

SUNDAY, December 18, 2011—4th Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 19, 2011

School — Holiday break until January
Upward in Gym 4:00—9:00 pm

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Upward in Gym 4:00—9:00 pm

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

Thursday, December 22, 2011

Prayer Team 10:00 am
Upward in Gym 4:00—9:00 pm

Friday, December 23, 2011

Upward in Gym 4:00—9:00 pm

Saturday, December 24, 2011

Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, December 25, 2011—Christmas Day

Worship Service 11:00 am

Monday, December 26, 2011

Church closed this week.
Upward in Gym 4:00—9:00 pm

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

Upward in Gym 4:00—9:00 pm

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

Upward in Gym 4:00—9:00 pm

Thursday, December 29, 2011

Upward in Gym 4:00—9:00 pm

Friday, December 30, 2011

Upward in Gym 4:00—9:00 pm

Saturday, December 31, 2011

Happy New Year!

SUNDAY, January 1, 2012—New Year's Day

Worship Service 11:00 am

Altar Flowers

The 2012 Flower Calendar is up.

Sign up to honor or remember a loved one with flowers. It is only \$30.00 and you can take them home after the 11:00 Service.



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.

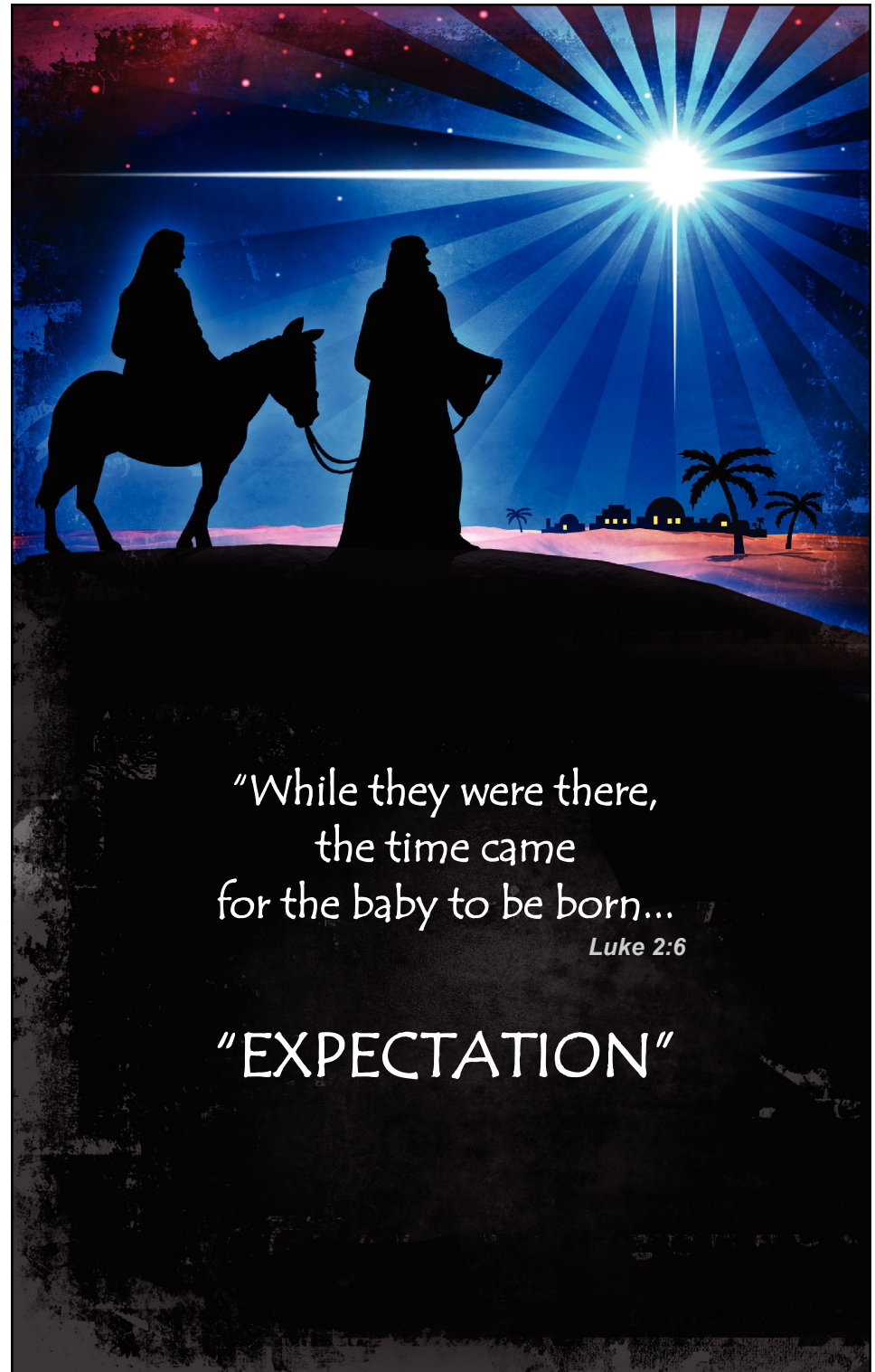
Put small used printer cartridges on Jill's desk. We get \$2.00 credit for each cartridge.



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Rev. Lesley Langford, Pastor of Youth and Children
Lynn Lee, Director of Early Childhood Ministries
Craig Hembree, Minister of Music
Sheryl Gable, Pianist ~ David Brown, Organist



“While they were there,
the time came
for the baby to be born...

