

*We are so glad you came to worship with us today.
We pray our service was memorable and meaningful for you in every way.*

*Nos alegramos tanto de que Ud. haya decidido adorar a Dios con nosotros hoy.
Rezamos que nuestro servicio sea memorable y significativa para Ud. en cada*

In Essentials, Unity; In Non-essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love.



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Sunday School
Attendance for
12/02/07
48

Worship
Attendance
12/02/07
79

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 9, 2007

Bethabara Moravian Church believes because of the love of Jesus Christ revealed in us, that Jesus is “the way, and the truth, and the life and no one comes to the Father but by (him).” John 14:6

Bethabara Moravian Church leads people to an active relationship with Jesus Christ by providing a path of worship, prayer, and knowledge of God’s Word through our Moravian heritage and Christian fellowship.



Watchword for the Week

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Matthew 3:2

y diciendo: Arrepentíos, porque el reino de los cielos se ha acercado.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BAND PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES Alondra Ramirez

CALL TO WORSHIP *Bethlehem Wind*

THE SCRIPTURE **MATTHEW 3:1-12** Page 836

2ND ADVENT LITURGY Page 54

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH IN GIVING

Receiving of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem *I Wonder As I Wander*

The Doxology

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON "The Kingdom Is . . ." Rev. Tripp May

HYMN *Veiled in Darkness Judah Lay* Page 276

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Stephen J. McLaughlin by his father, Len McLaughlin.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of David Segraves from his wife Norma and in honor of Christ on his birthday.

WE LIFT IN PRAYER

Bernice Anderson- *congestive heart failure, Rachel Pikes sister*

Polly Applefield

Nell Barnard-*Rachel Pike's sister-*

Jake Blackburn- *upcoming surgery*

Edna Blevins-

Fred Boyles- *Robby's dad-*

J. C. Bruce-

Harry Clark-

Emily Cline *great niece to Rosenbaum's-*

Denita Duncan

Tom Dunn- *Friend of David & Daphne Sams- stomach cancer*

Bryan Easter- *(Shirley's son & Jake Blackburn's grandson) is home from the hospital!*

Sarah Edwards-*sister of Carole Rosenbaum, MRI*

Luella Everhart- *Dalton's mom-*

Asha Gandhi - *1st grader at Sherwood School (glaucoma)*

Ivonne Grady-*ovarian cancer- friend of Alan Burton*

Jennifer Gragg

Don & Carol Griffin

Stephanie Hedrick - *great niece to Rosenbaum's-*

Sarah Holland

Mary Lou Hutchins - *Rachel Pike's sister- dementia*

Ruth Jessup- *surgery*

Paulette Kuzmanovich -

Judy Leahy~ *Ovarian Cancer*

Jack Long - *Returning to oncologist- additional melanoma cancer found.*

Libby Lee -

Susan Merry- *friend of Gena Howard & Lenny McLaughlin- cancer surgery*

Charlie Pfaff- *Liver cancer*

Jimmy Ring - *back at church!*

Gay Nell Reich

Becky Sapp-

John Welch

Beth Whitehouse- *in Asheville Returning to Mars Hill Retirement Center (hip headed)*

Sheree Williams- *Granddaughter of Kate McBride*

Rick Woods- *Family friend of Dawn Douglas -Cardiac issues*

Church-wide Christmas Caroling

Make plans now to join us for a joyful experience singing Christmas carols to those we love. We will leave the church at 1:00 pm (on Sunday December 23rd) and return around 3:00 pm.

