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Greetings,

Many are wondering what the holiday season holds this year: Will you receive the gift you wished for? Will you be able to purchase the gifts that others want? There has always been a certain level of stress that we all encounter when it comes to others and ourselves.

I want to share something that hopefully will encourage you as you head out to the stores this year. 2 Corinthians 8:9 says "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich." Some who are reading this paragraph are among the richest people I know even though you have very little money; however, you understand that to be like Christ, we must allow ourselves to be emptied before He can fill things back up.

Jesus came into this world as a servant to you and I, and He chose to lay down His life as a gift for us. He was a servant to all and that was His gift to all. No matter what your child's list may look like, you will never give them anything more precious than your time. If you are looking for a present for your spouse, cover them in prayer and speak blessings over their lives. For your employer, be a faithful and respectful employee. And for everyone else, shower them with kindness because you would want that as a gift. These are really easy and inexpensive gifts that we can all afford. The ideas that I have shared are what Jesus modeled. It worked well for Him and so it will for you and I.

Delaine and I want to wish a Merry Christmas and wonderful holiday season to all.

Blessings,

Pastor Kevin

Special Wednesday Night Meal



On *Wednesday, December 23rd*, we will be having a **Blessing Night** here at the church. This will be a time that we will come together with our church family and share a meal and fellowship with each other. Please sign up on the Life Board if you are able to attend and bring your favorite dish to share. After breaking bread together, we will then finish up in the Sanctuary with some traditional Christmas Carols. Please invite anyone who doesn't have family close by and bring enough food to share.

Nursery Ministry

Sunday Plus
8:45-10 am

AM Service 10-11:30 am

PM Service 6 pm

6 th Young Married	K.Whittington / N.Payseur	Angie & Courtney Tignor
13 th Middle Adults	Angie & Courtney Tignor	Children's Christmas Musical
20 th Senior Adults	T.Crews / T.Edwards	Adult Christmas Musical
27 th Young Married	Kerri Rudisill / Erik Hester	A.Childers / Mary Harris
Wednesday 7 pm	Teresa Crews / Tom Cagle	

Preschool Ministry

Children's Church 10-11:30 am

Audrey Childers



Sunday 6 pm &
Wednesday 7 pm
(w/ Nursery)

Children's Choir Ministry



"CAMEL LOT" (Don't miss the manger)

Our kids will be presenting the Christmas musical **"Camel Lot"** on *Sunday, December 13th*, at 6pm in the Sanctuary. Not even Broadway has ever been to a place quite like this!!

Beth has been practicing hard for the church Christmas program. Her Dad (who runs a car dealership), may be too busy with Christmas car sales to make it to the program. Exhausted from practice, with lines from Luke 2 swarming in her mind, she drifts off to sleep. Transported by Beth's imagination (and a sound effect or two!), we all "wake up" in Bethlehem on a very special day, and in a most unusual place - the **Camel Lot!** It doesn't take long, inside Beth's topsy-turvy dream world, to encounter camel shoppers, sales people, shepherds, wise men, and a very familiar story, told in a fun and refreshing new way!

You don't want to miss this special time. Everyone will love, the clear, simple message of Jesus the Savior, sent to our world to give us hope as ministered by our own kids.

What better place to spend Christmas with your kids this year, than here in the – **Camel Lot!!**

Children's Ministry



Our K-5th Grade children will have a **Christmas Party** on December 12th. After play practice, which is at 3pm, we will enjoy a hayride through McAdenville to see the lights. Please bring blankets, coats, hats, gloves, etc., to stay warm. Parents of children in Grades K-3 must attend with their child(ren).

To all Parents of children in the **Christmas Musical** – Please make sure you received the schedule of practices for the month of December. If you do not have a copy of this, please see Delaine as soon as possible!

To all Parents of K-5th Graders ... Sunday School begins at 10am; at 10:30am, the children join together in the gym for Children's Church. Please encourage your child(ren) to come to Sunday School. Our teachers are well-prepared, and everyone is blessed by this time together.

And finally, to all of our Children's Ministry volunteers ... Thank you and have a wonderful Christmas!

Youth Ministry



We will be taking 15 students to help pack and load Christmas boxes for **Operation Christmas Child** on *Monday, December 14th*. Details will be announced in Youth services.

On *Monday, December 21st*, the gym will be open for all students for **"Turkey Bowl 2"** – come out and join in some games and events throughout the day such as flag football, Turkey bowling, dodgeball, and more!

