



THE WEST END NEWS

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CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The cantata, "Reflections of Christmas", will be presented on Sunday, December 18th, at the morning worship service by the combined choirs of West End Baptist Church and Oxford United Methodist Church at West End.

The cantata expresses the hope, wonder and joy of Christmas. The first part speaks of the prophecy to be fulfilled, followed by the wonder of a baby being born. This leads us to joy the angels spread around with the news of the birth. The cantata concludes with adoration for Jesus the Christ.

Invite your friends and neighbors to hear about the birth of Jesus in song during this special service of worship.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

West End will present our annual Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 24. There will be singing of carols, and a service of Holy Communion, and a time of candle lighting. Bring your family and friends to this special worship service on Christmas Eve.

CHILDREN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PLAY

Celebrate the season with a bit of Christmas cheer at our annual Christmas play, Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" (Disco Version), adapted and performed by our intrepid children and teenagers Dec. 11, during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 AM, in the Fellowship Hall. A reception will follow

DECEMBER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Our Youth are selling 2012 calendars to help raise funds for next year's mission trips. Calendars are \$6 and you can purchase them from any Youth member.

The Youth are also collecting food for their Christmas basket project. Your gifts of non-perishable items are welcome through Dec. 18, and you may bring perishable items on Dec. 18.

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER AT WEST END

NURSERY OPEN
9:30 TO 12:15 PM
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45 A.M.
WORSHIP AT 11:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 4, 2011

*Second Sunday in Advent
Holy Communion
Benevolent Offering Received
"Humble Beginnings"*

DECEMBER 11, 2011

*Third Sunday in Advent
"The Holy Family"*

DECEMBER 18, 2011

*Fourth Sunday in Advent
Christmas Cantata*

DECEMBER 24, 2011

*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Communion Service*

DECEMBER 25, 2011

Christmas Day

Greeters in December

Dec 4: Mack & Ruth Saunders
Dec 11: The Luzzatto Family
Dec 18: Eddie & Jackie White
Dec 25: Paul Bross & Linda Beale

*Merry Christmas from your church staff.
May you feel God's presence this Christmas Season.
Chester, Dean, Kim, Walter, and Rita*

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT PROGRAMS

"The Gospels and Christmas"

Dec 1:

(Baked Chicken with gravy, scalloped potatoes, peas & carrots)

Dec 8:

(Baked potato bar, chili, French bread, garden salad)

Dec 15:

(Turkey, dressing, yams, green beans)

[Call by noon on Tuesdays.]

Our Prayer Concerns:

Family of Dorothy Williams, Mary Kiger (death of her brother, Maurice Casper), Charles White, Faye Webb, Shellee Stevens, Beryl Hale, Tom Apple, Mary Davies, Bob Mauck, Lillian Riddick, John Harrell, Wayne Holland, Audrey Byrum, Peggy Luter, Andy & Louise Anderson, Louise Wiggins, Eloise Britt, Barbara McMahon, Bob & Mary Drew, Hazel Liverman, Willie Colby, Martha Britt, Caroline Pond, Jackie Carlson, Mattie Johnson (friend of Bill Ashley), Savannah Eaton (friend of Debbie Spratley), Margaret "Billie" Harry (friend of Bill and Frances Carr), Julia Pond Brady (Dick Pond's sister), Jim Parker (friend of Molly Crow), Ed Sawyer, Joyce Weaver (Cheryl Taylor's sister-in-law), Tom Brothers (friend of Molly Crow), Dan Hassell (Iris Sylvia's brother), Daniel Copley (Peggy Luter's grandson on the USS George HW Bush), Frank Flynn, John & Candice Thomas (Linda Beale's niece), Joan Steel Bonwell, Robert L. Anderson (Andy Anderson's brother), Helen Bross (mother of Paul Bross), Pam Hagerty (Linda Beale's sister).

Church members are listed in bold type.

Please call the church office (539-8771) to add or remove names. Names will stay on the list for one month unless requested to stay longer.

Among Our Members... (as of Nov. 28)

...Charles White has returned to Nansmond Pointe after a brief stay at the Bon Secours Nursing Facility.

...Dorothy Williams passed away on Sunday, November 20th.

