

December 2025

"Born This Day"

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

- Luke 2:11

Dear Church Family,

We will joyously celebrate the birth of Christ throughout the month of December. Our Advent Wreath and Candles help us make spiritual preparations. Our Churchwide Christmas Dinner is always a time of fellowship and rejoicing.

Our Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata prompts us to worship in a special way. This year's cantata is entitled "Peace On Earth." Our Churchwide Christmas Caroling (two evenings) provides an opportunity for all to sing His praises. Our additional Christmas luncheons and Christmas parties with various groups within our church family round out a variety of celebrations.

Let us remember the One Whose birthday we are celebrating – the Lord Jesus Christ!

O come, let us adore Him!

Merry Christmas!

In Christ,
Pastor Calvin

Andrews First Baptist Church

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"Jesus is Lord"

IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT

**JESUS
IS LORD**

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AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT

GOD RAISED HIM

FROM THE DEAD,

YOU WILL BE SAVED.

Romans 10:9 NLT

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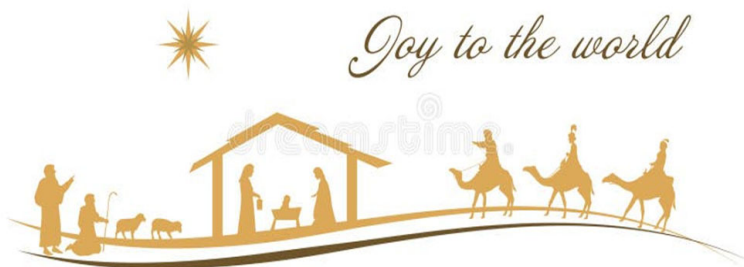
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Now that November has past, Thanksgiving Day is over and the leftovers have been put away, here comes December! Soon strains of “O Holy Night,” “We Wish You A Merry Christmas” will be wafted on the radio, churches, etc. Hallmark Christmas movies have been playing since July! All this to say Christmas is almost here!! There’s lots of activities to participate in—caroling Dec. 1 & 8th, Christmas parties (Ladies December 16th), church Christmas dinner the 7th, Christmas Cantata the 14th. I’m overwhelmed already with the busyness.

But as Pastor Calvin reminded us Sunday by lighting the first Advent candle, Jesus is the reason we celebrate this Holy holiday. All the other stuff is just that-stuff. But the fact remains, Jesus (God's only Son) came to earth as a baby, and His sole purpose was to reconcile sinful man with a Holy God. Salvation came that day as God's gift to each of us, but we have to accept that Gift. I truly hope Christ is the center of your Christmas celebrations. Don't start the New Year without Him!

Special Mission emphasis for December is our Lottie Moon offering for International Missions. Our goal again is \$6,500. We will be placing an ornament on the tree for each \$200 given. We've met our goal in past years and actually exceeded the goal several times. Let's do it again this year.

Lottie's Post Office is opened again this year. So, you can send cards to your church family without going through the USPS. Just share some of your stamp money in the provided box for you to use.

Have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. Avail yourself to our church's activities and remember "Jesus Is the Reason For the Season"!!

God bless and Merry Christmas!

Helen

It is with a reflective heart I write last OHH newsletter article. As we come to a close of 2025, we are closing this 20+year Andrews First Baptist Church ministry.

Ecclesiastes 3 speaks to us about TIME. With AFBC 2026 budget not including site rent and an aging team we are ending OHH-there is a time for everything. Some ministries come for a reason, some for a season. Once Upon A Time at Andrews First Baptist these precious memories flood my soul. Operation Christmas Helper-Fellowship hall was transformed in shopping paradise for families in need in our community. Food, clothes, books, toys, housewares, handmade quilts, blessing baskets, one on one witnessing sharing around table of goodies. All of our church family participated in this joyfully.

Little Brasstown took this idea to their church naming it Christmas Love.

Pampering & Prayers (Melinda named) ministry to middle and high school girls. We had a room at AMS for girls to get needed supplies, food, a prayer request box, time with mentors to care and share. At our site a prayer room where girls and mentors shared concerns and lifted many prayers. We addressed abortion, unwed mothers and abuse from a Christian perspective who experienced these life changing issues . Sharing HOPE in Jesus. We met and prayed with missionaries there- then lunch. Participated in Operation Christmas Shoe Boxes. Praying over boxes, shopping , packing boxes and praying again. Visited TCCC for a day receiving manicures, pedicures, hair styling -then lunch. Practical life skills shared i.e. table placement, manners, etc. enjoying crafts -then lunch.

