

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Our next Midweek Bible Study topic will be a book study on the classic, *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran minister who would eventually be killed in a concentration camp in Germany during the Holocaust, but who wrote extensively about how he understood Scripture to challenge followers of Christ, even in difficult times. *Life Together* is a reflection on Christian community written with that context in mind, and we hope you will join Chris and Josh as we walk through it a chapter a week. Copies of *Life Together* can be found on Amazon for about \$10. We also know this has been a hard time, financially for many people, and we would not want that to be a reason someone can't participate. We have a few additional copies at the church office, and if you find you are unable to purchase a copy right now, please let us know, and we will gladly drop one in the church mailbox for you!

December 2:	Introduction of the Study	December 9:	Chapter 1
December 16:	Chapter 2	January 6:	Chapter 3
January 13:	Chapter 4	January 20:	Chapter 5

(Please note: There will not be a Bible Study on December 23 or December 30)



December Bicentennial Challenge

COLLECT ITEMS FOR CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY



Each month leading up to the Bicentennial, we will have a challenge to prepare us for this special anniversary. For the month of December, we are challenged to provide Christmas items for children in our community. We will share these items with both Calvary Home for Children and local schools. We are collecting new toys, clothes, and personal care items (toiletries) for children ages 7-17 to deliver for Christmas. Individual items do not need to be wrapped, but you may choose to package multiple items similarly to Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Please deliver to the church office or to the sanctuary on Sundays.

Calvary Home for Children's immediate needs include: underwear for teen boys and girls, canned green beans and corn, and other items found on their Amazon and Target wish lists (see calvaryhome.org).



LOTTIE MOON/GLOBAL MISSIONS CHRISTMAS OFFERING

(Through the month of December)

Goal: \$10,000



MEMBERS IN ACTION	BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT	
<p>Next Sunday, December 6</p> <p>Offertory Prayer: David Stoddard</p> <p>Front Ushers: Guy Eichman Charlie Campbell</p> <p>Back Ushers: Katherine Wilson Ginger Smith</p> <p>Security: Chad Waters</p>	<p>Adelynn Ruth Williams November 18, 2020 7lbs and 19 1/2 inches</p> <p>Parents: Dustin and Emily Williams Grandparent: Eddie Wentzky Great Grandmother: Edith Williams</p>	<p>FIND US ONLINE!</p>  <p>Connect with us on all of our online platforms.</p> <p>SCAN ME</p>
<p>SUNDAY MORNING CHILD CARE INFORMATION</p> <p>Child care will be provided each Sunday morning during Worship for children four years and under. The child care room will be located near the sanctuary. Parents are asked to make a reservation for their child/children each week prior to the service no later than Thursday.</p> <p>To make a reservation please visit andersonfbc.org/community and click on the "Reserve Child Care" button or look for the link in First Glance the FBC weekly e-newsletter.</p>		



FIRST BAPTIST
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As children of God, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we believe that we have been called to serve alongside Jesus in the beautiful work of bringing heaven to earth.

Welcome

November 29, 2020

Welcome to Worship!

Today we worship as one congregation in multiple locations: in-person, online, and via the radio. Wherever your location, we encourage you to pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence. Quiet your mind, listen to the music, and prepare to worship God.

For those worshipping in the sanctuary, we deeply desire this time to be meaningful yet safe. Please, silently offer hymns, prayers, and responses as worshipful reflection. Allow these offerings to provide voice for your faith and echo your prayers. Thank you for your quiet participation, understanding, and cooperative efforts.

For those worshipping elsewhere, sing and speak boldly. Give voice for all of us!



Advent is a four-week season of expectation, anticipation, and preparation for the first and second coming of Christ. You'll see references to this season throughout our sanctuary. The color purple on our pulpit and on stoles worn by our ministers symbolizes the royalty of the One for whom we wait and hope. The theme of light is prominent during Advent to remind us that Christ is the light who comes into the world. The Advent wreath is a simple circle of evergreen branches, a sign of life without end. Candles for each Sunday in Advent surround the Christ candle, reminding us that Christ is our hope, peace, joy, and love. We pray that the keeping of Advent this year will make us watchful and ready for the coming of Jesus Christ.

