

**SUNDAY, December 11, 2011—3rd Sunday of Advent**

<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>9:00 and 11:00 am</b>
Sunday School	9:45-10:45 am
Youth Ice Skating	2:00 pm
Mission Possible Kids	3:00 pm

**Monday, December 12, 2011**

Preschool	9:00 am—1:00 pm
Upward in Gym	4:00—8:00 pm
Scouts	7:00 pm

**Tuesday, December 13, 2011**

Preschool	9:00 am—1:00 pm
Upward in Gym	4:00—8:00 pm
Staff party	6:30 pm

**Wednesday, December 14, 2011**

Preschool	9:00 am—1:00 pm
Christmas Party Dinner	5:45—6:30 pm
Fellowship	7:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	8:00 pm

**Thursday, December 15, 2011**

Preschool	9:00 am—1:00 pm
Prayer Team	10:00 am
Upward in Gym	4:00—8:00 pm
Adult Fellowship Lights Trip	6:00 pm
Youth Christmas Party in L.O.F.T.	6:30—10:00 pm

**Friday, December 16, 2011**

Teacher Workday— Holiday break until January	
Upward in Gym	4:00—8:00 pm

**Saturday, December 17, 2011**

Upward in Gym	8:00 am —5:00 pm
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**SUNDAY, December 18, 2011—4th Sunday of Advent**

<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>9:00 and 11:00 am</b>
Sunday School	9:45-10:45 am
Christmas Cantata	7:00 pm

**Altar Flowers**

The Beautiful Altar Flowers are in Loving Memory of Georgiann Horton by her Mother, Betty Hardy, And In Honor of Gary Cooper's Birthday by Toni.



**Recycle**

*There is a recycling box in the hallway. Please deposit cell phones and batteries in it for recycling. Remember the Boy Scouts have a trailer behind the church for aluminum cans.*

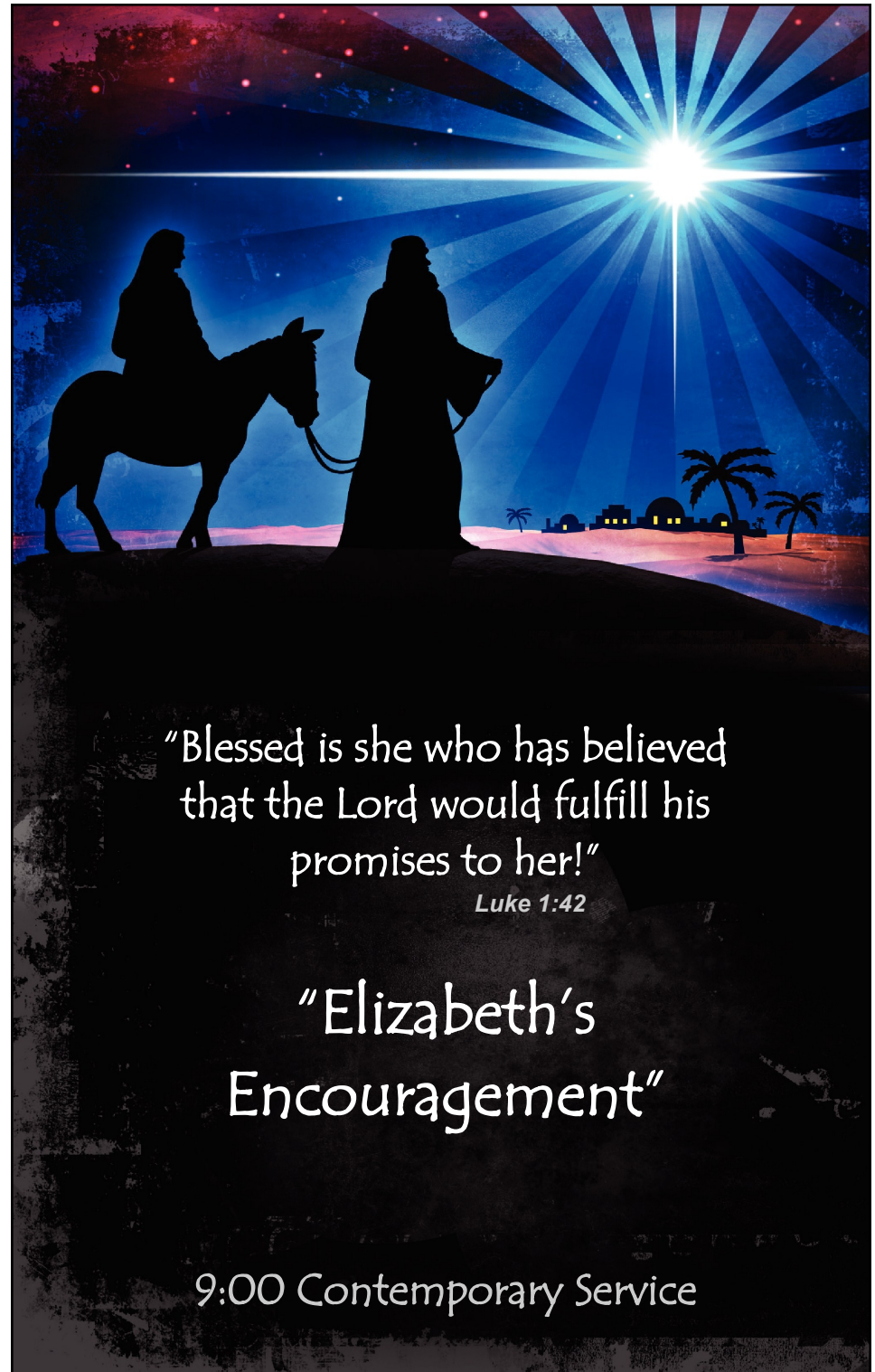
*Put small used printer cartridges on Jill's desk. We get \$2.00 credit for each*



