

Responding To God's Gift

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men¹ from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,³ and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah⁵ was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd⁷ my people Israel."⁷ ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men⁸ and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,¹⁰ until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the



star had stopped,¹¹ they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

January 2, 2011 - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday & Holy Communion

Welcome and Events in the Life of the Church	Rev. Bob Norwood
Prelude	"O Wondrous Light" Rinck
Call to Worship	"This Is The Day Of New Beginnings" BEGINNINGS
*Hymn No. 254	"We Three Kings" KINGS OF ORIENT
Pastoral Prayer	
*Invitation, Confession, and Pardon	No. 12
*Greeting	Rev. Norwood
<p><i>Jesus loves me! This I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong ; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! For the Bible tells me so.</i></p>	
Children's Sermon	Ivy Kratzer
(Children Kindergarten age and below may leave for Children's Church)	
*Hymn No. 206	"I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light" HOUSTON
Offertory Prayer	
Offertory	"How Brightly Shines The Morning Star" Bach
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	Ushers
*Doxology	
<p><i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i></p>	
Anthem	"Wise Men See the Light" Larson / Martin
<p>While the world lay sleeping, dreaming through the night, Wise Men searched the heavens looking for the light. One star was a diamond burning in the sky, Dreamers missed the meaning; sleepers missed the sign. Far from home they traveled, walking day and night. Though their feet were weary, they pursued the light! 'Til they found the promise, there would be no rest. Dreamers missed the journey; sleepers missed the quest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">When the star had lingered where the infant lay, They were filled with gladness as they knelt to pray. When the night had ended, though the sun was bright, Dreamers missed the miracle, sleepers missed the Light. Wise Men see the miracle; Wise men see the Light.</p>	
Scripture	Matthew 2: 1-12 (N.T. pg. 1) Rev. Davis
Laity Prayer	
Sermon	"Responding To God's Gift" Rev. Norwood
Observance of Holy Communion	
The Great Thanksgiving	
No. 13	
Giving of the Bread and Cup	
Hymn No. 383	"This Is The Day Of New Beginnings" BEGINNINGS
Benediction	

Benediction Response

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

McGee

Postlude

"Classical Postlude"

Nordman

***Please Stand**

Our 11:00 a.m. service may be viewed on channel 98

Epiphany Sunday

This Sunday is Epiphany Sunday. Epiphany Sunday is the 12th day after Christmas and celebrates the visit of the three kings or wise men to the Christ Child, signifying the extension of salvation to the Gentiles. Epiphany Day will be Thursday, January 6th. This Sunday we celebrate the coming of the wise men, as we respond to God's great gift, the Lord Jesus Christ.

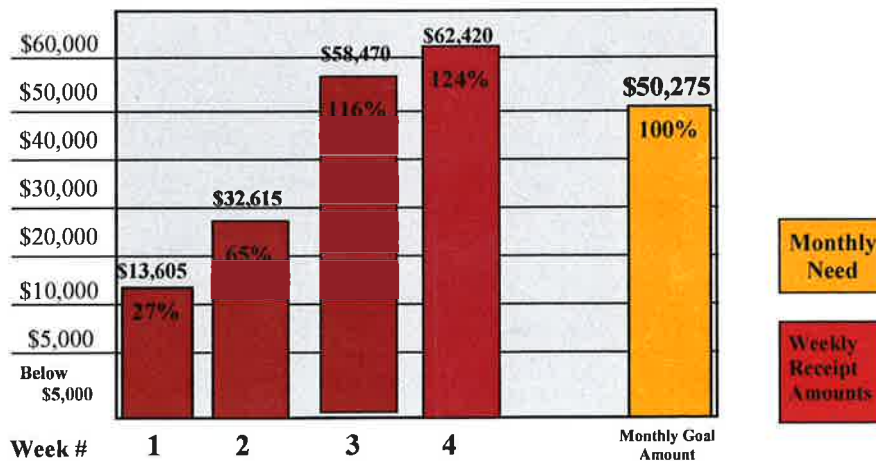
Christian sympathy and love are extended to Doug and Holly Lee and their Family in the death of her father, Dr. Bill Harpe, in Asheville, N.C. on December 23, 2010.

Your help is needed...

Immediately following the 11:00 o'clock service this Sunday morning, January 2, 2011, the crèche in the Sanctuary will need to be taken down and stored. If you would like to help the Altar Guild with this project, it would be much appreciated. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



December Pledge Receipts Accrual Scale Monthly Needs=\$50,275



Pastor's Schedule

MONDAY 01/03/11

9:00 a—12N Office hours
10:00 a Staff meeting
12 N Men's Prayer Luncheon

TUESDAY 01/04/11

9:00 a-12 N Office Hours
1:00 p-5:00 p Sermon Preparation
1:00 p Visitation

WEDNESDAY 01/05/11

9:00 a-1:00 p Office hours

THURSDAY 01/06/11

9:00 a Office hours

FRIDAY 01/07/11

Church Schedule

SUNDAY 01/02/11

9:00 a Early Service
9:45 a Sunday School
11:00 a Morning Worship
(Nursery provided)

MONDAY 01/03/11

10:00 a Staff meeting
12 N Men's Prayer Luncheon
6:00 p Cub Scouts
7:00 p Boy Scouts meet @ Scout Center

TUESDAY 01/04/11

10:00 a Methodist Connection at
Baptist Village
4:30 p Adult Handbell practice
6:00 p Girl Scouts
6:00 p Waycross Service League in
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 01/04/11

7:00 p Chancel Choir rehearsal

This Sunday's Volunteers:

Ushers: (Communion Team):
Chip Beal, Capt.; Deen Strickland,
Co-Capt.; Curtis Brantley, Don
Berryhill, Butch Miller, Larry
Pittman, Gary Coleman, Keith
Yarbrough

Greeters: Bill & Annette Lawson

Altar Flowers for January:

Hildegard Ampacher

United Methodist Men's Fellowship
meets on Mondays at Noon in the
Fellowship Hall. Tommy Fesperman
has the devotional this week.

