

FLAT BRANCH COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Welcome our new Covenant Partners:

(from left to right by photo)

Ethan and Danielle Twiss both hail from Broadway NC. Ethan grew up attending Jonesboro Baptist Church in Sanford while Danielle attended Holly Springs Baptist Church growing up. Ethan is a Chemical engineer, and Danielle is a bio processing technician. They have been married two years bringing together a large and beautiful family including **Peighton Twiss 11, JT Twiss 10, Ronin Buckler 8, and Desmond Buckler 3.**

We are the **Adams family**. Our family consists of myself (Natalie), my husband (Matthew) and our son Braydon. Matt grew up in Broadway NC whereas I was raised in Lee County NC. Our son Braydon is 9 years old and is in the 3rd grade. Matt and I have been married for 1 year but have been together for 12 years. My husband works for Sanford Honda but is an electrician by trade. I worked in the restaurant industry for years until I got a job at Pfizer as a Bio Processing Technician. Matt and I live in Harnett County on our family farm and now are proud members of the Flat Branch CPC.

Christine Goodman: I was born and raised by a police officer and a waitress in St. Louis, Mo. I have one surviving son and two grandsons. I love riding horses, reading, and movies in multiple genres. I am a 24/7 nurse, housekeeper, and cook for my disabled sister and brother-in-law. I am a former highly qualified English Language Arts teacher (retired). I have a twin brother named Carson who is one of the funniest people alive.

Tom and Heather Backus have lived in North Carolina for 20+ years. Tom has a degree in Christian education and theology from Westminster College and elementary and special education degrees from Youngstown University. Heather has an elementary education degree from D'Youville University. Tom is the Principal at South Harnett Elementary. Heather teaches second grade at Highland Elementary. We are enjoying growing the faith with our family with Tom leading our way. We have four amazing children: **Thomas, Nora, Elyse, and Mollie.**



Hebrews 10:24-25
(ESV)

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.





It's Christmas time!

Over the next four weeks we will study and ponder several songs about the **Advent**, or coming, of our Lord Jesus Christ. The first Sunday in December we will look at Mary's Song, otherwise known as the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) and come to the Lord's Table together for communion. Then, on December 8th, we will hear the song of Zechariah, John the Baptist's father, also known as the Bene-

dictus. You may remember that Zechariah was stricken mute because he did not believe the angel Gabriel who said that he and his wife, Elizabeth, would have a son. After John's birth, Zechariah's tongue was loosed and he immediately praised God (Luke 1:68-79). On the 15th, along with our yearly Choir Cantata, we will celebrate with the angels as they sang to the shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests" (Luke 2:14), the Gloria in Excelsis. And on the 22nd, the fourth Sunday in Advent, we will worship with Simeon as he sings of salvation, the appearance of Christ (Luke 2:29-32), which is known as the Nunc Dimittis. We will conclude the series on the 24th, Christmas Eve, when we examine the new song, the Song of the Lamb, in Revelation 5. This passage will remind us that the One who came and was born for us went from the cradle to the Cross to take away our sins.

Merry Christmas!

Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

*⁶ 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.*

FBCPC COMMITTEE CORNER

Worship & Music Committee:

Communion will be observed on December 1st. The next Communion date will be January 5, 2025.

The adult choir will present a Christmas cantata on Sunday, December 15th, during the morning worship service. Name of the cantata is "Waiting for Christmas" by Marty Parks.

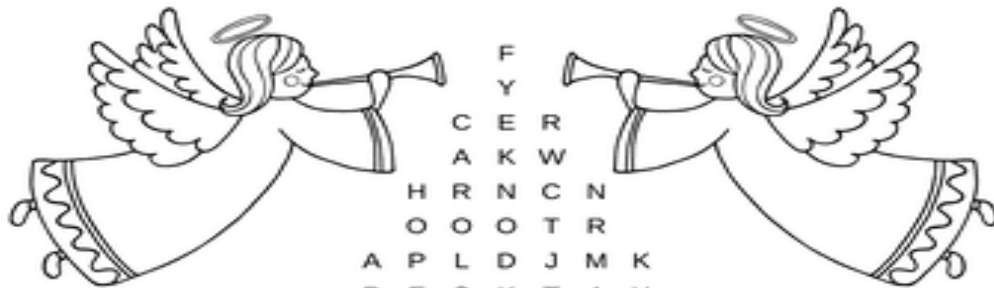
Choir practice is at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays; old and new voices are welcome!

