



Burkhead
United Methodist Church
5250 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

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Pastor



JOIN US
Sunday School
classes at
9:15 & 9:30 am
Fellowship Time
10:15 to 10:25 am
Worship Service
10:30 am in
our Sanctuary
Virtual worship is
available through
our website and
Facebook page.

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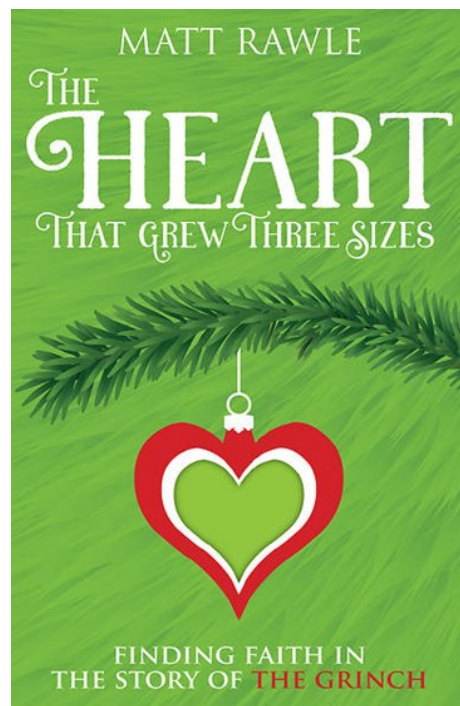


Burkhead News

The Heart That Grew Three Sizes Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch

By Matt Rawle

We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We just know he did. In this new Advent study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* including, how did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives? This Advent and Christmas season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture.



**Rediscover the gift of
Advent that comes
without packages,
ribbons, and bows.**

"Matt Rawle has done it again. Through his eyes, secular parables from our culture become backstage entrances into the marvel of the gospel. In this wise, engaging, accessible little book, the Grinch doesn't steal Christmas but reveals to us surprising and delightful truths about ourselves, God, and redemption down here in Whoville."

-James Howell, Senior Pastor,
Hyde Park UMC, Charlotte, NC



The Benediction Project, a larger-than-life sculpture of a figure with arms raised as if in blessing, is **coming to Burkhead from January 1 through February 10** to greet our neighbors as they travel along Silas Creek Parkway. According to artist, Charlie Brouwer, "the project connects community with people of faith and places of worship through art". The project began in December, 2019 in Virginia's New River Valley (the artist's home territory) where during 2020 the sculpture, titled "Benediction", traveled to 10 places of worship. Participation in the project is free to any place of worship that wants to express through public art, their desire to be a blessing to the surrounding community. The artist installs the sculpture for 40 days on the grounds of the place of worship where it can be seen by the public facing out towards the community. Brouwer's reason for 40 day periods is connected with its special significance in sacred Jewish, Islamic, and Christian texts where it stands for "an important or long time" or "the right amount of time".

ARTIST STATEMENT:

I have been making art since 1968 and I feel like I am just getting started. My work ranges from small indoor gallery pieces to large outdoor sculptures to indoor and outdoor installations and public art projects. Drawing from personal experiences, beliefs, and feelings, I re-experience life through art by looking evidence of beauty, truth, goodness, honesty, mercy, hope, and generosity that transcends the doubt, darkness, isolation, suffering, and fear that are also part of life. In attempting to expand the possibilities of public art I have worn a backpack sculpture to a public art conference, made book sculptures for a library to be shelved and checked out, and made temporary installations about communities out of ladders they lent me. (See more on Facebook https://secca.org/exhibition-detail.php?LinkId=409110929&fbclid=IwAR1CHIE3tER4SwvZkC1XPMdh-Lbjf-w2h-gzz_GIMQ2wXd_ZXnn1tJ-rzuk.)

A **six-week study on Courage will begin in January** at Burkhead on the topic of *courage*, which was the word we chose as a Church Council to represent our goal for 2022 towards becoming better Christian stewards in regards to anti-racism in our community. Please speak with Julie if you are interested in joining this Bible Study so that we might select a time which will work for most people.

