

From the Pastor

Last month I told you to take a breath because things get really busy in December. But it's busyness with a purpose. There are lots of things to celebrate this time of year and it's always great to get together with friends and family. And did you know that people who are not involved in church are more likely at Christmas than any other time of year to attend if invited? So take advantage of all of these opportunities to invite someone to come with you to Jersey. It doesn't have to be for a Sunday service. It could be that the Christmas Party is a perfect opportunity! Children and youth can invite friends to their Christmas Parties, too! Don't miss the chance to change someone's life by just inviting them to come.

You'll see it several places in this newsletter, but I want to remind you here, too, of the upcoming worship service schedule for the last three Sundays of the year.

Jersey Christmas Party-December 17 at 6:00pm-This is always a LOT of fun! Wear your ugly Christmas sweater and be ready for some fun and games, food and fellowship!

Adult Choir Cantata-December 17 at 10:30am-Our adult choir does a great job telling the Christmas story through song. This year will be just as awesome!

Christmas Eve Communion Service-December 24 at 10:30am-With Christmas Eve on Sunday this year, we're going to change things up and have our Christmas Communion Service on Sunday morning. Bring your family, you won't want to miss this!

New Years Praise Service-December 31 at 10:30am-We'll send 2023 out with a service of praise and carols.

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Let's keep it up and make 2024 an even better year! There are a lot of new people moving into our community that need to connect with a church home. There are already plans for our summer mission trip, as well as many other great events throughout the year. I have heard several great conversations recently about different ideas people in our church have about mission opportunities in our own community and making plans for other events and initiatives to reach people. As your Pastor, this is very exciting! I love that you're thinking of ways to make a difference. It's because of this I know that 2024 will be fantastic!

But let's finish 2023 well. Merry Christmas to you and your family!

Blessings,
Pastor Paul

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

- 8:30am Contemporary Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship w/Breakfast
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship
- 5:30pm Choir Practice

WEDNESDAYS

- 5:30pm Church Supper
- 6:15pm Adult Bible Study
- 6:15pm Children's Choir
- 6:15pm Youth
- 7:00pm GA's
- 7:30pm Praise Team Practice

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 1 Auction & Covered Dish Meal for Christmas missions
- Dec. 2 Youth deliver Christmas boxes to Processing Center
- Dec. 3 Youth Christmas Party
- Dec. 17 Adult Choir Cantata
- Dec. 17 Children's Christmas Party
- Dec. 17 Church Christmas Party

DECEMBER SERMONS

- Dec. 3 Get Ready!
Isaiah 40:1-11
- Dec. 10 Joy Anticipated
Psalm 126
- Dec. 17 Adult Cantata 10:30am
- Dec. 24 Impossible vs. Possible
Luke 1:26-38
- Dec. 31 The End We Need
Isaiah 64:1-9

Spotlight On...



CHRISTMAS MISSION OFFERING

Did you know that through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Southern Baptist Convention, thousands of missionaries are commissioned to go all over the world to share the Good News of Jesus? Each of these missionaries relies on the financial support of churches and individuals through Christmas Mission Offerings. At Jersey, we have a special ingathering for our Christmas Mission Offering at our Christmas Communion Service (December 24). Our goal for this offering is \$5,000. Pastor Paul remembers his grandfather, who always gave the same amount to his mission offering as he spent on his wife for Christmas. He always said, "Jesus and the Gospel is worth as much or more than anything else in life." Will you consider how you can give?

Another way to participate in the Christmas Mission Offering is by attending (and spending!) at the Christmas Mission Offering and Dinner. On December 1, at 6:00pm, we'll have a potluck supper followed by an auction. You can bring items to be auctioned off and purchase some to take home with you! All money will go directly toward the Christmas Mission Offering.

If you are not able to attend on December 24, you can give toward the offering anytime by designating your gift, "Christmas Mission Offering," on an envelope with your gift. Unless specified to go to SBC or CBF, all money received is split evenly between both denominational groups for the support of missionaries around the world.



Family Ministry News

Merry Christmas! It is the most wonderful time of the year! AWANA may be taking a pause until January, but Wednesday night activities are still going on through December 13. Children's Choir and GA'S will keep meeting up to December 13. I am so excited for our Children's Christmas party. It will be on December 17 from 4pm to 6pm. We will have fun games, snacks, crafts, and hear the Christmas story. All Children, birth- 5th grade are invited!

