

This month's ushers are Jared Gober, Al Morgan, Ed Masterton, and Tim Cook. **This month's counting team** is Rodney Workman, Owen Parker, and Tim Cook. **Today's security walk** is Al Morgan. Security walk for next Sunday is Avery Lambert. **Extended session worker** for today are Judy Morgan and Susan Gettis (birth- 1) and Janet Furr (2's and 3's). Workers for next Sunday are Barry and Debbie Lanham (birth-1) and Melissa Masterton and Carsen Masterton (2's – 3's). This week's **Wednesday nursery** worker is Jan Tyson.

Stewardship report for Sunday, December 4, 2016

Our Time and Talents: Sunday School: 64 (58 members, 6 visitors); Worship: 132

Our Financial Resources: Budget Offering: \$7,019.00 (required weekly \$4,876.65)

Baptist Children's Homes: \$225.00; Flag Project: \$145.00; Lottie Moon Offering: \$65.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sunday, December 11

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

Monday, December 12

- 7:00 p.m. Deacons

Tuesday, December 13

- 11:00 a.m. Sunshine Women on Mission Christmas Fellowship
- 7:15 p.m. Praise Team

Wednesday, December 14

- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal (reservations required)
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study; Youth; Mission Organizations
- 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, December 15

- 6:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group (conference room)
- 8:30 a.m. United Breakfast Group (Sunrise Restaurant, Locust)

Friday, December 16

- 11:00 a.m. GO Club outing to Arlington Baptist Church

Church Staff:

- Rev. Marvin Tyson, Pastor – revtyson@ctc.net
- Rev. Rodney Hughes, Minister of Music – rodneyhughes20@yahoo.com
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- Joan Hughes and Tammy Lambert, Accompanists



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The Worship of God

December 11, 2016

- Prelude Tammy Lambert
- Call to Worship No. 108 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*
- Welcome Rev. Tyson
- Invocation Tim Cook
- Children's Time Tammy Lambert and Joan Hughes

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Angel Candle

Luke 2:10-14

- Special Music *Christmas Medley* Children's Ensemble
- Offertory Prayer Rev. Tyson
- Worship Through the Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings
- Offertory Music *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* Joan Hughes

ULBC Adult Choir presents
I'll Be Home for Christmas

- Benediction Rev. Tyson

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Welcome to this service of worship. On this third Sunday of Advent, let us think about God's gift to us in Christ. What love God has for each of us! And what love we should have for one another. If you are visiting with us today, would like more information about our church, and/or have a special prayer request, please take a few moments to complete one of the welcome cards located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. If you would like to use a **hearing assisted device**, please see the sound system operator. **Activity bags** are available for children up to first grade. Activity bags and contents are to be returned at the end of the service.

Please remember in your prayers the following military personnel within our church families: Matthew Earley (John and Mary Earley's son), Zach Graves (Tammy Ward's nephew), John Simmons (Doris Carpenter's grandson) John Brubaker (John Brubaker's son), James Williams (Jeff and Sheila Williams' son), Daniel Anselmo, Caitlyn Lawrence
Prayer Concerns: our nation and leadership, our military personnel and families, Doug Flowe (Royal Park of Matthews), Ann Stikeleather (Carrington Place), Brad Little (Kevin Little's brother), Barbara Robbins, William Ritchie – CMC Main (friend of Rev. Tyson), Letha Coggins (Wayne Allen's mother), Donna Anderson (Lynn Flowe's sister), Cheryl Kestner (Barbara Robbins' niece)

Congratulations to **Kayla Lawson** and **Brent Sebold** who were united in marriage on Saturday, December 10, 2016.

If you placed a **poinsettia** in our sanctuary this Christmas season, we respectfully request that you leave your poinsettia in our sanctuary until the end of our special candlelight worship service on Sunday evening, December 18.

The gospel resounds is the theme for this year's **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. Prayer guides and designated offering envelopes are included in today's bulletin. The ingathering and dedication of our gifts will be held on Sunday, December 18.

If you would like to financially support Chris Estridge's Eagle Scout project to install a flag pole area in the front of the church, please make sure that your envelope is clearly marked "Flag Project."

The children's ministry advisory board is sponsoring a **church cookbook**. Deadline for all recipe submissions is Sunday, December 18. Information/recipe submission forms are available on the sanctuary side tables and hallway tables.

In 2017 ... **Read Through the Bible** – Our church family is encouraged to read through the Bible in 2017. A reading plan are available on the sanctuary tables.

Youth Christmas Party will be held today from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Deacons will meet Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.

Sunshine Women on Mission will meet Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Sara Margaret McManus for their Christmas fellowship. Please bring covered dishes and desserts to share in a meal together along with a meaningful/personal gift (\$10 limit) for the gift exchange.

The menu for this week's Wednesday fellowship meal is Chick-fil-A sandwiches, slaw, chips, assorted desserts, tea, lemonade, and coffee. **Reservations are required for our Wednesday evening fellowship meal.** Monday at noon is the **weekly deadline** for all reservation additions and/or cancellations.

The **GO Club** will enjoy an outing on Friday to Arlington Baptist Church for a senior lunch and entertainment. Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to ride the bus or to car pool. There is no charge for this event.

Christmas Worship: ULBC Praise Team presents "**When Love Crossed Over**" - Sunday, December 18 at 10:30 a.m. ; **Christmas Candlelight Service** – Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m.; **Christmas Day Worship** at 10:30 a.m. - no Sunday school.

Sunday, December 18 is the deadline for all information for the **January newsletter.**

There will be **no Wednesday activities** on December 21 and December 28. The **church office** will be closed Thursday, December 22 through Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holidays.

Sunday, December 25 is this month's **Baptist Sharing House collection date.**

In order for your contributions to be credited to your **2016 giving record**, they must be included in the Sunday offerings during the month of December, delivered to the church office or postmarked by December 31. Any contribution received after these dates will be credited in 2017. Please make sure that your contributions are enclosed in an envelope and clearly marked with your name and amount enclosed.

Our deepest gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy extended to us at the death of our sister. The care and concern shown to us through the cards, calls, and visits has meant so much to us. We are especially grateful for your prayers. A special thank you to those that attended the memorial service. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Lois Hoggard and Tommy Thompson

A tradition at United Love is that we give Christmas fruit baskets to our widows and widowers. The church family would like to especially remember this Christmas season

*Edith Barbato, Cindy Benton, Sylvia Callahan, Doris Carpenter,
Kay Eudy, Bettie Greene, Mildred Hall, Eudenia Hilton, Lois Hoggard,
Karen McManus, Polly Mullis, Betty Nicholson, Barbara Simmons, Libby Stegall,
Ann Stikeleather, and Marguerite Walsh.*