About the study:

Courage is the foundational virtue required for the Christian life. But often we wonder if we have what it takes to live the vital life Jesus offers his disciples. In *Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith*, pastor and author Tom Berlin challenges us to unlock the courage that we already possess as Christ followers. By examining the life of Christ, we will begin to understand what true courage is and how God works in the lives of Christ followers as they exhibit a brave faith. Once we have eyes to hear what Jesus is showing us, once we have ears to hear, we can begin to find the remarkable life Jesus offers us.

From the Financial Secretary's Desk:

Financial Report:

	October	Year-to-Date
Total Received	\$ 13,222	\$ 166,912
Total Spent	\$ 18,268	\$ 198,399

We have received a memorial for JoAnn Burton, from Murray & Gale Sink. Her daughter is Joanie Ma'luf.

Pledge cards and letters went out in November, if you did not receive one, please let Michelle Calderon know and she will mail you one. Call the church office or email her at burkhead-finance@gmail.com.

We received our Sales Tax Refund for January thru June of 2021, in the amount of \$129.51 in November.

We received a grant from the Fidelity Charitable Fund, that a member of our church recommended for our Chicken BBQ, that we had in November, in the amount of \$500.00.

I hope all of you had a Blessed and Thankful Thanksgiving.

END OF YEAR DEADLINE FOR 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

Please remember that the **IRS requires that all 2021 donations of cash or check be received by the church office by the end of office hours on Friday, December 31, 2021 or be placed in the offering plate no later than Sunday, December 26, 2021. Mailed contributions must be post marked on or before December 31, 2021.** Thank you for helping us adhere to these IRS regulations. If you have any questions about your total contributions for the year, please contact Michelle Calderon at the church office, #336-765-6590 extn. 4.

Address Update:

Ralph & Bobbie Futrell - 1199 Hayes Forest Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. Ralph is in room 744. Bobbie is in room 742. Please send all mail to Bobbie's room.

A Note of Thanks

I am Amber Harris' mother and I volunteer at a non profit in Floyd, VA, called Angels in the Attic. Angels in the Attic is a thrift store that relies solely on the sales of donated goods to fund ministries to feed the hungry, provide fuel assistance, help children & the elderly and provide for public safety. Angels has a Christmas store that operates during the holiday and we want to thank Burkhead for the Christmas donations this year. I took two vans loads back for the Christmas store & so many people in Floyd will benefit from this tremendous donation from you. Again, thank you for this priceless gift. Martha Thompson

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Office Hours: Closed Monday
Tuesday through Friday: 10 am to 2 pm

Prayer and Praises

October 31st

Prayers: Chuck Vermillion, Bill Canganelli's family, Tony & Eileen Petrack, Becky DuBois

Praises: Daryl Dixon

November 7th

Prayers: Bill & Elaine Stewart, Charles Chambers family, Mike Ervin, Brenda Raker, family of Norah Smitherman, all veterans, Ralph & Bobbie Futrell

Praises: Naomi Marks

November 14th

Prayers: Sarah Howell, Bonnie Flynn

Praises: Bonnie Flynn

November 21st

Prayers: Aaron Shough

November 28th

Prayers: Sarah Howell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1st John & Shirley Hedrick, Jr.

9th Rick Mende & Connie Hall

10th Will & Chrissy Sherrill

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3rd Jonathan Hedrick

8th John Summerson

9th Peggy Bishop

9th Scott Smith

9th Steve Smith

10th Andrew Ketchie

10th Will Sherrill

14th Bill Hamilton, Jr.

14th Michael Taylor

18th Tom Turnbull

19th Jim Ray, Sr.

21st Wanda Eller

22nd Ann Chipman

23rd Lynn Blumenthal

23rd Durwood Howell

24th Sylvia Allen

27th Carol Russell

28th Glenda Ketchie

29th Susan Disher

29th Paul Kelpin

30th Lib Jones

Please notify the church office if your birthday or anniversary has been omitted or is incorrect.