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“Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

Luke 1:42

“Elizabeth’s Encouragement”

9:00 Contemporary Service



***December 11, 2011***  
***9:00 Contemporary Worship***

*Please remember to silence your cell phones*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Praise and Worship**

**The Journey Advent Monologue—Elizabeth**

**Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Scripture:** Luke 1:39-56

Rev. Lesley Langford

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

**Morning Message:** "The Journey—Elizabeth's Encouragement"

Rev. Sheila Crowe

**Closing Song**

**Closing Prayer**

***L.I.F.T.***

*Loving People, Inspiring Worship, Fulfilling Service, Transforming Prayer*



Marge Price  
 Gary Cooper  
 Shirley Fisher  
 Bobby and Joy Butler  
 Kathy Robinson  
 Nancy Currier  
 Arleen Sellers  
 Mike Jenkins  
 Bob Rucker  
 Bob Peterson  
 Rhonda Stapleton  
 Tom Sellers (Brother of John Sellers)  
 Pat Schubert (Mother of Kimbo Daniel)  
 Tom Giacobello (Father of Tony)  
 Elijah Kimaru (Nephew of Shimshicks)  
 Chris Brown  
 Larry Thomas  
 Rondah Hardy  
 Rev. Sheila and Gene Crowe  
 Rev. Lesley and Dan Langford  
 Rev. Carol Cook (D.S.)  
 Michael Watson (Bishop)  
 The Sims Family (Missionaries)



**Christmas Party**  
**Wednesday Night Dinner**  
**December 14, 2011**

**Turkey and Dressing,**  
**Sweet Potatoes,**  
**Green Beans, Corn, Rolls,**  
**Peppermint Cake**

*Please make your reservations by filling out the form in the bulletin or call the office (770-719-7593) or you can email*  
*brookschurch@bellsouth.net before noon on Monday.*  
**There will be no cost for the meal, but please bring a canned good for the preschool food drive.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Bruce Quinnell	12/10
Ron Shaw	12/14
Gary Cooper	12/15
Tom Bartlett	12/19
Earl Gable	12/21
David Piper	12/21
Doug Hamrick	12/22
Preston Stapleton	12/26
Jesse Crowe	12/27
Meredith Triimble	12/28
Bob Mask	12/29
Carole DeMine	12/30

*If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please leave a note on Jill's desk or email, us at brookschurch@bellsouth.net. Requests will be left on for 6 weeks and taken off unless renewed.*



**Attendance Last Sunday:**  
 9:00: 32  
 11:00: 117

**Last Sunday:**  
 Gen Fund: \$6,768.50  
 Bldg Fund: \$70.00

*We received 41 pledges out of 98 families.*



**Keep**  
**in Christ**  
**in Christmas**

**Poinsettias**

Today is the deadline to order Poinsettias. Please fill out the inserted form and give it and your payment to David Brown.



**Church-Wide Christmas Party**  
**Wednesday, December 14th**

There will be no charge for dinner which will be Turkey and Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, Rolls, and Peppermint Cake which will be served at the normal 5:45—6:30 pm time. Please bring canned goods for the preschool's canned food drive. We will then enjoy fun and fellowship. Please make a reservation by filling out the form so we will know how many to cook for. If you have an ongoing reservation, we will count you unless you cancel. Thanks for your help!



**Christmas Cantata**  
**Sunday, December 18, 2011**  
**7:00 pm**

*Invite your friends and neighbors to our annual Cantata. Refreshments will be served afterwards.*



**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**SERVICE**  
**December 24th**

**5:00 PM**  
*(Nursery provided)*

**Christmas Day Worship**  
**11:00 AM**

There will only be one worship service at 11:00 am on Christmas morning. We will continue our celebration of Christmas that morning by sharing in Christmas hymns and listening to God's Word proclaimed.

