



northside

BAPTIST CHURCH

All are welcome | Clinton, Mississippi

<p>December 2019 Season of Advent</p>
<p>Sunday Schedule</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15 am</p> <p>Worship 10:30 am</p> <p>Evening Activities See Calendar</p>
<p>Church Staff</p>
<p>Norma Baker Church Hostess</p>
<p>Beverly Hughey Church Treasurer</p>
<p>Martha Hutson Church Recorder</p>
<p>Heather Ivery Church Administrator</p>
<p>Tequila Johnson Nursery Worker</p>
<p>Susan Meadors Associate Pastor</p>
<p>Lewis Oswalt Interim Music Director</p>
<p>Dottie Serio Pianist</p>
<p>Courtney Stamey Senior Pastor</p>
<p>Janet Taylor Interim Organist</p>

Let Heaven and Nature Sing

This year for Advent our theme echoes with the melodies of the familiar Isaac Watts hymn "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come." In this tune, heaven and nature, fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains all shout to praise God. What if we took this as our posture for advent? What if in this season of waiting and preparation we challenged ourselves to offer praise. In the weeks to come, we will hear the mountains, the animals, the wilderness, the earth, and the darkness sing. And each week we will share the Lord's Supper. So, what will be your song of waiting? Maybe it's one you hold dear, like "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," or maybe it's a new tune to you like, "View the Present Through the Promise." This advent, I challenge each of us to sing a song of expectation, to whistle a tune of praise, or to hum a melody of God's faithfulness from age to age.

In addition to our traditionally celebrated worship services, we are trying something new. We will feature an early Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 pm. This service will be led by our children and youth. It will consist of nativity readings, Christmas carols, and communion. The service will last less than an hour, so it will be accessible to folks who do not drive after dark. If you know of someone who could benefit from such an early service, please invite them to join us in worship. Our 11:00pm service continues to be a centerpiece of worship for our congregation. We will hear the testimony of the scriptures welcoming the incarnation of the Christ-child, share bread and cup at the table, and greet each other with joy as we exit on Christmas morn.

In the season of preparation, I pray that you may find your song. Take time this advent to rest and to pray. May we each devote ourselves to the study of scriptures as we anticipate, once again, the coming of our savior. Joy to the world indeed!

-Courtney Stamey

Special Called Business Meeting

A special called business meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 15**, during the morning worship service for the purpose of acting on a recommendation from the deacons pertaining to the time of regular business meetings. The bylaws state the following concerning regular business meetings:

Section 2. Business Meetings

(1) Regular Business Meetings

Regular business meetings shall be held quarterly on the second Sunday night in February, the third Sunday night in May, the second Sunday night in August and the second Sunday night in November. A proposed agenda will be provided prior to the business meeting. A report on membership changes will be included on the agenda.

The deacons recommend that the word "**night**" be deleted from the four stated times for regular business meetings so that the meetings can be held after morning worship when so desired.

News of Interest

Northside's Christmas Tree at the Quisenberry Library

The children of Northside are working on decorations for a tree that will be displayed at the Quisenberry Library as part of the library's Christmas Gala. The trees will be on display from December 9—January 2. Our children and youth will decorate Northside's "Let Heaven and Nature Sing" tree on Wednesday, December 4th. Please take time during the month of December to visit the library and see the beautiful trees!

The December Senior Luncheon

The December Senior Luncheon will meet **Tuesday, December 10, at 11 am.** Our special program that day will be "A Taste of Christmas and Other Things" featuring Jimmy Sclater and Dottie Serio. We will be well entertained by this dynamic duo and will even have opportunities to sing a few songs with them. It's a potluck lunch so come share food and the joy of the season.

Children's Sunday School in Advent

During the season of Advent we have special plans for the children each week: December 1, 8, 15, and 22nd. Please make sure your child arrives at Sunday School by 9:15 am so that they can participate in everything planned.

The Children's Committee and Children's Sunday School teachers are doing an amazing job of teaching the stories of the Bible to the children, and showing them God's tender love each week. The best way to show appreciation is with presence.