Luke 2:6

“EXPECTATION”

**An Order of Worship
Third Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2011**

We have large print hymnals, bulletins and hearing devices for our worship services. You can get them from an usher. Please remember to silence your cell phones!

* = please stand as able

Centering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Lesley Langford

Meet and Greet

***Chimes**

(Please return to your seat for worship.)

*Call to Worship: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 3) 211

**O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***Prayer of Invocation:**

Rev. Lesley Langford

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for the promise of your coming. Bring us to the celebration of Christmas with expectant hearts. Let our senses come alive again to the new birth you offer to each one of us. Open our lives to the power of your love and to the possibility of transformation, as we encounter once again God-With-Us, Emmanuel. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" 251

*Affirmation of Faith 881

*Gloria Patri 70

The Journey Advent Monologue—Expectation, The Innkeeper's Wife

Praise and Prayer Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Lesley Langford

Announcements



Christmas Cantata ~ Don't miss our annual Christmas Cantata which will be tonight at 7:00 pm. Invite your friends and neighbors! ***We need help with the refreshments. Please bring a finger food to share. Thank you so much for your help!***

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.

Next Generation Christmas Family Outing ~ December 21st, 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 now to reserve your seat!*

Office Closed ~ The Church office will be closed the last week of the year so that the staff can spend time with their families. We hope your family has a very Merry Christmas!

January Newsletter ~ January news articles are due on January 2nd. Thank you for your help getting out the good news!

BMW Meeting ~ Our first meeting for 2012 will be a luncheon meeting in the double room. Bring a small recipe of your favorite salad to share and join us at 12:00 noon for our first meeting of the New Year. Bring your appetite and your good ideas for programs, speakers, and fundraisers and join us for this important meeting.

Finance Meeting ~ The Finance Committee has a meeting scheduled for Monday, January 9th, at 7:00 pm.

Ladies' Lunch ~ The Ladies will go out to lunch together on Thursday, January 12th. (Details will be announced later.) Plan to join us as we get back into our routine of lunches together on the second Thursday of the month. Put us on your new calendar!

Marge Price
 Gary Cooper
 Shirley Fisher
 Bobby and Joy Butler
 Kathy Robinson
 Nancy Currier
 Arleen Sellers
 Mike Jenkins
 Bob Rucker
 Bob Peterson
 Rhonda Stapleton
 Family of Karen Knell (Friend of Dan Langford)
 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)



*Food for the Journey
 Wednesday Night Dinner
 We are on Holiday break
 until January 11, 2012.
 We hope to see you then!
 Have a very
 Merry Christmas
 and a Happy New Year!*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 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
- Lewellyn Williford 1/1
- David Shadle 1/3
- Allison Legg 1/9
- Dawn Warren 1/9
- Hunter Campbell 1/10
- Stephanie Speer 1/10
- Phillip Legg 1/11
- Hank Meyers 1/11
- Sharon Simmons 1/13
- Susanne Goss 1/14
- Melba Brown 1/15
- Dwight Harness 1/15
- Gina Cooper 1/17
- Reid Piper 1/17
- Lydia Waits 1/17
- Anna Maria Giacobello 1/18
- Haskell Shoaf 1/18
- Jane Mask 1/20
- Julie Leach 1/21
- Danny Cooper 1/22
- Pat Jenkins 1/30

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.



Keep
 in **Christ**
 in **Christ**mas

Attendance Last Sunday:
 9:00: 38
 11:00: 128

Last Sunday:
 Gen Fund: \$5,525.52
 Bldg Fund: \$81.54



Offertory (Music by Phillip Legg)

***Doxology** 95

Children's Message Bobby DeMine

(Preschool Children grade may exit with leaders to Kidstreet room 102 and K- 4th grade may exit Kidstreet room 106 after message.)

***Hymn of Praise: "Joy to the World"** 246

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7 Rev. Sheila Crowe

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Choral Anthem: "Call the Baby Jesus" Chancel Choir

Morning Message: "The Journey—Expectation" Rev. Sheila Crowe

***Hymn of Response: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"** 230

***Benediction** Rev. Sheila Crowe

***Closing Chorus:** (Please stand and join hands.)

**O how He loves you and me. O how He loves you and me.
 He gave His life, what more could He give?
 O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
 O how He loves you and me!**

***Postlude**

L.I.F.T.

Loving People, Inspiring Worship, Fulfilling Service, Transforming Prayer



**CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE**

December 24th

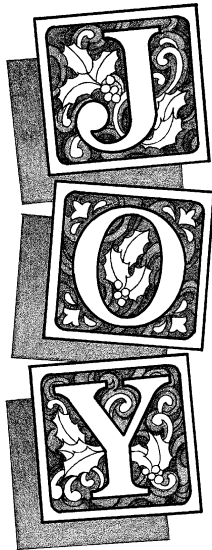
5:00 PM
(Nursery provided)

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.

Blessing of the Toys

Bring your favorite non-scary, non-noise making new toy with you on Christmas Day to Worship Service for a special blessing of the toys. We will bless these gifts that were so generously given to us. And together we will remember who made us and gave us hearts and minds that love to have fun to share and to grow as we play and celebrate His Day.



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)

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!

Youth Confirmation ~ Beginning January 8th @ 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.