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DECEMBER MEMORY VERSE

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." ~Luke 2:14, KJV Barcelona Road Baptist Church

December, 2022



CHRISTMAS CANTICLES

A Cantata of Carols in Four Suites Presented by the BRBC Choir and Members of the AR Symphony Orchestra

> Sunday, December 11 10:30 AM Worship

FROM MY HEART TO YOURS:

Conrad the Cobbler

Edwin Markham was one of the truly great poets of our time. His poem

great poets of our time. His poem about Conrad the Cobbler is a favorite of many. Conrad was a sincere Christian and genuinely loved people. One night he had a dream that Jesus Christ was going to come to his shop the very next day. So early the next morning he went out and gathered flowers to decorate his shop.

Then he set out a meal for his special guest: bread, honey and milk. But as the day went by, he was interrupted by an old man, a beggar. Out of generosity and kindness, Conrad invited him to come in out of the rain. The beggar's shoes were wet and worn, so Conrad gave him a new pair of shoes from his shop and sent him on his way.

The hours passed, and an older woman carrying a heavy load came into his shop. Conrad invited her to rest for a while. Then he gave her some of the bread, honey, and milk that he had prepared for Christ.

Later that afternoon there came into the shop a little child lost, crying, and frightened. Conrad's heart went out to her, so he helped her find her way home.

Daylight faded into twilight, and twilight into evening. Sadly, Conrad concluded that his special guest would not come at all. He cried out:

"Why is it, Lord that your feet delay? Did you forget that this was the day?"

Then soft in the silence a Voice he heard, "Lift up your heart, for I kept my word.

Three times I came to your friendly door; three times my shadow was on your floor.

I was the beggar with bruised feet; I was the woman you gave to eat; I was the child on the homeless street."

Jesus has reminded us, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). Conrad had captured the spirit of Christmas by giving to those who were in need. During this time of the year, we are called on to give as well. There are those around us who are struggling with problems and difficulties. For some, it may be the first Christmas following the death of a loved one. Others face the heartache of separation or divorce, or estrangement from their children. Still others around us are physically hungry and wonder if they will have food and gifts for Christmas. We are called to demonstrate generosity and love during this sacred season. And throughout the year as well.

Christmas Worship Experiences

We look forward to special music by our BRBC Choir and members of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra on Sunday morning, December 11. The music is titled "Christmas Canticles: Cantata of Carols in Four Suites" and is the creation of our own gifted musician, Benjamin Harlan.

Invite others to share in this meaningful time of worship. Then plan to be present for our Candlelight Lord's Supper service on Christmas Eve at 5 PM.

Christmas Greetings

Christmas greetings from the Stubblefield family. We wish for you a joyous, Christfilled holiday season. Jackie and I are grateful for the privilege of serving with you.

> Your Pastor, Jon M. Stubblefield



Attendance & Finances Sun AM Wed. 10/02/22 135 71 10/09/22 131 51 10/16/22 117 60

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OCTOBER BUDGET RECEIPTS: \$60,454.86

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3—Linda Carpenter 4-Wendell Moffitt 5—Hilde Simmons 6—Holly Anderson 7—Sharon Grazier 9—Mickey Davis 10-Claudette Stefanski 12—Pam Dill 13—Carolyn Bostian 13—Homer Mohn 15—Jacob Gilmer 16—Shella Clancy 16—Dianne Latiolais 18—Elaine Patterson 21—Gretchen Hewitt 24—Shirley Hart 26—Billy Ray Woolsey 27—Jon Stubblefield 30—Anne Iley 30—Barbara Powell 30—Bob Smith 30—Ralph Wagner



1—Bill and Carol Fincher

- 8—Mark and Susie Andrews
- 8—Jimmy and Maggi Payne
- 14—Bill and Becky Bettis
- 14—Bob and Betty DeLong
- 29—Mike and Judy Dacus
- 31—Homer and Diane Mohn



DEACONS MEETING December 6 6:00 PM, CONFERENCE ROOM



5:00 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE/ LORD'S SUPPER

Gather with us for a special time of worship in Scripture and song along with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.



The word Advent is from Latin adventus, "coming". In the Christian church calendar, Advent is the period of preparation for the celebra-

tion of the birth of Jesus Christ and also of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ.

A candle is lit each of the four Sundays before Christmas with a white candle being lit on Christmas Eve. Fun, food and fellowship were enjoyed by kids and adults alike at the Fall Festival on Halloween. A total of 71 children came through.



































Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 4:00 Hope S.S. Class, Ouachita Music Pro- gram	3
4 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	5 4:00 Handbell Practice	6 6:00 Deacons Meeting	7 10:00 Grief Group 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service 6:50 Choir Reh.	8 6:00 New Horizons Christmas party	9	10
11 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/ Choir Cantata	12 4:00 Handbell Practice	13	14 10:00 Grief Group 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 4:45 Potluck Meal 6:00 Prayer Service 6:50 Choir Reh.	15	16	17
18 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 5:00 Faith S.S. Class Party	19	20	21 NO SERVICE	22	23	24 5:00 CANDLE- LIGHT SERVICE/ LORD'S SUPPER
25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30 Sunday School (Faith Class and New Horizons classes only) 10:30 Worship Service	26 OFFICE CL	²⁷ OSED DEC. 26—J	28 NO SERVICE AN. 2	29	30	31



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For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. – Isaiah9:6

Our library has a great selection of Christmas-themed books. Please stop by and visit the back room to see what's there!

New for December:

<u>Holly and Ivy</u> by Fern Michaels - The flames of memory always seem to glow a little brighter during the holidays. Perhaps that's why this time of year is so difficult for airline heiress Ivy Macintosh, as she faces thoughts of yet another festive season alone. Since the plane crash that claimed the lives of her husband and two children eight years ago, she's been submerged in grief. When eleven-year-old Holly Greenwood knocks on her door, lost and frightened after a forbidden visit to her singing teacher, Ivy's self-imposed exile is shattered. Holly has an extraordinary voice and wants nothing more than to perform in an upcoming Christmas musical. Holly's father, Daniel, doesn't allow music in their home, refusing to give a good reason why. Yet, Ivy is drawn to the warmth she senses beneath his gruff exterior. As Christmas nears, their shared concern for Holly begins to draw Ivy back into the world again—and toward a family who may need her just as much as she needs them.

<u>The Wish</u> by Nicholas Sparks - 1996 was the year that changed everything for Maggie Dawes. Sent away at sixteen to live with an aunt she barely knew in Ocracoke, a remote village on North Carolina's Outer Banks, she could think only of the friends and family she left behind . . . until she met Bryce Trickett, one of the few teenagers on the island. Handsome, genuine, and newly admitted to West Point, Bryce showed her how much there was to love about the wind-swept beach town— and introduced her to photography, a passion that would define the rest of her life. By 2019, Maggie is a renowned travel photographer. She splits her time between running a successful gallery in New York and photographing remote locations around the world. But this year she is unexpectedly grounded over Christmas, struggling to come to terms with a sobering medical diagnosis. Increasingly dependent on a young assistant, she finds herself becoming close to him. As they count down the last days of the season together, she begins to tell him the story of another Christmas, decades earlier—and the love that set her on a course she never could have imagined.

<u>The Edelweiss Sisters</u> by Kate Hewitt - Before World War II, three sisters live a simple life in Salzburg with their clock -mending father and housewife mother. Although they are siblings close in age, they have very different characters. Each one has a different reaction to the unfolding situation and chooses to navigate her own path, learning from her experiences and dealing with the consequences of her actions.

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace. The gladness of Christmas give you hope. The warmth of Christmas grant you love. Merry Christmas!" – Anonymous



Kay Dierks, Librarian

INTERNATIONAL DAY, NOVEMBER 6, WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!





Julia Baird

















Dr. Rebekah Naylor





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Clip and place in your picture directory.



Randell Snipes 34 Segovia Drive 901-489-5188

Randell Snipes is a neighbor of the church who recently became a new member of BRBC. He has lived in the Village for three years. Before that, he lived at The Atrium in Hot Springs.

His reason for moving to this area from Memphis, Tennessee, is pretty clear as his two children (Anna and John) and five grandchildren live in Hot Springs.

Randell is a retired educator. He taught English and later history. He even taught the resource classes which is made up of at-risk kids—some of whom were even homeless. His last five years were spent as a counselor.

Family gatherings and visits to the Fitness Center help fill his days and he enjoys reading—especially fiction. He is anxious to visit the library here at BRBC.

We welcome Randell to our fellowship.







CHRISTMAS BASKET REMINDER TO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Shoe certificates for the children in your Christmas family are in the church safe. Be sure to take those with your delivery of food and presents.



NOVEMBER 30, 4:45 PM

Our next Potluck Dinner will recognize our new members since August.

Bring meats, vegetables or desserts to share as we fellowship together and welcome our new friends to our congregational family. "By the Cross We Care, One Person At a Time"

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The Barcelona Banner is published monthly to keep members informed about programs of the church and to report news about its members.

Deadline for articles is the fifteenth of each month.

You may e-mail your articles to brbc3office@att.net or bring to the church office.

If you are moving, have an email or phone number change, please contact the church office so your records can be changed.

Schedule of Services:

Sunday Services: Sunday School - 9:30 AM Worship Service - 10:30 AM

Wednesday Evening:

Children/Youth - 3:30 PM (During school year) Prayer Service - 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - 6:55 PM

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