Today at Bethabara:

9:15 am ➤ Intercessory Prayer
 9:45 a.m. ➤ Sunday school
 11 a.m. ➤ Worship service
 1:00 pm ➤ Christmas Program Practice

4:15 pm ➤ Band Practice
 6:00 pm ➤ Brookridge Love-feast (Band Prelude- 5:30 pm)

Happening this week: Remember, check the bulletin board

Wed Dec 12	6:30 pm	Christmas Movie
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir
	7:30 pm	Missions & Evangelism Planning Mtg
Thurs Dec 13	2:00 pm	Bible Study and Prayer
Sat Dec 15	10:00 am-12noon	Christmas Program Practice {and Creative Ministries Practice}
Sun Dec 16	9:00am	Christmas Program Practice
	11:00am	Children's Christmas Program
	After worship	Children's Christmas Party
	4:15 pm	Band Practice
	5:00 pm	Middle & High School Youth
	7:00 pm	Church Board -Spiritual Meeting

OUR MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES: CARDS & VISITS APPRECIATED

Sara Cooke *Friends Home Greensboro*
 Leona Chatham *Vienna Village #F57*
 Tommie Choplin *Britthaven/K-ville*

Sarah Holland *Forest Heights*
 Edith Kudelka *Independence Village*
 Anne Roberts - *Vienna Village #25 B*

~ SCRIPTURE LESSON ~

Matthew 3:1-12

^{3:1} In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit that befits repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Today's Greeters.....Jim & Paulette Kuzmanovich
 Today's Nursery Helper.....Edna Blevins
 Greeters December 16, 2007.....Moir & Fern Hunter
 Nursery December 16, 2007.....Fern Hunter

~ SCRIPTURE LESSON ~

Matthew 3:1-12

¹ En aquellos días vino Juan el Bautista predicando en el desierto de Judea, ² y diciendo: Arrepentíos, porque el reino de los cielos se ha acercado. ³ Pues éste es aquel de quien habló el profeta Isaías, cuando dijo: Voz del que clama en el desierto: Preparad el camino del Señor, Enderezad sus sendas. ⁴ Y Juan estaba vestido de pelo de camello, y tenía un cinto de cuero alrededor de sus lomos; y su comida era langostas y miel silvestre. ⁵ Y salía a él Jerusalén, y toda Judea, y toda la provincia de alrededor del Jordán, ⁶ y eran bautizados por él en el Jordán, confesando sus pecados.

⁷ Al ver él que muchos de los fariseos y de los saduceos venían a su bautismo, les decía: ¡Generación de víboras! ¿Quién os enseñó a huir de la ira venidera? ⁸ Haced, pues, frutos dignos de arrepentimiento, ⁹ y no penséis decir dentro de vosotros mismos: A Abraham tenemos por padre; porque yo os digo que Dios puede levantar hijos a Abraham aun de estas piedras. ¹⁰ Y ya también el hacha está puesta a la raíz de los árboles; por tanto, todo árbol que no da buen fruto es cortado y echado en el fuego. ¹¹ Yo a la verdad os bautizo en agua para arrepentimiento; pero el que viene tras mí, cuyo calzado yo no soy digno de llevar, es más poderoso que yo; él os bautizará en Espíritu Santo y fuego. ¹² Su aventador está en su mano, y limpiará su era; y recogerá su trigo en el granero, y quemará la paja en fuego que nunca se apagará.

Children's Christmas Program

We want every child who comes to Bethabara to participate in the program: Sunday, Dec. 16th, at 11 am. See Kristy Sapp for details.

Missions & Evangelism Planning Meeting

The mission which our Lord Jesus Christ gives us is precious indeed. It requires patience and prayer to understand clearly. Often times it is difficult to attain. Sometimes it necessitates a change of heart on the part of believers.

The Wednesday night ministries that have developed at Bethabara are the result of prayer and patient waiting on the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The "M & E" Commission will meet this Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm (in the Social Room), first to pray and listen, and then to plan for the next session of our Wednesday evening ministries.

Won't you come? Pray and plan with us? **Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 7:30pm.**

Tripp May, Pastor

Our Advent Candle Lighters (for the 11am worship services)

Dec. 2	Master Kyle Sapp
Dec. 9	Miss Alondra Ramirez
Dec. 16	Miss Sarah Grace Burton
Dec. 23	Master Ian Sapp

Brookridge Lovefeast

TONIGHT at Brookridge Retirement Home
Band Prelude 5:30 pm
Lovefeast 6:00 pm