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RUSH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER

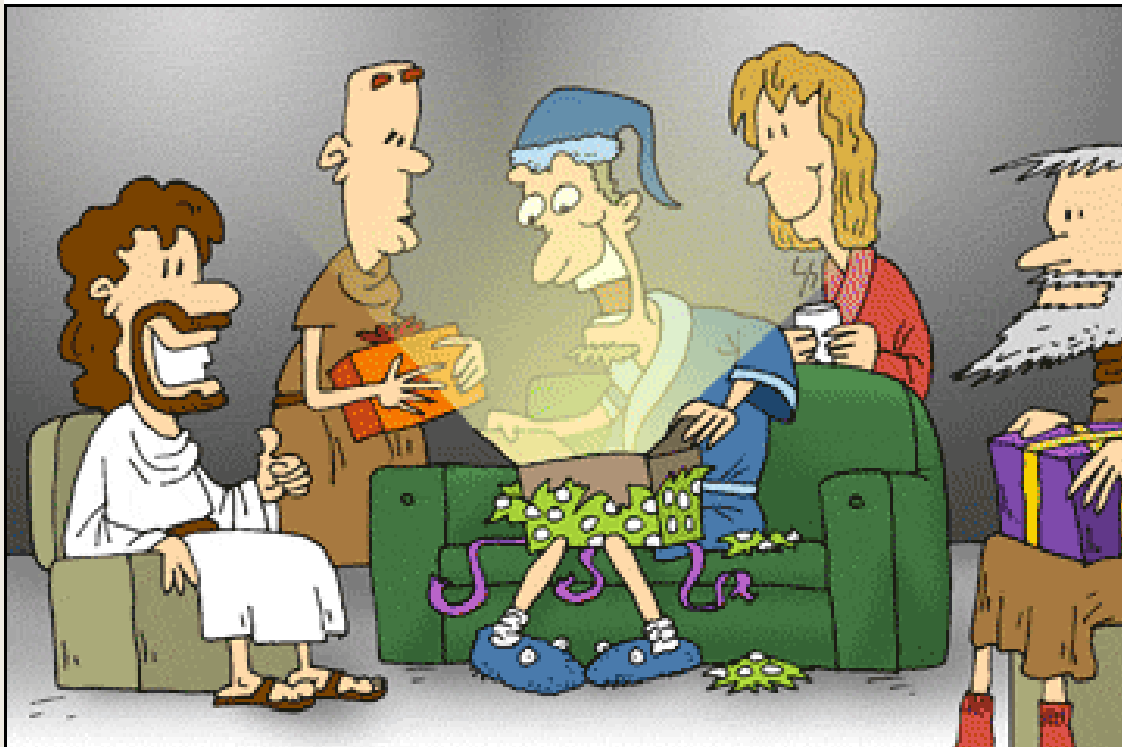
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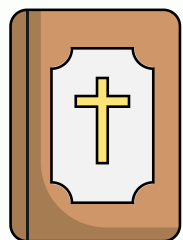
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ETERNAL LIFE, MY FAVORITE ... THANKS
JESUS!



SUNDAYS AT RUSH CHAPEL



**First Sunday of Each Month
Men's Breakfast 8 a.m.**

All men of the church are invited for breakfast and fellowship!

Sunday School 10 a.m.

WE HAVE SEVERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO FIND A SUNDAY SCHOOL TO ATTEND!

CHILDREN/MIDDLE SCHOOL- DOWNSTAIRS, MAIN BUILDING

SHELLEY ROBBINS, LUCY BURNES

HIGH SCHOOL- SMALL UPSTAIRS ROOM, MAIN BUILDING
AMY OYLER

ADULT/UPPER ROOM CLASS-MAIN BUILDING
TOMMY ARMSTRONG, DARCY LIDDLE, JENNIFER LANEY

ADULT/BILL PAYNE CLASS- FELLOWSHIP HALL
JASON OYLER, VALERIE MCFRY

Worship 11 a.m.

Come join us for worship in our beautiful sanctuary or, if you are unable to attend, watch us on Facebook Live!

Youth 5-7 p.m.

Our youth meet from 5-7 each Sunday night for fun, fellowship, and food. All youth are invited to attend and bring a friend too!

**Last Sunday of Each Month
Levee Church 7 a.m.**

Come as we take an opportunity to serve others with food and fellowship at the levee each last Sunday of the month.
See more details in this newsletter.