Members in Action Today

Offertory Prayer:
David Stoddard

Front Ushers:
Timothy Clardy and Guy Eichman

Back Ushers:
Katherine Wilson and Ginger Smith

Security:
Chad Waters

Rev. Amy Brown, Minister of Students
Mr. Mike Darby, Housing Ministry Manager
Mrs. Janice Fouts, Financial Assistant
Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist
Dr. Josh Hunt, Pastor
Rev. Chris Liles, Associate Pastor
Mrs. Chrys Marett, Food Service Manager
Mr. Kyle Minyard, Student Ministry Intern
Mrs. Sharon Royals, Ministry Assistant
Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music
Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager

The Worship of God

“The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.” - Henri Nouwen

Gathering for Worship Kelly Smith, Pianist

Welcome Kyle Minyard

Chiming of the Trinity

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

Timothy, Shelby, Isaac and Sara Beth Clardy

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Congregational Response: **Come, Lord Jesus, and bring us Hope.**

Choral Response *Christ Be Our Light* B. Farrell

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.*

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Stewardship Testimony Marie Turner

Offertory Prayer David Stoddard

Trio *Light A Candle* Joel Lindsay/Wayne Haun
Jamie, Kelly and Savannah Smith, Vocalists

Light a candle

for the old man who sits staring out a frosty window pane.

Light a candle

for the woman who is lonely and every Christmas it's the same.

For the children who need more than presents can bring.

Chorus:

Light a candle

Light the dark

Light the world

Light a heart or two

Light a candle for me

I'll light a candle for you

Light a candle

for the homeless and the hungry; a little shelter from the cold.

Light a candle

for the broken and forgotten; may the season warm their souls.

Can we open our hearts to shine through the dark.

(repeat chorus)

*And in this special time of year may peace on earth surround us here,
and teach us there's a better way to live.*

*Oh, and with every flame that burns, we must somehow learn
that love's the greatest gift that we could ever give.*

(repeat chorus)

Scripture: Mark 13:24-37

Amy Brown

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Like a Thief in the Night”

Josh Hunt

Invitational Hymn

View the Present Through the Promise

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View the present through the promise, Christ will come again.

Trust despite the deepening darkness, Christ will come again.

Lift the world above its grieving through your watching and believing

In the hope past hope's conceiving: Christ will come again.

Probe the present with the promise, Christ will come again.

Let your daily actions witness, Christ will come again.

Let your loving and your giving and your justice and forgiving

Be a sign to all the living: Christ will come again

Match the present to the promise, Christ will come again.

Make the hope your guiding premise, Christ will come again.

Pattern all your calculating and the world you are creating

To the advent you are waiting: Christ will come again.

Benediction

Chris Liles

Postlude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

arr. Wilbur Held

Ramona Hallman, Organist

Please remain seated during the postlude and depart as you are guided by ushers.

Departing to Serve

Ramona Hallman, Organist

The Advent wreath is a visual way of marking the four weeks of Advent. The wreath is a simple circle of evergreen branches, a sign of life without end. Four Advent candles encircle a central Christ Candle. In our wreath, there are three purple candles and one rose candle, which is lit on the third Sunday in Advent to signify the joy that is soon to come.

Cheerful Giving is a Part of Worship

We will not pass our offering plates during the service this morning. Instead, please place your tithe or offering in the boxes by the door as you leave the sanctuary. We also encourage electronic giving, available at andersonfbc.org/give, through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](https://www.texttochurch.com) and a dollar amount to 73256.

The Invitation

This time affords all of us a chance to consider the steps God would have us take in response to today's worship.

If God is leading you to respond and you'd like to share that with our pastor, or if you'd like to request prayer as you consider how to respond to God, please let us know using the communication card in your pew.

We'd love the opportunity to talk with you about how God is at work in your life.