December Book Club

The Third Tuesday Book Club will meet **Tuesday December 17** at Courtney Stamey's home, 105 Brookside Circle in Cascades. We will bring favorite salads to share. In lieu of a book discussion we will have The Great Brown Bag Book Swap! Bring a book to gift covered in brown paper with a brief description on the front!

The Advent Mission Offering

The theme for this year's Advent Mission Offering is "Serving God as We Give." Our goal is **\$30,000**

The designated recipients this year are the following:

1. **Alicia and Jeff Lee, CBF Macedonia agricultural missionaries. \$5000**
2. **Kim and Mark Wyatt, North Carolina immigrant missions. \$5000**
1. **Jericho and Eric Bell, Medical missionaries serving in Kenya. \$5000**
2. **Delta Hands for Hope \$5000**
3. **Immigrant Response in Mississippi through CBF of MS. \$5000**
6. **Outreach to Jackson**
 - A. **His Heart Ministries at Calvary Baptist Church \$2500**
 - B. **We Will Go \$2500**

You can give through the offering each **Sunday in Advent** or through the **tithely app.** A brochure detailing the various ministries is available.

Our Financial Outlook

Present: As we stand now, we need to have a monthly contribution level of \$39,000 per month to meet our 2019-2020 budget. We have averaged approximately \$31,000 per month the past four months. This leaves us with a potential shortfall of \$30,000 to \$40,000. My best guess is that we will be \$30,000 in the hole to the budget at the end of March 2020.

Future: We voted to support a budget of \$443,800 for this year. Next year's budget needs to be closer to \$420,000. So, we cannot support an increase and we need to find ways to reduce and/or reallocate our monetary needs for the 2020-2021 budget. Committees need to take this into consideration when formulating their budget requests for next year.

News of Interest

New Members



Bart and Tanya Mayfield Brady and Lilly

Joined November 10, 2019
706 Cabernet Drive
Clinton, MS 39056



Zoe Damessous

Joined November 17, 2019
901 Normandy Dr
Clinton, MS 39056

Recent Prayer Requests

Betty Burt, friend of Kitty Brogan, many family health issues

Donna Corbett, mother of Kim Corbett, cancer

Mary Davis, friend of Susan Meadors, cancer

Opal Hall, friend of Wilma Hemphill, delicate surgery to remove tumor from eye

Doug Harper, friend of Jimmie Street, recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer

Terri Kazery, recovering from brain surgery, treatment for cancer

Rikki Morrow, granddaughter of Jimmie Street, pregnant and having seizures; school teacher in Puckett

Blake Parham, brother of Jason Parham, chemo Therapy

Steven Patterson, recovering from surgery due to cardiac incident 11/21

Buddy Smith, cancer

Amelia Yurkow, 8 year old relative of Mary Coker, diagnosed with NMO, auto-immune disease; receiving transfusions

Loving Sympathy

Our church family offers loving sympathy to LaHara and Mickey Medlock and their children and grandchildren in the death of LaHara's mother, **Lurline Ledlow**, wh passed away 11/10 at the age of 100.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to **Scott King** in the death of his mother, Judith King of Clinton. Her funeral was 11/19.

Members at Home

Ruth Houston – 227 Brookdale Asst. Living, 39056

Sue Nations – 319A, Avondale Dr., 39056

Merle Thomas – 100 Parker Dr., #2B, 39056

LaDeane Moore – 200 Serenity Lane, Apt. 310,
Madison, 39110

Bonnie Berry (Crockett) –140 Castlewoods Blvd,
Memory Care Unit Room 120, Brandon, 39047



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December at a Glance

Sunday Dec 1, Hanging of the Greens during
 Worship Service

Sunday Dec 8. Angel Tree gifts due

Sunday Dec 15, Choir presentation during
 Worship Service

6:00 pm, Moravian Love Feast

Tuesday Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Early Service, **11:00 pm** Late Service

Dec 24-26—Office Closed

Dec 31—Office Closed at noon

Jan 1—Office Closed

Advent Calendar

Let Heaven and Nature Sing

Advent 1, Let the Mountains Sing, December 1

Advent 2, Let the Animals Sing, December 8

Advent 3, Let the Wilderness Sing,
 December 15

Advent 4, Let the Earth Sing, December 22

Christmas Eve, Let the Darkness Sing,
 December 24