WEDNESDAYS AT RUSH CHAPEL

BREAKFAST CLUB AT LANDMARK DINER

Wednesdays 9am

GOOD FOOD + GOOD FRIENDS = 1 GREAT TIME

Come join us at the Landmark Diner every Wednesday at 9 am
for some great fellowship!



CHOIR PRACTICE



Choir practice for this year's Christmas Cantata, which will be December 18,
is every Wednesday night unless otherwise noted at 5 p.m.

Come to practice,
stay for Bible Study!

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6 P.M.

WE ARE FINISHING A STUDY ON THE "MINOR PROPHETS". THIS IS A
GREAT TIME TO JOIN A TERRIFIC GROUP! COME FIND OUT WHAT
THESE LESSER KNOWN BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT HAVE TO
TELL US!

 <p>Hosea was chosen by God to be an example to the people of Israel. His wife was unfaithful, but just like God he never stopped loving her and always looked for her whenever she left him.</p>	 <p>Joel prophesied during a time when the land of Israel had suffered from a great plague of locust. Joel proclaims this as a sign from God as a precursor to the Day of the Lord.</p>	 <p>Amos was a sheep breeder and a tender of fig trees by trade, but God used him to bring a powerful word of correction to Israel and the surrounding nations.</p>	 <p>Obadiah is the shortest book in the old testament with only 21 verses. The book is a proclamation of judgment against Edom for aiding the Babylonians in their siege against Jerusalem.</p>	 <p>Jonah is the most famous of the minor prophets because a giant sea animal was used to set him back on course after going astray. His mission was to tell the people of Nineveh to repent of their wrongdoings.</p>	 <p>Micah in 1:8 lamented without wearing clothes in order to illustrate the severity of the destitution and captivity that was coming. This method was also used by Isaiah at times (Isaiah 20:2-3).</p>
 <p>Nahum predicts the destruction of Nineveh the great capital of the Assyrian empire. Evidently the reforms introduced by Jonah did not last long.</p>	 <p>Habakkuk identifies himself as a psalmist and musician by ending his book with a hymn of redemption and grace to be played on stringed instruments by the temple worship leaders.</p>	 <p>Zephaniah contains a series of stern judgments directed toward Israel, Judah, and her neighbors for permitting idolatry and other sins in the land.</p>	 <p>Haggai makes his chief concern restoring the temple of the Lord. Despite the Hebrew's return from captivity, the temple had not yet been fully rebuilt.</p>	 <p>Zechariah like Ezekiel received vivid prophecies in the form of highly symbolic visions. Some of the imagery includes flying scrolls, olive trees, and angels. There are several Messianic passages as well.</p>	 <p>Malachi is a reformer who directs his message toward corrupt priests and those who withhold their offerings from the Lord. Malachi is the last book before the New Testament.</p>

LEVEE CHURCH



LEVEE CHURCH WILL MEET CHRISTMAS MORNING,
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25.

KURT WILL BE THERE AS USUAL.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, YOU
CAN REACH OUT TO HIM AT 706-766-3492 ON HOW
TO HELP OR COME READY TO SERVE AT THE LEVEE.

PARK NEAR THE BOAT RAMP NEXT TO
HERITAGE PARK AT 7am.

WE SPONSOR LEVEE CHURCH THE LAST
SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. THANKS TO KURT FOR
BRINGING US THIS SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

HERE'S WHAT'S UP IN DECEMBER

ELECTION LUNCH

It's run-off time and Rush Chapel is providing lunch for poll workers again! On December 6, Jared and Brent will be delivering Chick-fil-A to the poll workers.

If you would like to support with a monetary donation or help deliver lunch to the polling place, please contact Jared or Brent.



Our yearly tradition of gathering to sing our favorite carols and share fellowship and refreshments is coming, so mark your calendars!

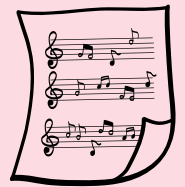
Second Ave. UMC is hosting this year at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 11. Make sure to be there!

Carol Sing-along

Christmas Cantata

Please be sure to be at 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 18 to hear our choir present their cantata.

They have been working hard and you won't want to miss it!



Christmas Eve and Morning at Rush Chapel

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Join us for this very special service at 5 p.m. as we sing carols, hear scripture and reflect on the birth of our Savior, and light candles.

This service is certainly a favorite, and all family and friends of Rush Chapel are invited and encouraged to attend!



Christmas Morning Worship

We will not meet for Sunday School, but we will have worship at 11 a.m. to celebrate the birth

of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Join us for worship, singing, and a very Merry Christmas Day!



