

First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2014

Call to Worship "Let Thy Holy Presence Come Upon Us"
P. Tschesnokoff

(Please use this quiet time to sign and pass the Friendship Pads.)

Welcome and Announcements Rev. R. Len Walker, Jr.

The Children's Message (10:30 am) Rev. Walker

Voluntary "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. A. Page
The Chapel Bells

Invocation Rev. Walker

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope
Randy and Leslie Grogan, 9:00 am
David and Maria Peagler, Sam and Zach, 10:30 am

* Hymn 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. V. Lamar Helms
Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" arr. A. Page
The Chapel Bells

* Doxology OLD 100TH

* Offertory Prayer Rev. Walker

* Hymn 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

* Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-6
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Good News Gift Of Light" Rev. Walker

* Hymn 189 "Fairest Lord Jesus" ST. ELIZABETH

* Benediction Rev. Walker

* Benediction Response (p. 211, refrain) VENI EMMANUEL
"Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

Postlude "Noel For Flute Stops" Louis D' Aquin

* Please stand if you are able.



*You Are Cordially Invited to
The 2014 Christmas Season Celebrations
of Big Canoe Chapel*

*The Worship Celebration of the Christmas Season
Sunday Mornings, November 30, December 7, 14, 21
9:00 am and 10:30 am*

*A Service of Lessons and Lullabies
Sunday Evening, December 14, 7:00 pm*

*Worship on Christmas Eve
Family and Children Celebration, 5:00 pm
A Candlelight Service, 7:00 pm
Candlelight Communion Celebration, 10:00 pm*

*A Moravian Lovefeast
Sunday, December 28, 10:30 am
Joint service in the Broyles Center (no 9:00 am service)*

Advent Sermon Series

"The Christmas Good News Gifts"

November 30 "The Good News Gift Of Light"

December 7 "The Good News Gift Of Emmanuel"

December 14 "The Good News Gift Of Joy"

December 21 "The Good News Gift Of Peace"



The heartbeat of
the community

Rev. R. Len Walker, Jr.
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Worship Services November 30, 2014

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given."

Isaiah 9:6a



From the Senior Chaplain

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Our focus during the next four weeks will be centered upon past, present, and future. Hopefully, Advent will take us on a spiritual pilgrimage affirming that Christ has come, is present with us in continual revelation, and that He will come again in majesty and power. **I trust you live in the profound sense that we live, “between the times.” Our identity in these days of anticipation of the future consummation of the Kingdom is, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.”**

Writer Dennis Bratcher reminds us of the spirit of Advent. He notes that it is marked by anticipation, preparation, and **longing. Don’t we all yearn for deliverance from the evils of the world?** It was the cry of Israelite slaves in Egypt as they suffered through deep and bitter oppression. They lived in hope. They anticipated God breaking through and revealing His glory in ever increasing measure. And just as He broke through then, He breaks through now!

I hope you noticed the Cross on the wall in Cousins Hall. In the early years of Big Canoe Chapel it was carried to the gathering place of the church. At times, the place was out in the woods. Later on, the place was a tree toper. Wherever the cross was found, you found the church. There is a plaque beneath the cross that reminds us of a faith beginning. Just follow the cross---**that’s a pretty good call to worship.**

Looking at that wooden cross in Cousins Hall reminded me of an old gospel song;

“The way of the cross leads home,
The way of the cross leads home.
It is sweet to know,
As I onward go,
The way of the cross leads home.”

Homeward bound,

Len

Welcome!

Big Canoe Chapel is a multi-denominational congregation united in our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. The Chapel gladly welcomes anyone desiring to become a regular, associate, or fellowship member. Please fill out a membership information card found in the pew card holder and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. The pastor will call this week and schedule a time to meet and answer any questions regarding chapel membership.

Please note:

- Hearing devices are available from an usher.
- The Nursery is available downstairs during the 9:00 & 10:30 am services.
- Remember to turn your cell phones back on at the end of the service!

Today at the Chapel

8:30 AM	Prayer with Senior Chaplain-Chapel 109
8:45 AM	Fellowship Class Coffee-McCormick Hall
9:00 AM	Fellowship SS Class-McCormick Hall
9:00 AM	Worship Service-Chapel
10:00 AM	Chapel Stand-Around-Cousin Hall
10:30 AM	Seekers SS Class-McCormick Hall
10:30 AM	Grace Walk SS Class-Broyles 102
10:30 AM	Youth Breakfast Club-Teen Room
10:30 AM	Children K-5-Chapel 107
10:30 AM	Children 3’s & 4’s-Chapel 106
10:30 AM	Nursery-Chapel 101
10:30 AM	Worship Service-Chapel
3:30 PM	Chapel Kids-Cousins Hall

Serving Today at the Chapel...