This month the children will be doing a series called Jesus Family Tree:

- December 3- Abraham
- December 10- Ruth
- December 17- Jesse and David
- December 24- Joseph and Jesus
- December 31- Simeon and Anna

Here are important dates for the month of December:

- December 17- Children's Christmas Party at 4pm in multipurpose room
- December 17- Church Christmas Party at 6pm

We may not have regular youth on Sundays in December, but we are still meeting on Wednesday nights until December 13. So make sure that your youth comes to Wednesday night youth and the special events throughout the month.

We have 2 spots for Operation Christmas Child on December 2, 3pm-7pm. Your youth has to be 13 years old. Please let me know if your youth wants to go. We will meet at the church at 1:30, youth need to eat before they are dropped off. We will eat after we get done. Youth need to bring money for the food after and for snacks at Operation Christmas Child.

We will have the Youth Christmas party on December 3. We will be leaving church at 9:45am to go get breakfast; then, we will do a scavenger hunt and shop for our Angels. We will also shop for our secret Santa gifts for each other. Youth need to bring \$5 for a gift for the person they draw. Breakfast will be covered.

The youth will be continuing Bible Studies for Life: Students during Sunday school. This month's series is A Name Like No Other:

- December 3- The Importance of God's Name
- December 10- The Majesty of God's Name
- December 17- The Love Expressed in God's Name
- December 24- The Salvation in God's Name
- December 31- The Righteousness of God's Name

Here are the youth events scheduled for the month of December:

- December 2- Operation Christmas Child, meet at 1:30pm at church, our shift is 3pm-7pm
- December 3- Youth Christmas Party, 9:45am- 2pm
- December 17- Church Christmas Party at 6pm

Announcements

Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga is taking a pause for December. However, the ladies who attend Chair Yoga are all invited to Lynn Smith's home on December 19 at 2pm for a Christmas get-together. Please see Lynn for further information.

Christmas Mission Auction & Dinner

The Lottie Moon Auction and Covered Dish supper is December 1 at 6pm. Go through your treasures and bring what you don't need or care for, and someone else can make a bid and be the new owner. Cakes and pies are also great auction items. This benefit is used to support Christmas missions.

One-Service Sundays

The last three Sundays of the year (December 17, 24, & 31) will be one-service Sundays as we celebrate the special days of Christmas. The Worship Services will be at 10:30am and there will still be Sunday School at 9:30am each week.

Christmas Card Mailbox

For those of you who wish to give church members Christmas cards, the mailbox will be on the bench outside the multi-purpose room.

Records and Reports

NOVEMBER TITHES & OFFERINGS

General Fund Giving \$38,042.65

Other Giving:

Ham Family	\$110.00
Pastor's Pantry	\$300.00
Heck Jones	\$75.00
Cemetery Plots	\$300.00
Youth/Caswell Trip	\$495.00
Senior Meals	\$750.00
Memorial-L. Darr	\$25.00
Wednesday Night Meals	\$90.00
Summer Mission-M Myers	\$900.00
Mission Fund	\$10,000.00
Honor of Ann Darr	\$25.00
Honor of Becky Myers	\$25.00
Kitchen Supplies	\$100.00

ATTENDANCE

	Nov. 5		Nov. 19	
8:30 am	129	8:30am	108	
11:00 am	52	11:00am	55	
Sunday School	90	Sunday School	104	
	Nov. 12		Nov. 26	
8:30 am	108	8:30am	98	
11:00 am	70	11:00am	50	
Sunday School	104	Sunday School	93	

Praying for Each Other

Church Members

Eric Mainess, Charlotte Dougan, Bobby Joe Owen, Margaret Beeker, Jonie Myers, Dolly Lemly, Jacob Randall, Robert Sturdivant, Kim Workman, Arabella Caffey, Mike Kepley

Our Friends

Jordan Sharpe, Ruth Sharpe's grandson; Shirley Blankenship; Charles Blankenship; Dennis Tate, Patsy Hilliard's brother; Ronda Troutman, Keith Weaver's sister; Emily Mann, Roger & Malcolm Myers' niece; Robert & Darlene Caudle, Malcolm & Roger Myers' sister, brother-in-law; Jim Hilliard, Margaret Lemly's brother; Linda Hunt, friend of Lynn Myers, Marilyn McDowell, Andria Smith's mother; Mike Love, Liz Batson's father, Jane Cox, Barbara Chapman's care giver; Pauline Moretz, Kim Workman's aunt, Kathy Batten, Gail Smith's sister, Rev. Taylor Humphries; Mandy Sutherland, Melissa Myers' cousin, Barbara Workman, Phillip Workman & Carol Teeter's mother; Dale Fritz, Lynn Smith's brother-in-law, Dale Frank, Josh Frank's father, Beverly Smith, Kristen Benfield's mother; Scott Quinn, Laura Lanning's brother; Curtis Overcash, Patsy Hilliard's uncle; Diann (Ball) Hartley

