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This year, our goal as a church is to raise \$150,000. One hundred percent of your gifts directly support missionary presence and efforts around the globe so that lives can be transformed by the gospel. We will have a special day of giving to this offering today, Sunday, December 7.

FIRST KIDS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Wednesday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Join us for a joyful evening as our First Kids present their Christmas musical! Bring your family and friends to celebrate the season and support our kids as they share the story of Christmas through music.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

We will be having two Candlelight Services on Christmas Eve, **Wednesday, December 24, at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. We hope you, friends, and family will make plans to join us!

SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 28

On **Sunday, December 28**, we will have two services only—**9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship in Chipley Hall** and **11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**. Bible Studies will not meet that morning. Our regular three-service schedule will resume the following Sunday.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

SANCTUARY - As a loving reminder of our sweet Alecs Barona from his family: Mom, Dad, Kristen, Grey; Dec 9, 1990 - Oct 25, 2011.

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THE STORY OF ADVENT

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14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

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6 "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9

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"In those days Augustus was ordered. 2 This Quirinius was ordered to be re-enumerated. And Joseph also went to be re-enumerated with the town of David, which is Bethlehem."

We glorify the Father by following the Holy Spirit in sharing the story of Jesus.

"The Story of the Second Advent" 1 Thessalonians

As you celebrate Advent, are you ready for the second Advent?

1. Let your faith serve as an _____ to others.
 - a. 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7
 - b. 1 Timothy 4:12
 - c. How were they examples?
 - i. Their faith spread outside of their church. (v.8)
 - ii. They turned to God and crushed the _____ in their hearts. (v.9)
 - iii. They lived with _____ for Jesus. (v.10)
 - d. How are you an example?
2. Grow daily in your _____ with the Lord.
 - a. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8
 - b. What is God's will for my life?
 - c. God's will for us is to grow in the _____ of Jesus daily.
3. Understand _____ is real.
 - a. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 - b. There is great debate on these verses when it comes to interpretation.
 - c. What we must unite on are the foundational promises made.
 - i. Jesus is coming again.
 - ii. He is coming for His church.

iii. The "dead in Christ" will not miss this event.

iv. When He comes, there will be a glorious _____ with Christ.

v. The expectation of this event is to be a reason for encouragement.

- d. He left heaven the first time to come to Earth for us, but He will leave heaven again to take believers from Earth to be with Him.
- e. Paul said at the end of the passage that we must encourage each other with these words...what words?
 - i. In Christ, we have eternal hope.
 - ii. In Christ, we have an eternal _____ that awaits us.
 - iii. In Christ, we have a glorious future.

NOW WHAT?!

Are you ready for the second Advent?

