

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist in NC

Mary Stanley ICU

The Med

Laurie Losorwith ICU

At Home

Dean Tutor

Jeff Mitchell

Mark Wagner

Hospice Care

Valerie Porterfield

Bill Scott

Jimmy Mellard

Our Sympathy

love and prayers go out to
...Keith & Frances Coffman & family in the loss of
Keith's brother, Bill Coffman

OUR PRESENCE

December 4

Church School	52
Worship	88
Visitors	8

OUR GIFTS

December 4

Total Rec'd	\$ 5,593
MTD	\$ 5,593
Apportionments TD	\$ 31,296

OUR SERVICE

Assisting December 11

Greeters	Frances Coffman Keith Coffman
Liturgist	Bruce Hughes
Scripture	Jane Hight
Children's Time	Ed Stanley
Lock-up	Emmett Parrish

OUR WITNESS

December Scripture Readers
18 Lisa Hughes
24 Tom Lockhart

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Don't walk around the down and out.
Lend a helping hand, instead of doubt.
And the kindness that you show every day
Will help someone along their way.

From "Try a Little Kindness" by Glen Campbell, the great singer and songwriter who, this year, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Dec. 11th

Psalm 126

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Sermon Title

"Tears into Joy"



LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. 12/11 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship
 12:15p UMW Unit Mtg., Pot Luck & Installation of Officers
 6:00p Christmas Cantata "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

Mon. 12/12 Noon News Deadline

Tue. 12/13 10:00a Koinonia Group
 7:00p Love/Hope Group

Wed. 12/14 No Activities

Thu. 12/15 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 12/16 Offices Closed
 6:00p Current Events Progressive Dinner begins @ the Scheirer's

Sat. 12/17 9:00a AFLS

Sun. 12/18 9:45a Church School
 10:55a Worship

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Face any challenge centered in Christ.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Join us on December 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for this year's cantata, "A Great and Mighty Wonder". Visit again the town of Bethlehem "for a son has been given us". Hear of the virgin birth, the shepherd's awe, the Magi's visit and the light that overcomes darkness. Come and celebrate with us the great and mighty wonder of God's love.

OUR CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve Communion
 Dec. 24 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 25 9:45a Sunday School
 10:55a Worship Service

Dec. 26 Offices will be closed in observance of the Christmas holidays.

THANK YOU NOTES

To My Church Family,
 Thank you for your love and prayers at the loss of my mother. Aldersgate is truly the church of the warm heart.

Love,
 Lisa Matlock & Family

I would like to thank everyone for expressions of love and concern during this time of my father's illness and passing away. A special note of gratitude goes to Brother Paul for his service at the graveside. I know my Daddy has truly gone home.

Thank you,
 Sandra Shipley & Family

The Sanctuary is better lit and the roof is much happier without all those leaves, thanks to two hard-working, energetic men, Tom Lockhart and Dean Tutor. Thanks guys, for all you do around the church!

Many thanks to the Current Events Class for the great "breakfast" at Fellowship Time last Sunday.



Time is short to order your Aldersgate photo calendar. For only \$12 you may purchase this "fond memory" and help support the Children & Youth ministries. Look for the red envelopes at church or call the church office, 683-8861, to place your orders by Dec. 11. Calendars will be available by the end of December.



UMW NEWS

Our Unit meeting and Installation of Officers is this Sunday, Dec. 11. The meeting will be short but ALL officers should be present to be installed by our District Vice President. Please be prepared to share a memory or two of Jean McCarty, Juanita Galloway, Carol Bosi, Bea Harris or Kathryn Clark at our Service of Remembrance. Women of Zion will set-up for our pot luck lunch. REMEMBER! Our 2012 Yearbooks are available in the Library. Many have not yet been picked up.



Matthew 1:18-25

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given to:

Memorial Fund

In memory of Becky Matlock by
 Mary Robbins
 Cathy Boice
 Betty Smithmier
 Jimmy & Jane Hight
 Neil & Jean DeLong
 Johnny & Joy Mitchell
 The Fidelis Class

Conference Askings

In memory of Becky Matlock by
 Aleda Kelly

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Becky Matlock by
 Tom & Sharon Lockhart

Pew Cushions

In memory of Becky Matlock by
 Joyce Kernodle

5th ANNUAL 'WARMTH IN WINTER' EVENT FOR OLDER ADULTS

Come to Epworth by the Sea on beautiful St. Simons Island, Georgia, January 16-18, for "Senior Moments", featuring singer, humorist and folk-theologian Ed Kilborne. Over the three days, Ed will present four shows of music, wisdom, humor and inspired teaching. Accommodation and program details are available on line at www.epworthbythesea.org or call 912-638-8688. Register soon!

ADVENT EVENSONG @ Second Presbyterian

Celtic Carols Dec. 18 6:00 p.m.

Advent Evensong will feature the Celtic band, Planet Reel, led by Memphis Symphony Concertmaster, Susanna Gilmore-Perry. Ancient carols and liturgy will add to the joy of this experience. You are invited to join us at 4055 Poplar Ave. on Dec. 18 at 6pm. Mark your calendar now.

