

DECEMBER

2017 Vision

♥ SIMPLIFY.

"You are worried and upset about so many things, but only one thing is necessary." -- Jesus
 Luke 10:41b-42a
 (Contemporary English Version)

SERMON SERIES: CHRISTMAS PRESENCE

Dec 3	Daniel 3:1-7, 12-14, 16-25, 28 "God's Presence in the Fires" <i>Rev. Scot McCosh</i>
Dec 10	Ezekiel 37:1-14 "God's Presence in the Valleys" <i>Rev. Paula K. McCosh</i>
Dec 17	Isaiah 55:1-13 "God's Presence in the Flesh" <i>Rev. Scot McCosh</i>
Dec 24	John 1:1-18 "God's Presence Arrives" <i>Rev. Scot McCosh</i>
Dec 31	John 1:19-34 "God's Presence In the Wilderness" <i>Rev. Scot McCosh</i>



Business Meeting

December 6th • 6:00pm

No Family Night Activities



Pastor's Peace

Ah, it's December – a time when we'll all spend more time and money than we have planned or budgeted on Christmas presents. However, in the month ahead I want to challenge you to shift your focus from presents and spend more time and resources on the Christmas PRESENCE, the greatest gift you can share or receive. An ancient prayer of the church says it well, "O God, who marvelously created and yet more marvelously restored the dignity of human nature, grant that we may share the divinity of him who humbled himself to share our humanity." It's my prayer that the Advent season, which kicks off on this first Sunday of December, will truly be a time of reflection and restoration as you experience anew God's amazing love for you in the Christmas PRESENCE.

At MPBC I see this Christmas PRESENCE alive and well all year round. Throughout church history the Christmas season actually kicked off with Christ's birth and lasted 12 days, until the celebration of the Epiphany (arrival of the Magi) and Jesus' baptism. The familiar song celebrates this on-going celebration and I want to help you keep your celebration alive this season by sharing my 12 blessings of MPBC from the past year. On this first week of Advent, God has reminded me of...

- 12 – Gray's Creek Mobile Home Park children picked up on Wednesdays
- 11 – Sandspur Articles reaching our community
- 10 – Super Senior Gatherings
- 9 – Deacons serving hundreds of families
- 8 – High School Graduates off living their faith in the world
- 7 – Media Center Committee Visionaries
- 6 – Adult Sunday School Classes
- 5 – Youth Life Group Adult Leaders
- 4 – Children & Youth Sunday School Classes
- 3 – Ministry Interns
- 2 – Pastors on staff AND...
- 1 – Lord of all!

God continues to amaze me through you and your willingness to be "the Word made flesh," the Christmas PRESENCE to our community all year long.

To help us continue our ministry reach, please consider making an additional financial contribution this season, to both our Global Missions Offering and the general fund of MPBC. Your gifts are what allow the light of the Christmas PRESENCE to shine all year. What a joy to be a part of what God is doing in and through MPBC!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Scot

Our monthly breakfast was full in November – with great food, fellowship, teaching and people. We had 23 in attendance – but there’s always room for more.



2017 Goal
1,700
volunteer hours



Breakfast was served by a team headed by Harold Tolar. Eggs from “church chickens” added to our connection to our local community, and the hot meal made for a great start to the fall morning. We had a special guest, Mr. James Cashwell who gave his testimony and we started our new video series, MAN ALIVE, challenging us to get “revved” up about our faith.

We are proud to announce, that as a church family, we have recorded 2,064 volunteer hours thus far in 2017. When we set the goal of 1700 hours in 2017, we considered making the goal 2017 hours in 2017, but were a bit nervous for such a lofty mark. What a joy to see God surprise and challenge us through your faithful work.

Finally, our men voted to donate the funds received from our breakfast and added personal donations for the boys basketball team registration fee of \$500. The coaches and boys were overjoyed as they shared the news at practice that afternoon.

We hope you’ll plan to join us for our next breakfast, Sunday, December 17th at 8:30AM as we continue to explore what it means to be a “MAN ALIVE.”

Blessings, Butch

All the ladies in the church are invited to come to our WOM meetings. Our next meeting is on Monday December 11th, we will be doing a Christmas party so bring a dish to share and we will be having a White Elephant \$10 gift exchange, so come join the fun!



Don’t forget to bring your donations for the Christmas baskets by December 10th and thanks for all your support church family.

Please come out and join WOM on our next ARC visit to serve the Alzheimer’s patients in our communities on December 18th and every third Monday following at 7pm. Thanks to all the ladies that came out to make Pillows for ARC in November. All youth are invited to come join us on our ARC visits to get to know the people in the community.

Thanks to everyone who support WOM activities and we hope everyone has an amazing holiday season!