MONTHLY MOMENT FROM PASTOR JARED

“You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.”

— Luke 1:31

No one expected it—not Joseph, and certainly not Mary. A child before marriage. A son conceived without having sex, however that might work. He would be a holy child, someone set apart to God. He would be the Son of God, whatever that might mean. That’s what the angel told Mary.

Naturally, Mary asked how this would happen. The angel said the Holy Spirit would come upon her. Who ever heard of such a thing? Joseph and Mary expected that any child they might have would be a gift from God. But they sure didn’t expect this.

Though their son would be conceived in an extraordinary way, he would be born in the usual way. He would eat and sleep in the usual way. He would grow up in the usual way. And he would learn the family trade in the usual way.

For a long time, there wouldn’t be much unusual about their son. Not until the Holy Spirit, who would come upon Mary, would also descend on their son (Luke 3:22). The Spirit would send their son on a mission to be the Savior of the world.

That mission would unfold in ways no one expected. But their son would keep moving forward. With a generous heart, with a courageous spirit, and with toughened soles, he would stick to the path of that mission for the glory of God.

We walk this path during Advent, waiting for Christ to come and working to fulfill the mission that Christ gave us; love God, love neighbor. Let’s continue in anticipation of the works to come and do what work is already before us with hope, peace, joy, and love!

Jesus, you are the pioneer and perfecter of faithfulness. Your feet walked the path ahead of us. May our feet keep moving as we walk along behind you. Amen.



Prayer Concerns

IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HERE, ANNOUNCE THEM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, WRITE THEM AND PUT THEM IN THE OFFERING PLATE, OR EMAIL THEM TO RUSHCHAPEL@GMAIL.COM.

Dempsey Carney and family; Asher Stinson; Donna Jane Murray; Pat Bailey; Gina Byers; our college students; Max Tucker; Judy (Pam Russell's sister) and Mickey Foster; Barbara Smith (Larry Russell's sister); Brent Nations' mother Carolyn; Ann Jones; Lori Armstrong; the Russell family; Harvey Burnes, father of Tony, and the Burnes family; the King family; Pat Adair's daughter Jenni living in South Korea; the Browning family; Lester Bragg; Robbie Jann; Eddie Thornburg; Kellie Curry's uncle Sherman Clark passed away; Charles and Patty Sizemore; family of Gary Greiner; Mark Rice; Ken Moore from Levee Church; the Everett family; Susan Cagle

Birthdays

DECEMBER

2

Beverly Lashley

5

Ann Jones

9

Juanita Grissett

13

Luke Rush

15

Shelley Robbins

17

Lily Curry Haley

Miriam Burnes

20

Jacque Tanner

31

Brent Nations



Anniversaries

DECEMBER

7

Jim and Faye Laney

9

Jeff and Joann Patty

11

Seth and Jennifer Laney

14

Jason and Valerie McFry

17

Tony and Lucy Burnes

21

Tommy and Sharon Armstrong

23

Michael and Beverly Lashley



DECEMBER

2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 8 a.m. Men's B'fast	5	6 Election Day Lunches 6 p.m. Trustees	7 9 a.m. B'fast Club 5 p.m. Choir Practice 6 p.m. Bible Study	8	9	10
11 6 p.m. Carol Sing-along @ 2nd Ave. UMC	12	13	14 9 a.m. B'fast Club 5 p.m. Choir Practice 6 p.m. Bible Study	15	16	17
18 11 a.m. Christmas Cantata	19	20	21 9 a.m. B'fast Club 6 p.m. Bible Study Christmas Party	22	23	24 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
25 7 a.m. Levee Church 11 a.m. Worship	26	27	28 9 a.m. B'fast Club	29	30	31

December Lay Volunteers

DATE	LAY READER	NURSERY/CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Dec. 4	Brent Nations	Valerie McFry, Miriam Burnes
Dec. 11	John Sizemore	Jason Oyler, Frank Curry
Dec. 18	Valerie McFry	Lucy Burnes, Briggs Laney
Dec. 25	Lucy Burnes	Jennifer Laney, Alyssa Laney

Scan the codes below to follow and enjoy the Advent devotionals for each day of the Advent season.
Enrich your days as you prepare your heart for the coming of our Savior once again!

A Musical Advent Devotional:

From the Florence District of the United Methodist Church in South Carolina
and our many friends of the connection

Enjoy a song and a corresponding reflection each day
as you prepare for the coming of the Lord



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Advent Playlist



Scan code to
access daily
devotional

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