Next Worship Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 5:00 p.m. (only if needed).

Presbyterian Women News:

Our annual Christmas luncheon will be at Western Sizzlin' in Dunn on Saturday, December 7th, at 11:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Be sure to sign up by December 3rd. This year each attendee should plan to bring a small gift (not more than \$10) for one of our activities following lunch.

Christmas Wordsearch



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WORD LIST

ANGEL
BABY
CANDLE
CAROLS
CHRISTMAS TREE
DONKEY
FRANKINCENSE

GOLD
HOPE
INN
JESUS
MANGER
MARY
MYRRH

NATIVITY
PEACE
SHEEP
SHEPHERDS
STAR
WISE MEN

Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY

Happy Birthday

Aurelie Akam—12/2

Shirley Bain—12/2

Dewayne Lee—12/3

Alex Parker—12/3

Mark Toney—12/4

Wanda Brown—12/6

Cindy Bond—12/8

Reggie Bain—12/14

Chuck Messer—12/14

Marianna Shaw—12/23

Kallie Newtown—12/27

David Rhodes—12/27



Happy Anniversary

Jay & Kristina Magyar—12/7

Donnie & Exie Hamilton—12/21

Joe & Roberta Keithley—12/30



Memorials

LTC Hughes L. Ash, Jr. (Sonny)

Jo Stone-Ash

Ruth Morris

Reggie & Carol Bain

Chari Pitchford

Reggie & Carol Bain

Erika Schroeder

Reggie & Carol Bain

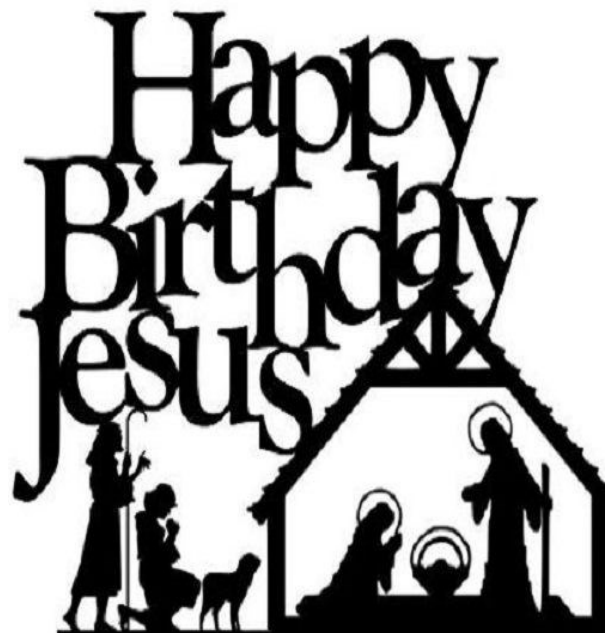
Robert Vanaman

Ray & Becky McArtan

*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!*

Love in Christ,

*Pastor Tom,
Your Session &
Staff*



Prayer Requests

Our Pastor, Church Leaders and Church Family

Our Country (and Leaders) for many reasons

Our Military Personnel & Emergency Services

Western NC

The Family of Ruth Morris

The Family of Chari Pitchford

The Family of Erika Schroeder

Kristina Magyar—recovery from hip surgery

Charlie Aslund— Cancer

Reggie Bain—recovery from knee replacement

Lisa Bass—recovery from hip replacement

Donnie Hamilton—health issues

Betty Bain—cancer

Evelyn Bordeaux—illness

Paul & Georgette Dempster— illness

Unspoken concerns

Shut-ins who are alone and lonely

Those who are struggling financially, physically, and mentally.

Those doing Mission work spreading the Gospel of Jesus throughout to World.

The needs are many and these are the ones that we're currently aware of. Please feel free to contact us by the church phone, email, website, or Facebook should you have a specific request.

(Additional updated Prayer Requests are distributed every Sunday at Worship Service)

HOW LONG IT TAKES TO READ EACH BOOK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



ReasonableTHEOLOGY.org

Data from DesiringGod.org/articles/three-tips-for-better-bible-reading



*Precious Memories Made
In November.....*