The Sunday Evening UMW Circle
will not meet on Sunday, January
2nd. Our next meeting will be
Sunday, January 9th.

In Memoriam

Jesse N. Memory

entered into immortality
December 21, 2010

January 2011 Event Schedule

- 1—Happy New Year—Church Office closed*
- 2—Epiphany Sunday & Holy Communion*
- 9—Baptism of the Lord Sunday; UMW Women's Evening Circle with
Marcia Cochran at 6:00 p.m.*
- 10—Lois Groszmann Circle, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge*
- 12—All Wednesday activities resume (Chapel, Pastor's Bible Study,
Children's Choir, & Church Night Supper)*
- 16—United Methodist Women's Day with guest speaker Linda Wright,
at the 11:00 a.m. service (9:00 a.m. is a regular service)*
- 17—Boy Scout Pinewood Derby in Fellowship Hall from
5:00-8:00 p.m.*
- 18—Girl Scout Pinewood Derby in the Fellowship Hall from
5:00-8:00 p.m.*
- 22—District Laity Training, 9:30 a.m.-3:30p.m.*
- 23—Community Unity Service at 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist with
Rev. Bob Norwood as guest speaker*
- 20—Finance meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Adult Bible Classroom*
- 24—Administrative Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel*

*Please keep in mind that events may be added, rescheduled or cancelled
during the month.*

**Waycross District Leadership Training Event
Equipping For Ministry
Waycross FUMC January 22, 2011 9:30a-2:00p**

Schedule:

9:30-10:00 Registration
 10:00-10:45 Opening Session
 11:00-12:00 Workshop (Part 1)
 12:00-1:00 Lunch
 1:00-2:00 Workshop (Part 2)

Each participant will choose just one workshop. The first part of the workshop is before lunch and the second is after lunch.

Sponsored by the Office of Connectional Ministries and the Waycross District Office—www.sgauumc.org

Worship Opportunities:

Admin Brd/Church Council
 Advocacy
 Children's Ministry
 Church Treasurer
 Clergy Roundtable
 Communications
 Finance & Stewardship
 Lay Leader
 Nurture
 Outreach
 PPR Committee
 Trustees
 Cokesbury S.S. Resources
 Witness
 Youth Ministry

Please complete the form below and return it to the Waycross District Office at P.O. Box 876, Waycross, GA 31502 by January 18, 2011

**Waycross District Leadership Training Registration Form
Deadline to Register: January 18, 2011**

Name Of Church: _____

Workshop Options: Administrative Board/Church Council Chairperson * Advocacy * Children's Ministry * Church Treasurer * Clergy Roundtable * Communications * Finance and Stewardship * Lay Leader * Nurture * Outreach * Pastor-Parish Relations Committee * Trustees * Cokesbury Sunday School/Resources * Witness * Youth Ministry *

Name of Participant

Workshop Choice

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Prayer Concerns:

Lylburn Booker, Jim Brewer, Deborah Brooks, Tommy Christian, Helen Culbertson, Bob Davis, Maurie DeVane, Doris Douglas, Bob Ford, Sonja Grieco, Becki Hines, Tommy Herrin, Timmy Lowman, Harriette & John May, Jim & Anna Mae McDonald, Jack & Faye McCall, Jenny McMillan, Lisa Melton, Ethel Mohan, Bett Pigge, Wesley Rentz, Garry Russell, Mary Saddler, Preston Settle, Mac Spangenberg, Adam Swindell, Lottie Vanhoy, Joy Woodard, Julie Tomlinson, Randy Dixon Family

UPDATING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION TO BEGIN

Starting in mid-January 2011, we will be updating our membership records to comply with our server, which is Fellowship One, and the South Georgia Conference. You will soon receive a membership form in the mail. Please complete it and send it to the Church (410 Williams St., Waycross, GA 31501) by January 30, 2011. Even if you feel all of your information is correct, please return the form. Thank you in advance for your help. Lynn Allen

If you would like a copy of the Weekly Bulletin sent to your home through the mail, please complete the form below, place it in the offering plate, or drop it by the Church Office. Also, remember that the on-line edition of the Weekly Bulletin is available at: www.waycrossfirst.com. Email alerts are usually sent out on Thursday. You will click on the link, then the "Bulletin" tab and choose which edition you wish to look at.

I wish to be notified by Mail _____ or Email _____ each week

Name: _____

Home Address: _____ *or*

Email Address: _____

Call the Church Office at 283-2077 to reserve your 2011 date for altar flowers. As always, the Altar Guild appreciates your help with this on-going memorial/honorarium ministry.

All Wednesday night services (Chapel, Pastor's Bible Study, Children's Choir, & Church Night Supper) will resume Wednesday, January 12, 2011. The Pastor's Bible Study will be "Teach Us To Pray." If you need a study book, please see Bob as soon as possible.

Our Staff...

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