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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ABBOTTS CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

### Fourth Sunday of Advent



Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent Wreath - the candles of HOPE, PEACE, and JOY. Now we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the candle of **LOVE**. Jesus demonstrated self-giving love in his ministry as the Good Shepherd. Advent is a time for kindness, thinking of others, and sharing with others. It is a time to love as God loved us by giving us his most precious gift. As God is love, let us be love also. In the Book of Deuteronomy, we find these words:

"For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." -Deuteronomy 10:17-19a

From the Gospel of John we hear: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." -John 13:34-35

Pray: Teach us to love, O Lord. May we always remember to put you first as we follow Christ's footsteps, that we may know your love and show it in our lives. As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus' birth, also fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know your love and the one whom you have sent, your son, our Savior. Amen

### Church Receipts/December 21st, 2025

General Fund.....	\$11189.00
Building Fund (elevator).....	\$12750.00
Lottie Moon.....	\$1179.00
March to Missions.....	\$50.00
Children's Ministry.....	\$50.00
Total Deposit.....	\$13671.82
Online.....	\$1631.58
Labor of Love.....	\$141.76
Attendance 166	

### PRAY FOR

Jeremiah Wilson, son of Shay Clifton

Norma Dunn Jerry Leonard

Sue Foust Chuck Garner

Carolyn Livengood Barbara Overman

Curtis Hull Geraldine Fowler

Jimmie Haney Joan Huggins Pfaff

Judy Walker Stephen White

Marilyn Love Faye Efrid

Mary Essick

### COMMUNITY & FRIENDS

Hannah Mecimore, Travis Mecimore, David Hines-Ethan

Lemric's cousins

Ronald Moore, friend of Amy Raisner with cancer

Ashton Remole, friend of John Cox

Kevin & Perry Motsinger

Scott White

Toni McCraw, mother of Sherra Stone

Velma, friend of Sherra Stone

Danny Fulk

Mausty Carty

Nancy Moorefield, Robert Clayton's sister

Miah Sawtelle, great granddaughter of Francis Peacock

John Cox's father, having heart issues

Troy McCraw, father of Sherra Stone

David Howard, friend of Tony Craven

Humphrey Parks, friend of Brad Williams

Tim Snyder, Shannon Carter's father

Greta Cox, niece of John Cox

Lori Lambert, friend's wife with cancer

Dale Church, friend of Carl Johnson & Mike Williams

Joey Armeniox, family member of John Cox

Benji Cranford

Johnny Manring

Thomas Festerman

Glenn Morgan

Brianna McCoy, granddaughter of Becky Sink

Joe Keesee

Terry Hill, friend of John Cox

Eddie Gilbert

Lori Lambert

Raysa Williman, wife of John Cox

Mark & Donna Cox, parents of John Cox

### SHUT-INS & HOMEBOUND

Kathryn Moore Jay Craven

James Griffin Grace Green

### MILITARY

Air Force: Zach Serge, Kasey Clinard

Navy: Jessie Hayworth, Connor Tomblin

Army: Harrison Idol, Kevin Hill, Mark Raisner

**Reminder from the Deacons:** If you wish to contribute a year-end gift toward the **Elevator Project**, please designate your online gift or giving envelope as "Building Fund" and/or "Elevator Project". We look forward to beginning construction soon and are deeply grateful for your continued support in making this long-awaited improvement possible. Thank you for your generosity.

## Holiday Office Hours

Open regular hours Christmas Eve

Closed December 25th & 26th

Open regular hours December 29th, 30th & 31st

Closed January 1st

### Nursery Schedule

December 28th-Courtney Essick, Angela Dobbins

January 4th-Caroline Hedgecock, April Lyda, Evva Spurgeon

January 11th-Karen Wright, Morgan Fowler

January 18th-Carrie Craven, Katie Haltom

January 25th-Courtney Essick, Angela Dobbins

# VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

To work in the church nursery on  
Sunday morning's!



Volunteering in the church nursery helps keep children safe and cared for, allowing parents to worship without worry, and shows God's love through service. If you would like to help in the nursery, please reach out to the church office (336) 869-8410. Thank you!

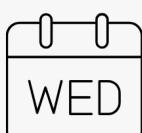
# Student Ministry Schedule & Opportunities



- [Sunday School](#) 9:45 am
- Youth Group at 5:00 pm (on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of the month we have "Sunday Supper").



- Each Monday be sure to check out the [Monday Meditation](#) scripture reading on our church Facebook page and YouTube.



- Join us for Wednesday "[Hang Out](#)" at 6:00 pm in the youth room, then we'll join the churchwide [Bible Study](#) in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm (on the 2nd Wed. of the month we serve at Westchester Harbour Assisted Living @ 6 pm).



- Each Friday be sure to read the [Friday Words devotional](#) on our Instagram page

Our next "**Discover Abbotts Creek**" Class will take place **January 11th @ 9:45 am**. This class is for anyone who has decided to join our church or anyone wanting to learn more about our church! You can sign up on our website or call the church office.

**The Young at Heart** is in the planning stages for a trip to Amish Country in Pennsylvania. The trip would be four days in late August or Mid-September of 2026. Activities would include a dinner theatre and a train ride. Please sign up on the sheet outside the office if you are interested in going or contact Shirley McGukin @ 336-802-7807.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER MEETING

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm  
in the Fellowship hall**

This meeting is for our current volunteers and anyone interested in joining the team! Contact Marianne Thomas for more information!

## Twenty-Somethings

Join us the first Sunday of every month for....

## **"SUNDAY LUNCH"**

We meet every Sunday evening at 6:30 pm for fellowship, study, and encouragement. Contact Pastor Josh with any questions.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK: THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS

*"Yea, to express the depth of His humility, He was made in the likeness of men. O how did Christ abase Himself in taking flesh! It was more humility in Christ to humble Himself to the womb than to the cross. IT was not so much for flesh to suffer but for God to be made flesh—this was the wonder of humility."*

—THOMAS WATSON (1620-1686)  
PURITAN PREACHER AND AUTHOR



A big thank you to Andrea, our children's choir, and our adult choir for all the hard work and time you put into the Christmas Night of Music! We are thankful for your dedication and for sharing your talents to remind us that Jesus is the reason for the season!





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Service Times

**Sunday - 9:45 am Sunday School/11:00 am Service**  
Nursery & Children's Programming Provided  
**5:00 pm Student Ministry**  
**6:30 pm Young Adults**

**Wednesday - 5:30 pm Kids Choir/6:00 pm Children's Ministry**  
**6:30 pm Adult Bible Study & Children's Ministry**  
**7:30pm Adult Choir**

**OUR CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

Dr. Steve Livengood.....Senior Pastor  
Rev. Josh Jacobs.....Pastor of Biblical Education & Students  
Andrea Jackson.....Worship Arts & Media Director  
Amy Raisner.....Church Administrative Assistant  
Marianne Thomas.....Children's Ministry Director



**PLEASE JOIN US**

# Christmas Eve Service

**December 24th at 5pm**