Make up party giving Mary Kay products and personal hygiene items-then lunch. Tea Party ministering to girls and their caregivers with beautiful decorations, delicious food and door prizes. Sharing JESUS. Girls modeled fashions from our site. We had an MC and professional photographer from our church family.

Visits to Carolina Rest Home sharing love and gifts. Last Pampering & Prayers meeting with prayer support mentor, celebrating her 100th birthday.

Packed boxes for children affected by Hurricane Helene.

Shopping day at Belk's in Waynesville-then lunch. Our lunches were always funded by older ladies with a heart for young ladies.

Church bus was always provided for our trips. What a blessing!

School projects with our Andrews community : Mountain of school supplies, Pack a Bus with school supplies, AHS chorus ministry, Prom Dress Give Away, Backyard Bible Club at housing authority distributing food and personal items,

Kid's Food Bag Ministry: 100,000+ bags delivered these past 20 years. Andrews is only school in Cherokee county to supplement Manna bags. Working with sister churches and loving, caring, sharing individuals that see the need to feed kids especially on the weekend. Remembering our great cloud of witnesses : Richard Conley, Robert Taylor, Bill Huffines, Jake & Linda Buchanan, Jo Early.

Kathy Nichols, Jane Carver, Dorcas Brooks, Terry, Laura, Jennifer Postell, Eddie Hoilman, Helen Wilson, James Bolick It is good to give thanks!

During school year: soup & crackers in bowl to kid's receiving bags. Back to School Packed book bags with breakfast for caregivers of needy children. Clothes, shoes give away to Grandparents and Great-grandparents raising children. Summer ministries: free ice cream cones @ Scoops, pool passes, snow cones giving out VBS flyers.

\$500 Operation Help/Hope scholarship to WCU student who faithfully delivered bags. Christmas & Easter treat bags with Christmas ornaments telling the real meaning...not Santa or Easter Bunny.

Truly Help/Hope has been lived out these past years. There is HOPE on the horizon for Kid's Food Bag Ministry. Steven & Christie Dartez will lead this ministry 2026 working out of Second Baptist Fellowship building, these churches participating: Junaluska, Beaver Creek, Rowland's Creek, Andrews First and our dedicated contributors Mackie & Dr. Garland, FL & OK friends. Plans to supply 135 manna bags 135 supplement bags weekly. Manna will deliver bags to AES.

All these years we shared the love of Jesus, the gospel, needful items and food. God has supplied volunteers, a place and financial gifts. To Him be all glory given as we say **LOOK WHAT GOD DID!**

Love & Thanksgiving,

Nancy

Goal: \$6,500





Merry Christmas!

**Christmas Cantata
will be presented:**

‘Peace on Earth’

**Arranged & Orchestrated
by Russell Mauldin**

**Sunday, December 14
@ 10:45 a.m.**

Everyone is Invited!

**Come receive a blessing as we celebrate the birth of
our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!**

AFBC Music Team Schedule:

Wednesdays:

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

Sunday:

Solos & Special Music Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Always at His feet! Jennifer

*“¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”
Luke 2:13-14*

.Students will be continuing onto our "You Asked For It" series. Lessons will be based around questions they have submitted, and common questions students have about the Bible. Students and children will have a Christmas party on Wednesday, December 10th.

In Christ,
Warren Carlile
Student Pastor
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"Let no one despise your youth; instead, you should be an example to the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."
1 Timothy 4:12



YOUNG AT HEARTS

We hope you enjoyed a thankful Thanksgiving with friends and loved ones. The month of December is upon us. We eagerly anticipate all the joyful activities the Christmas season brings our way. The YAH annual Christmas luncheon will be Tuesday, December 9, at Julie's Place in Peachtree. Bring a batch of your favorite cookies for the cookie exchange. Come expecting to have a good time!