We ask that everyone please keeps our ARC friend in their prayers! Here is one of our ARC Friends!



FAMILY

\$7
per person

SKATE NIGHT
Tuesday,
December 26
7:30-9:30pm

Children and adults of all ages are invited to join us for an evening of skating to Christmas Carols and contemporary Christian music.

Youth (5th grade and older) are welcome to sign up to ride the church bus.
Bus will depart at 7:15 p.m.

ROUND-A-BOUT SKATING RINK
EUTAW PLAZA

FAITH MILESTONES

Baptism and Communion Class

Grades 2-6
Wednesday, December 27
10am - 1pm

An action packed day focused on teaching our children about Baptism and Communion.
A light lunch and snacks will be provided.

Soups on Sunday

Grades 7-adulthood
Sunday, January 7
12:30pm

Come join our youth as they make and serve lunch to Fayetteville homeless on the first Sunday of each month



6:00p.m.

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 3rd

Please bring goodies (baked goods or finger foods) for reception following Cantata

Women's Winter Study



THURSDAYS: 10-11:30am
SUNDAYS: 4:30-6:00
Beginning JANUARY 18th

KIDZ



Life & Science Museum
Durham, NC

December 21st

(CUMBERLAND COUNTY NO-SCHOOL DAY)

8a.m. - 5p.m. 3rd-5th grade

\$25

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SUGGESTED DONATION PACKED LUNCH

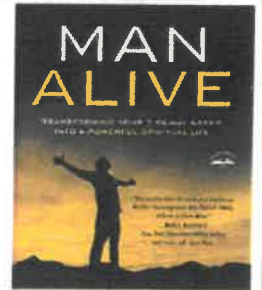
SLOTS ARE LIMITED.

Sign up on Main Bulletin Board

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

3rd Sunday each month
8:30 a.m.

PLEASE JOIN US



Please sign up on Missions Bulletin Board

BIRTHDAY CAKES

Every other month five cakes are needed for birthday celebrations.
Next Date: 12/21/2017



HELP SERVE BREAKFAST

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.*

Every other month Mt. Pisgah sends volunteers to help serve breakfast. **Next Date: 01/12/2018**
 (If you would like to carpool, we meet at the church at 6:30 a.m.)

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Dec. 4 Monday	8:15pm	vs. Snyder Gold (Jr Hi League) Snyder Memorial Baptist Church
Dec. 7 Thursday	8:00pm	vs. St. Ann's (Sr Hi League) Snyder Memorial Baptist Church
Dec. 11 Monday	7:15pm	vs. Cedar Falls (Jr Hi League) Snyder Memorial Baptist Church
Dec. 11 Monday	8:00pm	vs. Snyder Blue (Sr Hi League) Highland Presbyterian Church
Dec. 18 Monday	8:15pm	vs. Highland (Jr Hi League) Snyder Memorial Baptist Church



December 5th
10:30a.m.

Join us for BRUNCH, Christmas Carols, and a visit from the jolly old man.



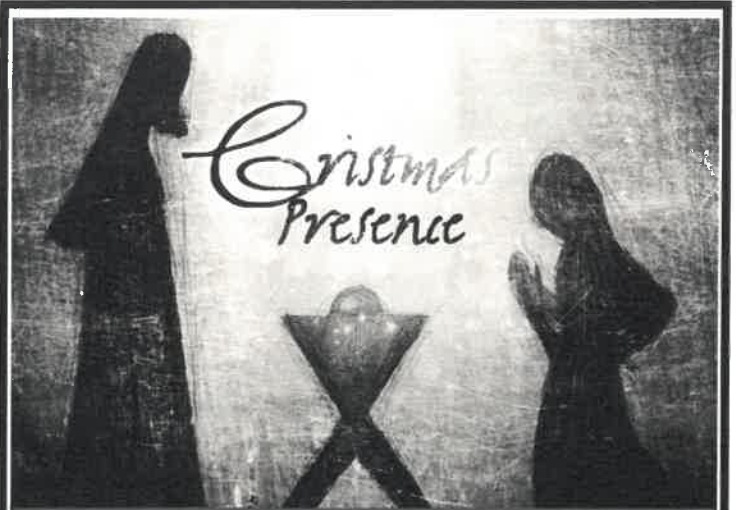
Blue Christmas

December 17, 2017

6:00pm



A Service of Healing and
Hope at the Holidays



Christmas Eve Service

Casual - Communion - Candlelight

Sunday, December 24th

5:00pm

Scott McCosh, Pastor 779-2540 cell: 584-3711
Paula McCosh, Youth/Children Pastor 779-2540
Janice Simpson, Music Director

Return Service Requested

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USHER SCHEDULE:

December 3: Team 5
 December 10: Team 1
 December 17: Team 2
 December 24: Team 3
 December 31: Team 4

December 2017

DEACON of the WEEK:

December 3: Jimmy Holloman
 December 10: Helen Averitte
 December 17: Mike Casey
 December 24: David Pulliam
 December 31: Barbara Cain

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

December 3: Vivian Barefoot, Kay McCosh
 December 10: Mary Ward, Jessica Long
 December 17: Shannon Weber, Shelby Warwick
 December 24: Elizabeth Faircloth, Teresa Tatum
 December 31: Jane Thomas, Lina Winslow

GREETER SCHEDULE:

December 3: Kathy Lewis
 December 10: Peggy Gwynn, Barbara Cain, Joann Cartee
 December 17: Vivian Barefoot, Brooke McDonald
 December 24: Linda & Robert Carson, Helen Averitte
 December 31: Leslie & Alyzabeth Ward, Jarrod Smith

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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns: Gene Carver, Cliff from ARC, Mike Dew, Jennifer Dillard, Hayley Faircloth, Cindy Hensley, Sonya Hensley, Sam Hubbard, Phyllis King, Ray Lewis Sr., Donald Matthews, Vincent Mosco, Bonnie Odum, Randy Page, Tommy Page, David Rozier, Sharon Stamos, Hurley Young

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Helen Averitte, John L. Averitte, Allen Burke, Tom Cain, Lucy Cartwright, Barbara Cullen, Jennifer Dillard, Eunice Hill, Clarence Gwynn, Linda Lee Johnson, Robert Mosco, Becky Page, Shirley Saling, Donald Sluder, Shirley Tew, Mike Walden, Fredna Wood

Military: Jeremy Adams, Dane Armentrout, Cameron Blackburn, Thad Cain, Shannon Combs, Alexander Cheriza, Jeremy Clark, Pierre Cruz, Taylor DeWitt, Harrison Foor, Carlye Foxen, David Foxen, Jake Foxen, Mike Grant, Jonathan Hancock, Gage Hodges, Dalton Lane, Lois Liddick, Matthew Mesa, Cory Page, Daniel Page, Brian Parsons, Jaineah Rodriguez, Johnny Rodriguez, Johnny Rodriguez Jr., Tony Rump, Keith Sherrill, Chris Smith, Jason Thomas, Joshua Walters

College: Garrett Barker, Jordan Barker, Jamie Britt, Aaron Burke, Michael Burke, Nash Burke, Griffin Cummings, Mike Grant, Stephanie Hancock, Taylor Hayes, Darryl Jones, Melissa Matlock, Sidney McCall, Kaitlyn Grace McCorquodale, Kate McCosh, Katie Middleton, Ashley Lea, Jaineah Rodriguez, Johnny Rodriguez Jr., Ashley Royal, Kelsey Sherrill, Ian Smith, Robert Douglas Taylor III, Dustin Thurmes, Savannah Waters

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

December 2: Emily Parker, Miriam Sluder, Toni Tuttle **December 5:** Tyler Blackburn **December 6:** Aaron Hyatt **December 8:** Barbara Cullen, Michael Lockamy **December 10:** Tristan Morgan, Carrie Peterson, Kathy Riddle **December 11:** James Barfield, Linda Peterson **December 13:** Robin Burke **December 14:** Bill Brown **December 15:** Edwin Waters **December 16:** Donna Pate **December 17:** Ted Beverly Jr., Jenny Ellis, Tammy Hammond **December 19:** Jayden Henson, Christa Lambert, Brittany Stambough **December 20:** Penny Blackburn, Elizabeth Nance **December 21:** Mac Britt, Robert Scott, Mary Ward, Christopher Woolard **December 22:** Butch Hancock, Jessica Jacobson, Austin O'Branovich **December 23:** Leighanna Holloman **December 24:** Brian Dawson, Buddy Hubbard **December 25:** Billy Thomas **December 26:** Richard Jones **December 28:** Jimmy Holloman **December 30:** Savannah Allen, Shirley Tew **December 31:** Madelyn Jacobson, Abigail Lewis, Leslie Ward



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

December 4: Tommy & Suzanne Owen **December 5:** David & Denise Colston **December 10:** Paul & Annette Correale **December 14:** Mike & Renee Casey, Phillip & Kathy Riddle **December 22:** Jimmy & Bernie Long **December 31:** Tom & Julia Bolton

CHURCH RECORD: **October 29 - November 19, 2017**

Average Attendance ... Sunday School: 72 Worship: 148

Budget Requirement: \$ 15,472.52
Regular Offering Total: \$ 15,804.14
Designated Offering Total*: \$ 2,588.05
Total Offering: \$ 18,392.19
*(*Designated funds for non-budgeted programs)*

