

The Samaria Beacon... "A Light on a Hill"

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Birthdays

December	02	Ginny Proctor
December	04	Stan Whorley
December	07	Lori Jones
December	09	Betsy Privette
December	12	Carol Boatwright
December	12	Jeannette Pitt
December	14	Mason Privette
December	14	Jamie Baynard
December	24	Melanie Theriault
December	25	Jimmy Helfert
December	26	Jennifer Puryear
December	28	Andy Barlow
December	31	Colleen Theriault

If you are not listed please contact the church office 919 231-8035

Homebound Members

Maria Sanchez — birthday May 30

Betty Brodie — birthday August 04

Shirley Edwards—birthday June 05

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Samaria Services

Please plan to join us for Sunday School at 9:45 am.

Sunday Morning Worship service at 11:00 am with all other services live streamed.

Join us on Wednesday nights with meal at 5:30pm, and Bible Study in fellowship hall from 6:30-7:30pm. We will also have kids club at 6:30-7:30pm.

Deacon Meetings 2025– 2026

**Jan 04
12:15**

**Feb 01
12:15 pm**

**Mar 01
12:15 pm**



Tuesday, December 16 at 9am

**Triple S Breakfast at
McLean's Ole Time Cafe**

Ministry Concerns

All Homebound members	Healing/Strength
Carolyn Baker	Healing/Strength
Ann Cobb	Healing/Strength
Rick Dance	Healing/Strength
Jerry Hawkins	Healing/Strength
Terry Hobbs	Healing/Strength
Monica Joseph	Healing/Strength
Cherry Parker	Healing/Strength
Eddie Pegram	Healing/Strength
Nancy Poole	Healing/Strength
Debbie Strickland	Healing/Strength
Karen Watkins	Healing/Strength
James Whitaker	Healing/Strength
Michelle Williams	Healing/Strength
Pat Wilson	Healing/Strength

Pastor's Corner **December 2025**

Dear Samaria Family,
Christmas is a miraculous time of the year. The birth of Christ surpasses all miracles. There is a golden thread of redemption that flows through the entire Bible and culminates in the glorious birth of Christ, his sinless life, sacrificial death on the cross, and his victorious resurrection. His birth was prophesied by the Old Testament prophets Isaiah, Malachi and others.

Another miracle birth was the birth of John the Baptist, a precursor and forerunner of Christ. Luke meticulously explains the unusual circumstances of John's birth. In Luke 1:5-24, the remarkable and unforgettable story unfolds. A priest named Zechariah, and his wife Elizabeth were righteous before the Lord and walked blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. To their great disappointment, they did not have children. While serving in the temple, an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah on the right side of the altar of incense. The angel Gabriel said, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John." Additionally, the angel explained that John will bring joy and gladness and would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Totally amazed, Zechariah questioned the angel because he and Elizabeth were "advanced in age." Bible scholars believe the couple were in their 80s. Gabriel told Zechariah that he would not be able to speak until John's birth. Interestingly, months later the angel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth to speak to a virgin named Mary. Astonishingly, Gabriel said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you." Mary was understandably shocked when Gabriel announced that she would bear a son. Gabriel reassured Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be called holy-the Son of God." Then Gabriel shares more unbelievable news, "Your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Two incredible stories appear in the same chapter in the book of Luke. In Matthew 11:11, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist." Jesus offers a historical appraisal that no other person can exceed.

Please invite your family and friends to join us for our Christmas Eve service at 5:30. It will be a special time of worship as we observe Communion. Christmas is the perfect time to reflect on God's perfect gift of salvation through Christ.

Karen and I wish each of you a blessed and Christ-centered Christmas.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Danny

Check out our Website **Samariabaptist.org**

Please use the Samaria Baptist Church website www.samariabaptist.org to monitor church events and to find a copy of the bulletin for each Sunday morning service.

Online giving is also available on the website. We are also on You Tube on Sunday at 11:00 am.

Deacon of Week in December

December 07— Brantley Peoples

December 14— Janice Barlow

December 21— Gilbert Barbosa

December 28— Sally Stallings

~~Reminders~~

**Christmas Stockings
are due by December 14**

**Angel Tree Gifts
are due by December 14**

December Events

**Dec 12—6pm -Deacon Christmas Party
For all current and past Deacons**

Dec 16—9am Breakfast at McLeans

Dec 21 —9am Breakfast at Samaria

**Dec 24—5: 30 pm Christmas Eve Service
& Lighting of the Christ Candle**