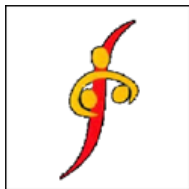


Life Line Health Screenings

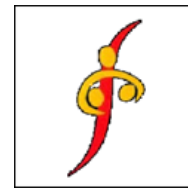
Burkhead United Methodist Church will host Life Line Screening, a **preventive health screening event on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021.**

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs (a predictor of heart disease); atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for both men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. You can register for a Wellness Package which includes four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All 5 screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129: call 1-888-653-6441 or text the word circle to 797979 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.



ASSISTING OUR NEIGHBORS AT OPEN ARMS



The Outreach Committee at Burkhead needs your assistance to sponsor/prepare a meal for the elementary school students who are tutored at Open Arms on Tuesday nights during the school year. We would **start**

this on January 25, 2022, and then on the third Tuesday of each month (February 15th , etc.). There are about 15 students who attend on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7 PM. We could make a meal on site by heating up a meal made there or make a type of bag lunch type of supper. The students enjoy pizza, Mexican dishes, chicken nuggets, simple sandwiches, grapes, juice boxes, bottled water, chips, and desserts such as brownies or a packaged treat. We can make a bit extra for the students to take home for others in their families.

There will be a **sign-up sheet on the table by the kitchen** to indicate your interest in this service. This will be collected up just before Christmas so we can make plans to meet in early January to work out more details. Thank you for your assistance with this community need.

Please call Lynn Blumenthal if you have questions, 336-414-2174.

December Lectionary Readings

These scriptures are used during our Sunday Worship Service. They are offered so everyone may read and study them throughout the week.

(*Lector reading; Sermon lesson)

5th	*Malachi 3:1-4 <u>Luke 1:68-79</u> Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
12th	Zephaniah 3:14-20 *Isaiah 12:2-6 <u>Philippians 4:4-7</u> Luke 3:7-18
19th	*Micah 5:2-5a <u>Luke 1:46b-55</u> Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45
24th	*Isaiah 62:6-12 *Psalm 97 *Titus 3:4-7 *Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20
25th	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12) John 1:1-14
26th	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 <u>Colossians 3:12-17</u> *Luke 2:41-52

Christmas Party - December 4, 2021

Burkhead UMC's Christmas Party will be held **Saturday, December 4th at 6:00 pm** at **Little Richard's Smokehouse Bar-N-Que**, 109 S. Stratford Road. The meal will be a buffet with 3 different meats and a variety of side items. The cost is \$17.50 + tax and your beverage.

The Crazy Gift game will again be played with everyone asked to bring a gift (can be gag gift or not) and costing about \$5. Numbers will be drawn to see who gets the first gift. And the LAST. Swapping can get crazy, but always fun.

A sign-up sheet is on the Information Table. Do sign up and come. It is ALWAYS great fun. Guests are welcome.



December 2021

Join us each Sunday at 10:30 am for Worship Service in our Sanctuary.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The Church Office will be closed December 24th and 31st. Please enjoy your holidays!</p>			<p>1 6:00 pm - Assessment Action Plan meeting</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 6:00 pm - Christmas Party at Little Richards</p>
<p>5 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 9:15 - Advent Bible Study 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service with Communion</p>	<p>6 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929</p>	<p>7 12:00 pm - Outreach Committee Luncheon 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p>8 8:00 am to 5:30 pm - Lifeline Health Screenings 9:00 am to 12:00 pm - Salvation Army Christmas Warehouse</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Girl Scout Troop 1929 Sleepover</p>	<p>11 10:00 am to 12:30 pm - Pajama Giveaway at New Light Missionary Baptist Church</p>
<p>12 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 9:15 - Advent Bible Study 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911 Dinner</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 12 to 6 pm - Christmas for the City, Benton Convention Center</p>
<p>19 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 9:15 - Advent Bible Study 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service</p>	<p>20 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929</p>	<p>21 <i>Deadline for all Newsletter Information</i></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 1:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service</p>	
<p>26 <i>1st Sunday after Christmas Day</i> 9:15 - Advent Bible Study 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> 	