man? The word “incarnation” literally means the act of assuming flesh, whereby the Son of God voluntarily assumed a human body and nature. One gentleman wrote it this way, “*God did not send Christ to us; God came to us in Christ.*” John 1:14 says, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

The astronaut, James Erwin who traveled to the moon, experienced things that you and I never will experience. He never got over the truth concerning Christmas. His words were, “*There’s something more important than man walking on the moon, and that is God, walking on the earth.*” There are many ways that God could have chosen to communicate to man but this was His way of choosing. Philippians 2:6-8 says, “Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”

- Christ had a human birth – This was God contracting to the size of a woman’s womb. Jesus is fully human and fully divine. He is fully human because He came from Mary’s womb but He is also fully divine because he was conceived by the Holy Spirit. He is not half-human and half-divine. He is the God-man, one person possessing two natures, God incarnate in human flesh.
- Christ had human development.
- Christ has the essential elements of a human nature - a personality, a disposition, an attitude.
- Christ had human names – Jesus, Son of David, Son of Man.
- Christ had the sinless infirmities of humanity – He hungered, he needed rest, he was tempted.
- Christ was repeatedly referred to as a man.

Jesus did not just come to *hang* with humans. He came because He was on a mission. God looked down from heaven and saw the predicament of man and the devastation of sin and his heart was moved. Because of His great love for mankind he created a plan that would *take the life of His Son in order to create life for many sons*. The Bible says in Isaiah 7:14, “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” Matthew 1:21, 23 states, “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

The incarnation was the means by which God used “our extremity as an opportunity to do something supernatural.” The Bible says in John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” Thank God for His unspeakable gift of eternal life!

Would you be willing to ask Jesus to come into your heart today? Would you like to make 2019 the year that Christ becomes your Savior?

Bro. Terry

# December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting/ Youth Bible Study/ Children's Choir 7:45 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>5</b> 6:30 p.m. Ladies Cookie Exchange @ the home of Susan Holmes Archery	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>1 p.m.</i> <i>Chatham Christmas Parade</i>
<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:15 p.m. Joy on the Ark Store/ ESCALATE 5:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:45 p.m. Church Council	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>6:30 p.m.</i> <i>Christmas Caroling</i>	<b>12</b> 6:30 p.m. Archery	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Youth Christmas Party</i> <i>6 p.m. @ The Lloyds</i>
<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 3:00 p.m. Community Christmas Concert 5:00 p.m. Christmas Fellowship Meal	<b>16</b> <i>6 p.m.</i> <i>Food Packing</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 5:46 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Regular Business Meeting/Youth Bible Study/ Children's Choir 7:45 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 6 p.m. Senior Gift Packing @ Chatham Baptist Church 6:30 p.m. Archery	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service NO PM SERVICES	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>6 p.m.</i> <i>Candlelight Service</i>	<b>25</b> <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b> NO PM SERVICES	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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## Children's Church Workers

December 1	Wendy Byrd and Lynita Falls
December 8	Cheryelle Easley and Whitney Burnette, Lori and Caroline Doss
December 15	Jason and Erin Ball, Victoria Shorter and Lauren Reynolds
December 22	Sherry and Liz Reynolds, Megan Blair and Karen Carlsen
December 29	Darren and Paige Conner, Stephanie Weiss and Kent Bishop

## December Birthdays

- 1 Brenda Collins
- 5 Cam Moore
- 6 Sierra McDaniel
- 8 Logan Mills
- 9 Cindy Brock  
Michael Bryant
- 10 Tim Hayes  
Tiffany Smith Moore
- 11 Pat Hensley
- 14 Sonja Gregory  
David Matherly  
Dale McFaddin
- 17 Lillian Paciello  
Kent Bishop
- 19 James Lumpkins, Jr.  
Sydney Scarce
- 21 Tara St. John Harper  
Samantha L. Hedrick  
Michelle Paciello
- 23 Dawn Aaron
- 24 Cathy Moore  
Hailey Moore
- 25 Traci Nuckols  
Mary Showalter
- 28 Will Nuckols
- 30 Adam Burgess  
Makayla Lewis

## Nursery for December

### Sun Dec 1, 2019

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (Infant) Stephanie Weiss, Katie and Caleb Haymes  
(Toddler) Mary and Madilyn Moss, Cheryelle Easley  
5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. James and Sylvia Lumpkins

### Wed Dec 4, 2019

6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Donnie and Peggy Moore

### Sun Dec 8, 2019

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (Infant) Elizabeth Reynolds, Ben Ferris, Stacy Reynolds  
(Toddler) Donnie and Peggy Moore, Chuck Easley  
5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. James and Sylvia Lumpkins

### Wed Dec 11, 2019

6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Donnie and Peggy Moore

### Sun Dec 15, 2019

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (Infant) Randy and Cassie Gatewood, Cheryl Waller  
(Toddler) James and Sylvia Lumpkins, Shelly Lewis

### Wed Dec 18, 2019

6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Holly St. John

### Sun Dec 22, 2019

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (Infant) Mary Moss, Drake Easley  
(Toddler) Sabrina Moore, Linette Nuckols