Stay tuned for details on our **Youth Christmas Party**... we will be going through the McAdenville Christmas Lights, having dinner together and hanging out for the evening. Come to Youth to find out more...

Life Group meetings are going great! All youth are encouraged to join us each Sunday night from 6-7:15pm.

To all Parents of students in our Youth Ministry: Please email us your current address, contact info, cell #, Facebook, etc. – we want to keep in touch with you as we go into the new year!

Keenagers



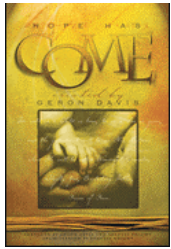
Tuesday, December 8th - Christmas Party
 Tuesday, December 22nd - No Meeting
 Over 50? We hope you'll join us! See Gary or Sandra Lundquist for more information.

Hope Ministry



This month, Hope Ministry is collecting **hams or turkeys, brownie or cake mixes, and eggs.** Also, thank you for your generous support for our Thanksgiving Blessing Boxes!

Choir Ministry



HOPE HAS COME!

You are cordially invited to a night of Hope. On *Sunday, December 20th*, at 6pm, the Belmont Sanctuary Choir will be ministering "Hope Has Come."

Christmas is not just a piece of history. Jesus came for more than just that. Jesus' birth was specifically planned for all of our benefit. The story speaks to us even today. God's hope is alive and He still chooses ordinary people in ordinary places to do extraordinary things. That hope still brings broken people a reason to sing. What a great reason to celebrate – and worship! We can now look ahead because Christmas isn't just a story of the past; Christmas is a story of the future. The same Messiah who pierced the darkness so long ago in Bethlehem will again return as our conquering King. Hope came, Hope is here, and Hope is coming!

Women's Ministry



"Let not your hearts be troubled"
 (which is easier said than done!)

John 14:1-3 portrays Jesus as the ultimate host who has prepared the most exquisite place for us to live in eternity!

During the hustle and bustle of this wonderful holiday season, don't allow all the plans, parties, and preparations to crowd out the true meaning of this time. I encourage you to intentionally set aside extra time for you and Jesus to sit down and discuss those necessary preparations that only the two of you can!

I pray this season be a time of restoration and refreshment! Remember stress does not equal success. I end with this: 1 Peter 5:7 – *"Cast all your cares on Him because He cares for you!"* (He really does care!)

Abundant Blessings,
Summer Collins

Service Schedule

Sunday

Worship Schedule

9 am Sunday Plus (Youth-Adults; childcare provided)
 9:30-9:55 am Coffee 'n Fellowship (FLC)
 10 am Morning Worship
 Sunday School (PreK-5th Grade) followed by Children's Church
 6 pm Evening Worship
 Children's Classes (K-5th Grade)
 Consuming Fire Youth (6th-12th Grade)

Staffed Nursery available at every service!

Wednesday

5:30-6:30 pm Dinner – 1st Wednesday of each month (FLC) **December's meal: 12/23**
 7-8 pm
 * Children's Classes (Preschool; K-5th Grade)
 * Consuming Fire Youth (CLC – 6th-12th Grade; College age)
 * Adult Classes
 * First Place (FLC)
 * Adult Class (Sanctuary)



"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Women's Bible Study 10am (FLC)	2 Christian Classes 7pm	3	4	5
6 Choir 4:30pm Prayer 4:30pm	7 Prayer 6-7pm	8 Women's Bible Study 10am (FLC) Keenagers - Christmas Party	9 Christian Classes 7pm	10	11	12 Children's Musical Practice 3pm . . . followed by a Christmas Party & Hayride
13 Choir 4:30pm Prayer 4:30pm Children's Choir presents <i>"Camel Lot"</i> 6pm	14 Youth - Operation Christmas Child Prayer 6-7pm	15 Women's Bible Study 10am (FLC)	16 Christian Classes 7pm	17	18	19
20 Choir 4:30pm Prayer 4:30pm Sanctuary Choir presents <i>"Hope Has Come"</i> 6pm	21 Youth - "Turkey Bowl 2" Prayer 6-7pm	22 Women's Bible Study 10am (FLC)	23  Fellowship & Christmas Carols 6:30pm (FLC)	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26
27 No PM Activities or Service due to the Holiday Weekend	28 Prayer 6-7pm	29	30 Christian Classes 7pm	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	1	2