

**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 Jerry Huneycutt. Security walk for next Sunday is Al Morgan. **Extended session worker** for today are Kay Eudy and Carolyn Jones (birth- 1) and Clare and Brandon Ferguson (2's and 3's). Workers for next Sunday are Judy Morgan and Susan Gettis (birth-1) and Janet Furr (2's – 3's). This week's **Wednesday nursery worker** is Janet Furr. Worker for next Wednesday is Jan Tyson.

**Stewardship report for Sunday, November 27, 2016**

**Our Time and Talents:** Sunday School: 68 (66 members, 2 visitors); Worship: 137

**Our Financial Resources:** Budget Offering: \$3,928.00 (required weekly \$4,876.65)  
Baptist Children's Homes: \$10.00; Flag Project: \$50.00

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**Sunday, December 4**

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Tuesday, December 6**

- 7:15 p.m. Praise Team

**Wednesday, December 7**

- 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 8**

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

**Church Staff:**

Rev. Marvin Tyson, Pastor – revtyson@ctc.net  
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**The Worship of God**

**December 4, 2016**

Prelude	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	Joan Hughes
Call to Worship	<i>Good Will to Men</i>	Adult Choir
Welcome		Rev. Tyson
Invocation		Owen Parker
The Lord's Prayer (to be prayed by all)		
Children's Time		Tammy Melton
The Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Bethlehem Candle		
Micah 5:2		
Song of Praise No. 89		<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Tyson
Worship Through the Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings		
Offertory Music	<i>Midnight Clear/Love Song</i>	Praise Team
Special Music	<i>When Love Was Born</i>	Benny Mabrey
Scripture Reading		Matthew 1:18-25 NKJV
Sermon	<b>Surviving the Most Wonderful Time of the Year</b>	Rev. Tyson
Hymn of Response No. 86		<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>
Closing Comments/Opportunities for Ministry		
Benediction		Rev. Tyson
Postlude		Tammy Lambert

**Welcome to this service of worship. On this second Sunday of Advent, let us prepare ourselves for celebrating Christmas with enthusiasm and sincerity.** 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, Jack Embree (Morgan/York family), Tammy Mullis (Morgan family), William Ritchie – CMC Main (friend of Rev. Tyson), Bobby Williams (Larry Williams' brother), Letha Coggins (Wayne Allen's mother), Donna Anderson (Lynn Flowe's sister), Cheryl Kestner (Barbara Robbins' niece), Shaver family

Christian sympathy is extended to **Lois Hoggard and Tommy Thompson** and families at the death of their sister, Lillie Mae Thompson Shaver

We welcome **Tammy Melton** to the ULBC staff as our Minister of Youth.

Updated **membership directory listings** are available on the sanctuary hallway table

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.

**Reservations are required for our Wednesday evening fellowship meal.** Reservations may be made by using the cards located on the tables throughout our buildings or by calling/emailing the church office. Monday at noon is the **weekly deadline** for all reservation additions and/or cancellations. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children ages 6-12, and no charge for children ages 5 and under.

**Youth Christmas Party** will be held Sunday, December 11 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**Deacons** will meet Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.

**Sunshine Women on Mission** will meet Tuesday, December 13 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 **GO Club** will enjoy an outing on Friday, December 16 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.

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

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. The office will also be closed on Monday, January 2 for the New Year's holiday.

**Contribution Reminder...** 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.

In 2017 ... **Read Through the Bible** – Our church family is encouraged to read through the Bible in 2017. A reading plan will be available later this month. Look for these on the sanctuary side tables.

### **Christmas Worship**

*ULBC Adult Choir presents "I'll Be Home for Christmas" – Sunday, December 11  
ULBC Praise Team presents "When Love Crossed Over" – Sunday, December 18  
Both presentations during our 10:30 a.m. worship service.*

*Christmas Candlelight Service – Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m.*

*Christmas Day Worship at 10:30 a.m. No Sunday school.*