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

Ushers: Chuck and Linda Lee Gordon Ham and Sandra Gadd
Faye Webster Don and Jane Wyeth

Greeters: Bill and Virginia Nickerson Dick and Anita Wight

Cart Driver: Timothy Bader

Stand-Around: Bill and Ann Tinkler
Michael and Barbara Whatley

Worship Steward: Charley Vick

Acolytes: Obie and Aaron Belins

Audiovisual Technician: Paul Wright

This Week at the Chapel

Mon. 12/1	Mission Conference Meeting-Room 107	10:00AM
Mon. 12/1	Visitation/Membership Committee-Bd. Rm.	1:00PM
Mon. 12/1	Handbells Rehearsal-Cousins Hall	4:30PM
Mon. 12/1	Griefshare-Room 107	5:00PM
Tues. 12/2	Bella Voce -McCormick Hall	9:30AM
Tues. 12/2	Men’s Fellowship -Room 107	2:45PM
Wed. 12/3	Creative Stitchery-Room 101	1:00PM
Thurs. 12/4	Men’s Journey Group -Room 101	8:00AM
Thurs. 12/4	Christmas Blessings-McCormick Hall	9:00AM
Thurs. 12/4	Mission Conference Meeting-Board Room	10:00AM
Thurs. 12/4	Chapel Choir Rehearsal-Chapel	7:00PM
Fri. 12/5	Christmas Bazaar-Cousins Hall	9:00AM
Fri. 12/5	Christmas Blessings-McCormick Hall	9:00AM
Sat. 12/6	AA Meeting-Teen Room	9:00AM
Sat. 12/6	Christmas Bazaar-Cousins Hall	9:00AM
Sat. 12/6	POA Annual Meeting-Chapel	10:00AM
Sun. 12/7	Bella Voce sings both services	9:00AM

Operation Christmas Child collected 547 shoeboxes!! Thank you so very much for your contributions. We are so blessed to live in this generous community!

Chapel Announcements

Griefshare-Christmas is a time we celebrate the birth of Jesus, listen to beautiful music, surround ourselves with family and good food. It can also be a sad time for those who have had loses and are feeling depressed and lonely. Griefshare will have a special two hour DVD on **“How To Survive The Holidays.” We will meet on December 15th,** downstairs in the Broyles Center, from 5pm to 7pm. You will find support from others who are feeling as you are, as you approach the days ahead. Hope to see you there. Contact Sandra Hintze (706.579.2248).

Please celebrate with the Big Canoe Chapel Women’s Guild on Thursday, December 11th at 10:00 am in the Chapel for our Christmas program, **“White Christmas.” This year’s concert features our own Teri Sawyer** along with two sought-after vocalists from the Atlanta Opera, soprano Megan Mashburn and tenor John Young. The trio is sure to bring a smile and stir the spirit as they present the best-loved melodies of the season. The Christmas luncheon, catered by Flavours and complete with a lavish dessert centerpiece, will be served in the Broyles Center immediately following the program. Tickets are \$25.00 and will be available at Chapel Stand Around this Sunday.

Christmas Collectors’ Corner is Saturday, December 6th, right here in the Broyles Center. Select gently used Christmas Decorations for your home. Items will be on sale before and after the POA General Meeting. Doors will be open from 9am-10am and for two hours following the meeting. Proceeds will go to charities in Pickens and Dawson counties **through the Big Canoe Chapel Women’s Guild**-Legacy of Caring.

Dinner for 8-It is that time again...to join a new group to share dinner, fun times and great conversation! This is a great way to meet new friends and enjoy an evening together. Even if you have been in Big Canoe a long time or just got here, this is a great way to meet new people or get to know friends better. Dinner for 8 groups will begin again in January and go through April. If you would like to join a new group, please call Susan Willson at (706.579.2640) or email at eliz8190@yahoo.com with your names, phone number and email address. There will only be two opportunities during Stand-Around to sign up...December 7th and 14th...so give her a call if these dates don’t fit your schedule!

Chapel Member Prayer List

St. Vincent DePaul, Pickens and Dawson: Pray for the needy and the suffering.

At Home: Phyllis Deane, Jobeth Yarbrough, Frank Garner, Lea Brueckner (daughter of Pat and Lynda Bodelson), Ed Delaney, Dan Guidice, Kathy Brigman, Brylie Lundy (granddaughter of Kay and Wayne Page), John Rutledge, (son-in-law of Jeff and Sandy Downing), Waymon Moore, Herb Belins, Diane Packard, Fred Gregg, Arliss Brigman.

Hospice Care: Dawn Bevis, Spartanburg, SC.

In Assisted Care: **Betty Laughlin**, Arbor Terraces, Decatur; **Martha Adkins**, Gold City Personal Care, Dahlonega; **Bill Almand**, The Veranda, Roswell; **Jean Payne**, Grandview, Jasper; **Chalmas Holmes**, Sonshine Manor Personal Care, Jasper; **Richard Krajec**, Rock Creek Manor, Jasper; **Margie Hunter**, Chambrel, Roswell; **Ben Johnson**, Mt. Vernon Village, 475 Mt. Vernon Rd., A201, Sandy Springs, GA 30338; **Dot Bourke**, Dogwood Forest Asst. Living Comm., Gainesville; **Frances Smith**, Hallmark at Phipps, Atlanta; **Fred Hill**, 762 N. Main St., Alpharetta, GA 30004; **Mike Giles**, Emeritus at Riverstone, 125 Riverstone Terrace, Canton, GA 30114; **M. J. Davis**, The Oaks @ Hampton, 5610 Hampton Park Dr., Cumming, GA 30041; **Ange and Charlotte Robbe**, Mount Vernon Towers, 300 Johnson Ferry Rd., NE, Unit A411, Sandy Springs, GA 30328.