## Announcement

**Youth Ice Skating Outing** ~ All youth are invited to go ice skating with us this afternoon at 2:00 pm at Centennial Olympic Park. Admission is \$7 per person and skate rental is an additional \$2 for 90 minutes of skate time. We will then go to the Varsity for dinner.

**Mission Impossible Kids** ~ Join us for a special mission today from 3:00—4:30 pm!

**Finance Meeting** ~ The Finance meeting for the 12th has been cancelled.

**Adult Fellowship** ~ All adults who would like to go on the bus to see the “Gift of Lights” at Atlanta Motor Speedway, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. We will go on December 15th at 6:00 pm. There are more than one million lights and hundreds of individual displays. The cost will only be \$1.00 per person if we can get enough people to go.

**Youth Christmas Party** ~ All youth are invited to a night of food, fun and fellowship! We will have an ‘Elf’ Themed progressive dinner, play a “gift for someone special” swapping game, and watch the movie “Elf.” Bring a gift costing \$10.00 or less for the game.

**Radio Time** ~ Tune into ‘The Bear’ on station 92.5 on December 22nd to hear Rev. Sheila and Santa discuss last minute gift giving.

**Christmas Day Dinner** ~ Please sign up to bring side dishes such as dessert, salad, vegetable etc. to go with our Christmas day dinner which will be held from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join us for a nice meal with those who may not have family or a place to share a Christmas meal. If you cannot join us, but can provide food, please sign up and then drop it off prior to the meal. Thank you for your help.

**Preschool Collecting Hats and Canned Goods** ~ Please join the preschool in providing hats, scarves and gloves for children in need in Brooks. Please bring in new warm hats, scarves and gloves and place them on the white Christmas tree in the hall by the new building by *December 15th*. We are also collecting canned goods for the needy if you can bring canned goods.

**Next Generation Christmas Family Outing ~ December 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 pm**  
Inviting all children, youth, and their families to attend Gift of Lights Drive Thru Experience at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. The cost is \$2.00 each which includes admission, gas for the bus and snacks. *We only have 28 seats on the bus so sign up early to reserve your seat!*

## Youth Confirmation ~ Beginning January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm

Confirmation is a time when Youth who are in the sixth grade and older have the opportunity to make a firm decision whether they will claim the name “Christian” for themselves. If you were baptized as an infant, you will now have the opportunity to claim the vows that your parents have made on your behalf. As a teen or pre-teen, you are at a special age when you are not only making more decisions for yourself but also may find yourself questioning what you believe. The confirmation preparation classes are a great time to ask those questions. We will meet for 7 weeks and discuss the meaning of the Christian faith, the history and teachings of the United Methodist Church, and what it means to commit to becoming a member of the church. We will also participate in a Confirmation Retreat at Camp Glisson the weekend of February 24th – 26th. Contact Rev. Lesley Langford to sign up. (678-491-6721 or email her at lela9194@email.com).

**Second Chance Thrift Shop** ~ All Christmas items are now half off!  
*The shop will be closed Dec. 23rd & 24th and Dec. 30th & 31st due to renovations. Come see the improvements in January!*



Please note that federal regulations require that checks must be dated on or before December 31, 2011 for them to apply to your 2011 tax returns. The last deposit will be on December 26th. Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping lead people to Christ through the many ministries at Brooks UMC. God bless you!

## Christmas Wish List

Blinds or Shutters for  
Sanctuary \$300.00

Plants for Kids Street \$200.00

2 Nursery Furnishings \$400.00

Sign for Corner of Brooks-Woolsey &  
Morgan Mill Rd \$300.00

64 Hymnals for Sanctuary \$600.00

Flat Screen TV for Double Room  
\$500.00

8 6' Plastic Tables \$450.00  
(non-folding)

More Love,  
More Power

*Angels We Have Heard On  
High*

*Strength  
of My Life*

*Refiner's Fire*

More love, more power,  
More of You in my life;

More love, more power,  
More of You in my life.  
And I will worship You  
With all of my heart,

And I will worship You  
With all of my mind;

And I will worship You  
With all of my strength,

You are my Lord  
You are my Lord

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Ev'ry day I look to You  
To be the strength  
Of my life.  
You're the hope  
I hold on to,  
Be the strength  
Of my life.  
Be the strength of my life,  
The strength of my life,  
Be the strength  
Of my life today  
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Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
and precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold, pure gold

Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy  
Set apart for You, Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You, my Master  
Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within  
And make me holy  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin  
Deep within