One privilege for which we are thankful is the opportunity to approach the Father's throne with our praises and petitions. Please remember Jim Lancaster in the recent loss of his wife Pat, as well as for his own physical condition. He has been in a hospital in Chattanooga. Pray also for Jeannie Huscusson in the recent loss of her husband Mack, as well as her own physical condition, and Jane Birchfield in the recent loss of her mom, Ruth Griffing. Also pray for Ray Hyde and Lynn Birchfield, both will be having surgery. Continue praying for Ronney Craig, Robin Gibson, Pat Sealy, Wanda Beck, Pat Reed, Linda Graham, Bill Mintz, Jackie Higdon, Nancy Huffines, Ruth Cochran, Lee Ellen Rickett, Charlotte Clutton, Louise Phillips and her son Larry as her caregiver, Johnnie Brock, Dolly Rice, Darrell Dailey, Tricia Dailey's sister, Michelle, Burke West, Kenneth and Priscilla Cope, Cricket Gray, and Marilyn Raxter. Also, continue to pray for Reba Gibson, Kathy Nichols, Barb Jones, and Tim Tyler. If you know of anyone else to be added to our prayer list (or removed from it), please give Ronney Craig a call at 321-5512.

We also want to continue to regularly remember our Pastor Calvin and his family, our student pastor Warren Carlile, deacons and their families, Jennifer Farr and musicians, teachers and leaders in the various Sunday and Wednesday evening classes, and each one who has a unique part in making Andrews First Baptist Church a lighthouse for Jesus. Pray for the safety of our students and staff as they go to school each day, also those in college. And always remember our military keeping us safe, as well as our first responders. Pray for our country and President Trump!



Merry Christmas!

The Young at Hearts Committee
Ronney Craig, Jean Higdon, Bonnie Lloyd,
Faye Parker, and Jeanette Wilson

Sunday Services & Classes :

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service : 10:45 a.m.
Mission Friends & Children's Church
(3 yrs.-1st grade)
Evening Worship Service 6:00 p.m.
Youth Bible Study

Solos & Special Music Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Services & Classes:

Youth MDWK 5:30 p.m.
Kidz MDWK
Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.



December Birthdays

1. Wanda McLendon 2. Ronney Craig 2. Reba Gibson
6. Dillon Gibson 8. Sandy Gibson 10. Belinda Coates
12. Laureen Woods 13. Nancy Cline 18. Dickey Tatham
21. Terry Postell 24. John McLendon
26. Dane Parker 28. Chad Brooks

December Anniversaries

7. Tommy & Beth Turner 10. Frank & Helen Wilson
30. Calvin & Janet Bobo



Spiritual Awakening Prayer Call

Please remember to select a day to pray during each month of 2025. Pray three times a day like Daniel for spiritual awakening.

Sunday-Sunday: (Every Day of the Week)

Mornings: 9-10 a.m.

Thursday: Evenings: 7-8 p.m.



To join, call: 562-766-7580

DECEMBER 2025 EVENTS

Mon 12/1 Churchwide Caroling 5:30 p.m.
Sun 12/7 The Lord's Supper, Morning Worship Service
Churchwide Christmas Dinner 5:00 p.m.
Mon 12/8 Churchwide Caroling 5:30 p.m.
Tues 12/9 Young at Heart Christmas Party,
@ Julie's Place, 11:30 a.m.
Wed 12/10 Youth Christmas Party
Sat 12/13 Final Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.
Sun 12/14 Christmas Cantata: 'Peace On Earth'
10:45 a.m.
Tues 12/16 Ladies Christmas Party 6:00 p.m.
Sat 12/20 WMU Christmas Party @ Julie's Place,
11:30 a.m.
Sun 12/21 Winter begins
Wed 12/24 Christmas Eve: No Services or Meetings
Thurs 12/25 Christmas Day
Wed 12/31 New Year's Eve: No Services of Meetings

Deacons On Call/November



Rocky Scott - 828 - 541.360.2788

Keith Wood - 828.361.4161

Home Delivered Meals (Meals On Wheels)

10:00a.m. -12 Noon

Tues. December 2 Volunteer Needed
Tues. December 9 Lane Raxter, Volunteer Needed
Tues. December 16 Sandra Marr, Lane Raxter
Tues. December 23 Volunteer Needed
Tues. December 30 Volunteer Needed