5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Donnie and Peggy Moore

### Sun Dec 29, 2019

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (Infant) Lori and Caroline Doss, Danielle LaVine  
(Toddler) Heather Bray, Mandi Dolan, Erin Ball  
5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. James and Sylvia Lumpkins

### **Greeters**

December 1, 2019 Judy Reynolds, Julie Ragsdale, Shirley Fisher, Emma Walden  
December 8, 2019 Lynita Falls, Patsy Conner, Bonnie Ragsdale, Nona Roach  
December 15, 2019 Jetty Burgess, Debra Reynolds, Bonnie Ragsdale, Brenda Collins  
December 22, 2019 Dorothy Fowlkes, Joan Nuckols, Melody Collins, Faye Shropshire  
December 29, 2019 Judy Reynolds, Julie Ragsdale, Shirley Fisher, Emma Walden

### **Deacon of the Week(\*)/Usher**

December 1, 2019 Adam Burgess\*, Adam Lumpkins, Justin Matherly, Dale McFaddin  
December 8, 2019 Chris Falls\*, Larry Weiss, Jared St. John, James Lumpkins  
December 15, 2019 Tommy Jefferson\*, Gary Matherly, Karle Byrd, Daniel Moore  
December 22, 2019 Bryan Lewis\*, Bobby Mullins, Donnie Moore, Chuck Easley  
December 29, 2019 Adam Burgess\*, Adam Lumpkins, Justin Matherly, Dale McFaddin

## 2019 Lottie Moon Offering: **Update**

As a church, you have set  
a pledge goal of \$18,465.00, for the  
2019 Lottie Moon Christmas  
Offering. As of November 24, 2019,  
the church has collected  
**\$13,426.25.**



### *The Mission of the Manger*

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. — Matthew 28:19-20



2019 Lottie  
Moon Goal

\$18,465.00



**You know that 300 shoebox goal? Thanks to the generosity of our congregation we knocked it out of the park! This year we sent 308 shoeboxes around the world! Thank you so much for your support and help making this amazing ministry possible!**



We'll be back with more shoebox updates in 2020 (including the destinations of our boxes for 2019). Thank you for helping spread the Gospel to these precious children!



**Church Family,**

**We, at Grace A Lot thank you for your support for our bake sale. We were able to raise \$980.00! A big thank you!**

**Emma Walden**





On December 7 we're going to be having a float in the Chatham Christmas parade. Our theme is "Jesus is the Sweetest Name". If you would like to help put the finishing touches on the float or help man the float during the parade, please meet at the Old Dutch parking lot in Chatham at 12 p.m. Please wear something festive. If you'd like to cheer us on from the crowd the parade starts at 1 p.m. See Hal with questions.



**On December 11 we will be meeting at the church at 6:30 p.m. to go Christmas caroling. We will be visiting residents of Chatham Rehab to share the joy of the Christmas season through song and gifts. Everyone is welcome to join us, talent is appreciated, but not required, all you need is a joyful heart!**

**We'll be singing familiar Christmas classics (so there is no need to fear that you won't know the words). So don your favorite festive apparel and come make a joyful noise!**



The Youth Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 14, at 6 p.m. at the home of Hal and Carie Lloyd. We hope you can join us for this time of food, fellowship, and fun! If you have any questions, please contact Hal!



On December 15 at 3 p.m. there will be a Christmas Community Choir concert held at Watson Memorial Methodist Church. This event is free and all are welcome. Come on out to hear a joyful noise raised in celebration of the Christmas season!



Join us for a Christmas Fellowship Dinner on December 15, at 5 p.m.. The church will be supplying drinks and paper products. Bring your favorite dish to share, and enjoy a time of food and fellowship with your church family!



As we are enjoying the Christmas season, it is often easy for us to forget that there are members of our community who are struggling. This year has been challenging for many, and a good number of our neighbors are still struggling.



Join us as we help pack boxes of food at our local food bank to help brighten the Christmases of families who would otherwise face hunger. We will be packing boxes at the Pittsylvania County Food Distribution Center at 402 Chaney Lane, in Gretna at 6:00 p.m. on December 16.





We will be having our Year End Business Meeting on December 18, at 6:45 p.m. We need at least 30 members present to vote on our budget for 2019. A pasta supper will be served before the meeting starting at 5:45 p.m. Come join us for a time of food and fellowship, then stay as we discuss this important business!



We have the opportunity to help pack gift bags to bless the residents of Chatham Rehab this Christmas. We'll be packing gifts for the residents on December 19 at 6 p.m. at Chatham Baptist Church. If you have any questions, please see Julie.



**On December 24 at 6 p.m. we will be holding a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This service will feature both a celebration of Jesus' birth, and a remembrance of the great sacrifice He made on our behalf. Join us for this special time of the remembrance of the greatest gift that the world has ever received.**



*Merry Christmas from Daughters of Hope*

*The Ladies Ministry of Hollywood Baptist Church*

Join us for our annual **CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE**

Thursday, December 5 - 6:30 PM

Home of James & Susan Holmes - 3560 Weal Road

Bring a few dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie, candy or treat to share. Also bring a container to take a sample home of all the delicious goodies that are brought. You can keep these goodies for you and your family OR share them with a neighbor, shut-in or any one you'd like to bless this Christmas!