...Steven and Angie White welcomed their daughter, Charlotte Munroe White at 3:34 AM on November 22nd.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our monthly giving goal for November was: \$16,116
November contributions were: \$11,702

Budget receipts through November: \$156,654
Expenses through November: \$149,882

We thank you for your support of West End's mission.

Thank You's

Lou, Rebecca, Lila and I want to express our heartfelt thanks for the support from all of you while we dealt with Dorothy's passing. Our special thanks go to Skip for his support and for conducting such a meaningful memorial service. Also special thanks to the people who arranged the very nice reception, who brought us food and flowers, sent us cards and to all those who supported us so much with prayer and by coming to the service.

*In Christian love to all of you,
Euell Williams*

2012 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of November 29, 2011, West End has received a total of 39 pledge cards for the 2012 budget. The total pledge amount from those received is \$109,820.

We are grateful to all of our members and their continued support they provide each year, however, with the close of year quickly approaching, we are still awaiting more pledge cards to be returned. If you have not submitted your pledge for the next year, the Finance Committee would appreciate your doing so at your earliest convenience.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORT

West End's Annual Conference took place on Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. The following actions were taken:

- ✓ Election of Tom Apple, Frances Carr, Dana Hale and Caroline Luzzatto as Deacons for 2012-14
- ✓ Approved the proposed 2012 budget
- ✓ Elected Church Officers & Committee Members for 2012-14.

Copies of the budget and Officers & Committees list are available in the church office.

In Memoriam

Dorothy Ellis Williams

*April 7, 1921 – November 20, 2011
Member of West End since July, 1960*

Christian sympathy and support are extended to her husband Euell; her daughters, Lou Rachel Eure, Rebecca Elswick and Lila Pretlow; 6 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 3 sisters and 2 step sons. A funeral service was held on November 22, 2011 at West End.

REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Rillie Bailey
Eloise Britt
Martha Britt
Jackie Carlson
William W. Colby, Jr.
Olivia Dale
Mary & Bob Drew
Nelda Hayes
Ethel Lewis
Morrison & Frank Smither
Charles White
Louise & Keith Wiggins

Please contact the church office for address information.

FN CATERER'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

We will be receiving donations toward our Christmas Gift for Wanda Boyce and Kathy Morgan. We will present them with a cash gift at our last Fellowship Night of the year, December 15th. If you would like to contribute to this gift, there will be a donation box on Thursday evenings, or you may bring your contribution to the church office.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 26th and January 2nd for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Please note these dates as contributions postmarked after January 1st will be posted in 2011.

WMU CIRCLE GROUP MEETING

❖ The J.O.Y. Circle will meet Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 PM at the home of Rita Queen.
For more information, please call your circle's group leader.

December Birthdays

1 st	Debbie Spratley
3 rd	Jason Sawyer
10 th	Jesse Apple
11 th	Mary Ann Coggsdale Bob Mauck Bennett McBride
12 th	Fred Panton
13 th	Bruce Queen
14 th	Mack Saunders
16 th	Wayne Holland
17 th	Bill Jenkins
21 st	John Harrell Ron Williams
22 nd	Bill Carr
25 th	Dick Pond
30 th	Wayland Pond, IV

December Anniversaries

23 rd	Walter and Betty Jo Stroud (17 th)
27 th	Mack & Ruth Saunders (60 th)
31 st	Gregg and Molly Crow (19 th)

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Please make every effort to place your final 2011 contributions in the offering plate on or before Sunday, December 25th. Our budget year will close on Friday, December 31. Contributions postmarked or received after January 1st will be posted for 2012.

CHRISMON PROJECT

The Spiritual Sewing group is working on the new project of replacing the ornaments for the Crismon Tree. Some of the materials are expensive so the group is asking the congregation for any donations for the purchase of supplies. If you are interested in making a donation, simply write "Chrismon" in the memo area of your check.

FOSTER CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PROJECT REMINDER

Presents are to be wrapped, tagged, and returned to the church by **Sunday, December 11th**. In addition, there are still 3 or 4 names still on the tree. If you are able, please consider helping a child less fortunate this Christmas.

ALMA HUNT WINTER MISSIONS

Goal: \$1,750
Contributions through Nov. 29
\$400