

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 21, 2014

Call to Worship "Church in the Wildwood" Pitts

(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 "Greensleeves" Richard Purvis

Invocation Rev. V. Lamar Helms

The Lighting of the Advent Candles
Steve and Sandra Shelnutt, 9:00 am
Herb, Rubi, Obie, Aaron and Charlie Belins, 10:30 am

* Hymn 234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES
(Verses 1, 2, 3 and 6)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Walker
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 "There Is Faint Music" D. Forrest
The Chapel Choir

* Doxology OLD 100TH

* Offertory Prayer Rev. Walker

* Hymn 218 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" CAROL

* Scripture: Luke 2:25-32
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

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

* Hymn 230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST. LOUIS
(Verses 1, 2 and 4)

* Benediction Rev. Walker

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

Postlude "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Charles Sergisson

* 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 Morning, December 21st
9:00 am and 10:30 am*

*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)*



Sunday, December 28th

*Moravian Lovefeast
Joint Worship Service
at 10:30 AM
No 9:00 Service
No Sunday School
No Stand-Around*

Year-End Giving

The cut off for 2014 giving will be noon on December 31, 2014. Please turn in all donations in the Chapel office or Chapel alpha box by the deadline to be included on your 2014 contribution statement.



The heartbeat of
the community

BIG CANOE
Chapel

Worship Services December 21, 2014

Rev. R. Len Walker, Jr.
Senior Chaplain

Rev. V. Lamar Helms
Associate Chaplain,
Director of Music

Teri Sawyer
Director of Children, Youth
and Family Ministries

James Garner
Chapel Organist

Jack Loudon
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"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. "

Isaiah 9:6



From the Senior Chaplain

A missionary friend recently reminded me of this statement by Larry King. The CNN icon was once asked who he would choose if he could interview anyone in history. King, an ethnic Jew, responded, "Jesus Christ." The questioner prodded, "And what would you like to ask Him?" King replied, "I would like to ask Him if He was indeed virgin-born. The answer to that question would define history for me."

For the Christian, history has been defined by the birth of Jesus. Prior to the incarnation, history was defined by darkness. The cry of the human heart was, "O come, O come, Emmanuel." The longing for the Messiah engulfed the hearts of God's people to the point of desperation. They yearned for the freedom that was promised by the prophets as revealed by the Spirit of the living God.

The birth of Jesus defines the present. There is life and light available this day to anyone who calls on the name of the Lord. The promise of life abundant is the present-day assurance of the living Jesus. My present is defined by the Holy Spirit and His constant presence and power for daily life. What an assurance!

The birth of Jesus defines the future. Our future is eternal life. Our future is secured by God's victory over death and the grave. Such a hope springs from the birth of a baby born in Bethlehem's manger. The heavenly host announced not a reformer or a teacher or a philosopher----the announcement is a Savior. And the Savior defines my past, present, and future. He was born. He is here. He is coming again. Thanks be to God!

Merry Christmas,

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

Serving Today at the Chapel...

9:00 AM

Ushers: Ray and Brenda Bedingfield
Ron and Sue Ceravolo

10:30 AM

Bob Matthews
Frank Wright
Jeff and Lynn Dodson

Greeters: Gary and Marsha Rhodus Weldon and Liz Wintter

Cart Driver: Timothy Bader

Stand-Around: Charles and Lyn Cates
J. C. and Cathy Smith

Worship Steward: Charley Vick

Acolytes: Heather Fernandez
Read Fernandez

Audiovisual Technician: Mike Twiss

This Week at the Chapel

Mon.	12/22	Library Meeting	3:00PM
Wed.	12/24	Big Canoe Chapel Office closed, Holiday	8:00AM
Wed.	12/24	Creative Stitchery-Room 101	1:00PM
Wed.	12/24	Family and Children Celebration-Chapel	5:00PM
Wed.	12/24	A Candlelight Service-Chapel	7:00PM
Wed.	12/24	Candlelight Communion Celebration-Ch.	10:00PM
Thurs.	12/25	Big Canoe Chapel Office closed, Holiday	800AM
Fri.	12/26	Duron/Gannon Wedding Rehearsal-Chapel	5:00PM
Sat.	12/27	AA Meeting-Teen Room	9:00AM
Sat.	12/27	Duron/Gannon Wedding-Chapel	6:00PM
Sun.	12/28	Moravian Lovefeast Service-Cousins Hall	10:30AM

Chapel Announcements

Big Canoe Chapel Office will be closed for Christmas Holiday, December 24th and December 25th.

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!

Episcopal Church of the Holy Family presents a Holiday Handbell Concert featuring the Big Canoe Chapel Bells and the Mountain Ringers followed by the annual service of Lessons & Carols today, December 21 at 3:30. The church is located off Cove Road at 100 Griffith Road.

Big Canoe Chapel Women's Guild...invites all women of Big Canoe and the surrounding communities to its January 8th meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Broyles Center. Reverend Emily Leatherbarrow, Director of House of Grace for Global Servants, will speak on "Finding Grace at the House of Grace." House of Grace Thailand and Ghana is a preventative ministry that works to save girls from sexual slavery or child labor. Mark your calendars to join us for this inspirational message.

Congratulations

...to Al and Lou Ellen Dean on their 50th wedding anniversary. They will be celebrating this event on December 22nd.

Chapel Member Prayer List

God's Mighty Voice: Pray for Christian radio in Africa and around the world.

At Home: Phyllis Deane, Jobeth Yarbrough, Frank Garner, Lea Brueckner (daughter of Pat and Lynda Bodelson), Ed Delaney, Brylie Lundy (granddaughter of Kay and Wayne Page), Waymon Moore, Herb Belins, Lynn Fischer (Lee Arthur's sister. Buffalo, NY), Devon Collins, Dick Scharf.

Hospice Care: Dawn Bevis, Spartanburg, SC.

Hospital: Ruby Stirzaker, Piedmont Atlanta.

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.