<u>Apostolic Christian Church – Bluffton Country</u> <u>Sunday Announcements – December 14, 2025</u>

- **Christmas Program-** We are looking forward to the program this afternoon! The students should report at the following times:
 - o PreNursery, Nursery, Kindergarten, & 1st 11:30 in classrooms
 - o 2nd-8th 11:15 in downstairs SS rooms
 - O High School 11:15 on the men's side of the lunchroom.

After the program, students in Nursery, Kindergarten and 1st grade can be picked up in their classrooms.

- There will be a Blue Christmas Service on Friday, December 19th at the Fellowship Hall. This is a service for those grieving, struggling, and/or lonely this Christmas Season. Time: 5:45pm. Who: Target audience is those who are "blue", but anyone is welcome. Our prayer is that those 'crushed in spirit' will experience Emmanuel and be encouraged to keep fighting the fight of faith. What it involves: a simple supper, prayer requests, song worship, and a short service. RSVP and a food donation would be nice but not required. You can RSVP on the bulletin board or on this link. Contact is Ben and Tanya Girod
- The Sunday School skating party will be on Monday, December 29 from 6-8pm at the roller dome north.
- Family ice skate at Sport ONE Icehouse on Wednesday, December 31 from 1:00-3:00. Skate rental is free and a suggested donation of \$10 per person (if possible) to help cover the cost to rent the ice would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, contact Clay Frauhiger 227-9725.
- Christian Care is having its annual Good Samaritan Collection in December, and we have some donors who are willing to match donations for our upcoming remodel project. Please see the attachment for more details.
- The 2026 Church Wide Reading Plan is available in various locations around the church or as a PDF on the church website. The theme for 2026 is "The cries and hopes of God's people waiting for the Messiah." The Bluffton BibleCast is a short, weekly podcast designed to accompany the plan and is presented by various members of Bluffton and Bluffton North. It is available on Apple and Spotify podcast apps. The introduction episode will drop the week of Christmas.

<u>Apple Spotify Bluffton Country website</u> Bluffton North website Contacts: Joe and Lisa Leman & Klint and Sarah Fiechter

- Friends Who Care Cancer Foundation Gospel concert/auction will be held at the 4-H building on January 3rd. Doors open at 4pm & supper will be from 4-6:30 with events starting at 5:30. New donated items would be appreciated...please drop off at Family Ford or Outdoor concepts. Matt & Tiffany Drayer Family, Ked Moser, Arlene Stoller, and more will be playing and singing! Click HERE to sign up for food or contact Rhonda Bertsch or Rita DeHoff.
- The next YG babysitting night will be at KA on Saturday, January 10th from 5:00-9:00. Your kids will be kept entertained and pizza will be provided for supper. We'd like to know how many children to expect so please sign up below: <u>Babysitting Sign-up</u> Anyone outside of the young group wanting to help watch the kids are more than welcome. Contact Claire Craighead @ 260.273.3113 with any questions.
- There will be an Anabaptist Conference at the Washington Apostolic Christian Church on Saturday, January 31, 2026 @ 6 PM. Registration is required and please see the attachment for more information.
- The updated yearly calendar has been attached.
- The updated church directory has been attached.
- Please see the attached Middle and High School and dedicated Live Stream Christmas Caroling song practices schedules.
- **Live stream Christmas caroling-** All are welcome to attend the 2025 live stream Christmas caroling at 7 p.m. this Wednesday at Bluffton North.
- Volunteer Opportunity Chapel Escorts Needed- Christian Care is looking for caring volunteers to assist residents on Sunday mornings. Volunteers will help transport residents to and from chapel. Arrive at 9:30AM and report to the Orchard. This is a wonderful way to serve, connect, and make a difference in the lives of our residents. If you have questions, please contact the Christian Care front desk. 260-565-3000 Click here to sign up!
- Note from the trustees- As the year comes to a close, we encourage you to prayerfully consider a contribution to our Building Fund. This designated fund supports major, capital-intensive facility improvements that fall outside of our regular General Fund budget. It is also a thoughtful option for estate gifts or memorial donations, helping provide meaningful, lasting improvements to the place we gather as a church family. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support.

Serving lunch today: Mike & Becky Leyse and Troy & Kelly Leyse Please pray for this family living abroad: Jonathan & Lisa Ringger New baby announcement:

Troy and Andrea Tonner blessed with sweet Titus John on December 10th. Take them a meal.

Bluffton Bible Cast: Listen here.

Intercessory Prayer Opportunity: LetUsPray365@gmail.com