This is always a fun night and we hope to see you there!

Smiles, laughs and uplifted spirits are spreading as cards are read and packages are opened. Our SECRET SISTER MINISTRY is in full swing and you are doing a great job of reaching out to each other. We hear many expressions of thankfulness and believe God is at work moving and directing us to reach out in just the right way at just the right time!

**Mark the time off your calendar and sign up now for the LADIES PRAYER ADVANCE March 19—21, 2020 in Roanoke, VA. This year's theme: More Than Conquerors! Go to [www.christlifemin.org](http://www.christlifemin.org) for more info and to sign-up.**

**Questions: Please see Holly St. John**

THANK YOU to all who donated funds and participated in our DORM NIGHT on November 22. We enjoyed a great time of fellowship as we prepared care packages for our college students. Eight boxes were packed and shipped to let our young men and women know we love them & are praying for them!

*Daughters of Hope Ministry Team*

*\*Jessica Burgess*

*\*Wendy Byrd*

*\*Paige Conner*

*\*Patsy Conner*

*\*Mary Moon Moore*

*\*Holly St. John*





Archery will continue to meet Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. (new students come at 6 p.m. for some basic instruction). Our final meeting for 2019 will be our Christmas Party on Thursday, December 19.

If you have any questions please see Katie Haymes. You can also find additional archery information at Hollywood Baptist Archery on Facebook.



**Joy on the Ark will be hosting their final Store Night of the year on Sunday, December 8. This will be the final meeting of Joy on the Ark for 2019. Joy on the Ark will resume on Sunday, January 5. Thank you for making 2019 a great year for Joy on the Ark. We look forward to seeing you again in 2020!**



The Men's Prayer Advance will be held in Roanoke January 23-25. If you haven't already registered, you can still save \$10 by registering by January 2 for a discounted rate of \$109. The church will be reserving rooms for the Advance. If you would like a room, please contact the church office.



## You're Invited!

**Susan Holmes is hosting a drop in birthday reception for Mary Showalter at Roman Eagle Nursing Home on December 14 from 1-3 p.m. The reception will be held in the activities center. Mary will be turning 90.**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I was lying in bed this morning, I became overwhelmingly aware of the outpouring of love and support from our church family and community during the events of the last few days. Our mama's "home-going" has not been easy but you have done all in your power to help us through it and to show your love and respect for our mom.

I have been told there was a line out the door during visitation on Monday night. I had prepared myself for a small group for the funeral service on Tuesday because it was a work and school day, but there you were in a large number.

I also realized what a feast you prepared for our family after the funeral service. Thanks so much to all of you who prepared food, delivered it to the church, set up tables and chairs, and served. **What a demonstration of Christian love!**

I feel as if I have been walking around in a dense "fog". Please forgive me if I failed to speak or respond to a question or didn't even recognize your presence. It definitely was not intentional.

I do not know how anyone survives without trust in Christ's great love and promises, and the support of friends and family.

On behalf of all the family members of my *precious mother*, Pauline Reynolds, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are so very grateful!!!!

GOD IS SO GOOD! HE DOES ALL THINGS WELL!

In Christian Love,

Brenda Reynolds

Dear Friends,

We are so thankful for the beautiful butterflies that you created for us to share with people who are in need of HOPE! Each recipient will be reminded that they are loved!! Thank you!

Love in Christ,

The Butterfly Keepers

Dear Church Family,

I really do appreciate all of your support when I call on you all to cook and or bake!! Thank you for all your help!

Judy Marie Reynolds

Pastor Terry and Members,

We were honored to be with you all for the Veteran's Banquet, and most of all the opportunity to uplift our Lord and Savior. Always grateful in spreading His love through song, and thank you for all the hospitality and support. The meal was great...

May God continue to bless all!

In His Service,

Smokey and Brenda

Dear Church Family,

There are no words to express the gratitude we have for all that you have done for us since Dad's cancer diagnosis. In the beginning, the hugs, prayers, words of encouragement, and visits kept us going. Then as his treatment progressed, you were there for us again with offers of rides and company during difficult and frightening days. For those of you who have been on similar journeys, you know exactly how much each for those gestures meant to us. For those of you who have not, know that each and every one was greatly appreciated.

Most recently, you were there for us yet again when after many years it was time for Daddy to leave behind his workshop. The task was intimidating, overwhelming, and seemingly impossible. Then you all showed up. Thank you to each and every one of you who helped carry, load, sort, and clear out the accumulated 'treasures' of a lifetime. Thank you to those who helped by giving time and labor, to those who allowed us to borrow and use their equipment, and those who contributed in any way towards this monstrous task.

You will never know just how much we love and appreciate you all. May God continue to bless you and from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Much love,

Tom, Bonnie, and Julie



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## **Events in January**

**January 19**

**Baby Shower for Transitions (Formerly Little Life)**

**January 23-25**

**Men's Prayer Advance**