In Assisted Living Care

Aline Lyon, Abbotts Creek; Peggy Owen, Cadence-Mooresville; Eloise Hilliard, Gail Sewell, Ruth Swink Lexington Healthcare; Connie Carrick, Margaret Lemly, Piedmont Crossing; Ann Darr, Trinity Oaks, Salisbury; John Willis, Brookstone Terrace, Thomasville

December Breakfast Schedule

- Dec. 3 Andy/Jami Barbee
- Dec. 10 Josh/Susan Frank
- Dec. 17 Austin/Emily Trotter
- Dec. 24 Rodney/Kristen Benfield
- Dec. 31

December Blessing Box – Andria & George Smith

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

December 3

8:30 Service

A/V-Kevin Wattenbarger, Ralph Randall, Tanner Milner

11:00 Service

A/V-Jared Hager

Nursery

Sue Owen, Tonia Pennington

December 10

8:30 Service

A/V-Patrick Cash, Ian Cash, Trey Brown

11:00 Service

A/V-David Shields

Nursery

Kristie Trantham, Emily Moorefield

December 17

10:30 Service

A/V-Dan Hoffmann, Aiden Hoffmann, Tanner Milner

Nursery

Millie Warner, Emily Trotter

December 24

10:30 Service

A/V-Carrie Leonard, Alison Leonard, Trey Brown

Nursery

Meredith Penninger, Jennifer Penninger

December 31

10:30 Service

A/V-Patrick Cash, Ian Cash, Trey Brown

Nursery

Fallon Butler, Carrie Leonard

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 pm Auction & Covered Dish Meal	2 1:30pm Youth Charlotte Shoebox Homeless Shelter & Homebound Ministry
3 9:45am Youth Shopping/Christmas Party 4:00pm Deacons Meet	4	5	6 5:30pm Evening Meal 6:15 regular evening activities	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 5:30pm Evening Meal 6:15 regular evening activities	14	15	16
17 10:30am Cantata 4:00pm Children's Christmas Party 6:00pm Church Christmas Party	18	19	20 No evening activities	21	22	23
24 10:30am Christmas Eve Communion Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27 No evening activities	28	29	30
31 10:30am New Year's Eve Praise Service						

Celebrating JBC

⁸ Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. ¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 1 Peter 4:8-10 NLT

Birthdays

Dec. 2

Chad Underwood
9780 Castor Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28146

Dec. 4

Jake Collett
12915 Hwy 8 South
Lexington, NC 27292

Tony Warner
207 Swearing Creek Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

Terry Trexler
P. O. Box 351
Linwood, NC 27299

Dec. 5

Dawn Gray
950 E. Center St.
Lexington, NC 27292

Barbara Gregory
803 Hickory Point Dr.
Lexington, NC 27292

Dec. 6

Tommy Jolly
1232 Spring Dr.
Lexington, NC 27292

Jennifer Penninger
720 J. M. Penninger Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

Dec. 7

Macie Allman
245 Cap Ingram Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

Dec. 14

Grant Snider
426 Carriage Lane
Linwood, NC 27299

Dec. 16

Isabelle Smith
2263 Jr. Order Home Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

Dec. 18

Sarah Pennington
516 Millstream Lane
Lexington, NC 27292

Dec. 20

Vann Lookabill
3064 Arnold Rd.
Lexington, NC 27295

Robert Sturdivant
982 Briggstown Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

Dec. 21

Martha Trantham
1787 Hugh Miller Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

Dec. 22

Robin Weaver
8362 Linwood-
Southmont Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

Dec. 23

Diane Jolly
1232 Spring Dr.
Lexington, NC 27292

Autumn Weaver
8404 Linwood-
Southmont Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

Dec. 27

Thomas Leonard
198 Shannon Dr.
Lexington, NC 27292

Steven Street
1188 Riverview Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

Anniversaries

Dec. 3

Robert & Cathy Smith
2400 Jersey Church Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

Dec. 18

Eric & Dorene Snider
385 Andrew Sink Rd.
Lexington, NC 27295

New Address

Diann (Ball) Hartley
3091 Friendship Church Rd.
Lexington, NC 27295

New Member!

Please welcome Lori Gregg to our family. Lori's address is 2139 Briggstown Rd. Lexington, NC 27292

CHRISTMAS at Jersey

ADULT CHOIR CANTATA: DECEMBER 17
CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE: DECEMBER 24
NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAISE SERVICE: DECEMBER 31

ONE SERVICE AT 10:30AM



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