



**December 17, 2017**

**8:30 AM Uplift**

*If you are a guest today, please fill out the "Guest Information" portion of your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for worshipping with us!*

Scripture ..... Luke 1:5-25 ..... Carol Lowe

Message..... The Gifts of Christmas: .....Alex Martin  
The Gift of JOY When I Feel Forgotten

Welcome to ***Uplift!*** We're glad you're here today! For your small children, a nursery is located through the right front sanctuary door. **Hearing assistance devices are also available from our *Uplift* sound team.** We welcome you and look forward to worshipping with you today. We invite you to enter into worship just as you are. Now is the time to worship.

During the time of commitment, you are invited to make public any decision you may have regarding acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior, rededication of life, or church membership. You may also come to the altar to pray.

Worship, Sound, and Technical Assistance  
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*Hearing assistance devices are available; please see an usher.  
Please turn off cell phones during the worship service.*



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10:55 AM

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- Prelude ..... "Sing We Now of Christmas" ..... arr. Bennett  
Welcome ..... Alex Martin  
\* Welcome Chorus..... "Emmanuel"  
\* Invocation ..... Steve Simandle  
\* Hymn of Praise..... "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come" .....No. 181  
(stanzas 1 and 4)  
"Peace for Our World" ..... Sanctuary Choir  
    "Child of Peace, Child of Hope"  
    "All is Calm, All is Bright"  
    "Goin' to Bethlehem"  
Pastoral Prayer..... Alex Martin  
Advent Candle Lighting and Reading..... Calvary Kids  
(*Children ages 4 years through 2nd grade may exit for Children's Worship*)  
\* Hymn of Giving..... "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" .....No. 188  
(stanza 1)  
Offertory ..... "How Great Our Joy" .....arr. Bailey  
    "Emmanuel's Cradle Song"  
    "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"  
    "Light of the World"  
    "There is Peace"  
\* Invitational Hymn..... "Emmanuel" ..... No. 201  
\* Postlude ..... "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"..... arr. Breazeale

\*Congregation please stand.

Hearing devices are available. Please silence cell phones.

# Church Life Updates

- **Drummer Needed!:** We are in need of a drummer for our Uplift service for a few months. We rehearse on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m., and then do a run through on Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m. before the service. If you are interested, or have any friends who might enjoy playing drums here, please contact Teresa Martin.
- **Christmas Missions Offering:** Our goal for this year is \$3000; and as in years past, you can choose to designate your gift to one of three recipients: Andy and Cari Robertson (our missionaries to Chad), the Lottie Moon Offering (of the Southern Baptist Convention), or the Global Missions Offering (of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship). Total collected to date: \$1,975.00.
- **Underneath Our Tree:** During Advent we will be collecting food items that will be delivered to Yokefellow Ministries to feed local families. Because we know the items that are most needed, we are encouraging you to select from the following list: **pinto beans, pork & beans, canned tuna, macaroni & cheese, applesauce (no glass jars, please) and canned fruit.** You can bring these items any time this month and place them underneath our tree in the sanctuary.
- **Recycled Cards for St. Jude's:** It's that time of year again when we recycle our used greeting cards to benefit St. Jude's Ranch. If you would like to participate, drop your "card fronts" in the collection box (near the choir loft entrance) now through February 26. Please note that Disney, Hallmark, and American Greeting cards cannot be used due to copyrights. Please visit [stjudesranch.org](http://stjudesranch.org) to learn more about this wonderful ministry.
- **Fight Homelessness with Holiday Greetings:** With a minimum donation of \$5 per card, you can support the Shepherd's House of Mount Airy by sending an "Honor Card" this holiday season. To learn where you can get a card, contact Mary Boyles (director@shepherdshousema.org or 336.786.1420).

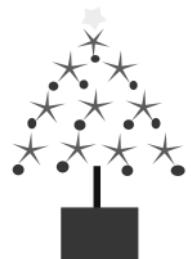
## *Holiday Highlights at Calvary*

Sun. Dec. 17 at 10:55 a.m. - Choir Christmas Cantata

Sun. Dec. 17 at 4:30 p.m. - Youth Progressive Dinner

Sun. Dec. 17 at 6:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas Musical

Sun. Dec. 24 at 5:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service



# Church Statistics

Budget Year 2017 As of 12/10/2017	Budget to Date	Receipts to Date	Expenditures to Date	Receipts minus Expenditures
General	\$490,841.51	\$481,777.11	\$460,725.21	\$21,051.90
Debt Retirement	\$20,603.77	\$21,139.00	\$21,842.52	(\$703.52)
Transportation	\$2,830.19	\$2,568.00	\$1,143.34	\$1,424.66
Debt Reduction Funds Available as of 12/10:			\$4,946.02	
Total Debt Balance as of 12/10:			\$142,995.45	
Endowment Fund as of 12/10:			\$40,486.56	

If you have any questions about the budget please see Bob Peake.

Date	Sunday School	Uplift	Traditional	Total Worship
12/10/2017	163	127	159	286



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## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, December 17

- 8:30 AM Uplift
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:55 AM Christmas Cantata
- 4:30 PM Youth Progressive Dinner
- 6:00 PM Children's Musical

### Wednesday, December 20

- 10:30 AM Dinner Theatre Trip
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 21

- 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice

### Sunday, December 24

- 8:30 AM Uplift
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:55 AM Traditional Service
- 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

### December 25 - 26

Office Closed—Merry Christmas!



# Prayer Concerns

- Mission Partnerships: El Faro Encendido Church (Belize); Meredith Byrd (Uganda); Andy and Cari Robertson (Chad)
- Claudia Bryant, Vicki Fields, Renee Francis, Jim Grimes, Della Jean Hull, Mildred Jarrell, Mary Ruth Lewis, Frances McBride, Rhonda McBride, Ensley Morgan, Janice Newman, Arretta Norman, Sandi Nowlin, Pam Peake, Kay Puckett, Bill Smith, Richard Surratt, Annie Thomas, Betty Quesenberry (Denise Cain's mother), Alma Venable
- Joyce Cook (Mary Lynn Goins' mother), Naiya Garner (Katrina Jarrell's cousin), Family of Curtis Hawks (Elvie Holder's brother), Dot Vernon (Sherry Riddle's mother) [12/17]
- Kristy and Greg Easter (niece and nephew-in-law of Lillian Holder) [12/10/17]

## Ministry Volunteers

	December 17	December 24
<b>Deacon of the Week</b>	Steve Simandle 336-401-2666	Danny Lineberry 336-320-3018
<b>Good Shepherds</b>	Ken Nowlin 336-287-4303 Phil Hiatt 336-374-0661	Earl Vamey 336-789-2249 David Stone 336-789-1177
	<b>UPLIFT</b>	<b>UPLIFT</b>
<b>Nursery Workers</b>	Alyson Hiatt, Jasmine Varney	Caitlen & Patrick Frazier
	<b>TRADITIONAL</b>	<b>TRADITIONAL</b>
<b>Infants - 3 Yr. Olds</b>	McKenzie & Melissa Sumner, Alex Bracey	Laura & Maleigha Brintle, Pauline Ransdell
<b>Children's Church</b>	Alex & Melissa Bracey	Jessica & Steve Simandle



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Sound Engineers ..... Phillip Hiatt, Danny Lineberry  
Custodian ..... Carlos Delfin

*Striving to glorify God by being a Christ-centered, caring church through worship, discipleship, missions and ministry.*