



Burkhead
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JOIN US
for our Sunday
School classes
9:15 & 9:30 am,
Fellowship Time
10:15 am, and
Worship Service
10:30 am in
our Sanctuary.
Virtual worship is
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Burkhead News

Experiencing Christmas Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent

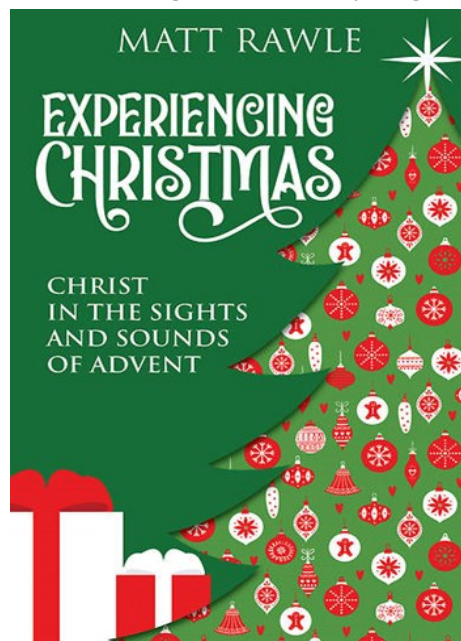
by Matt Rawle

Discover how everything changed when God was born.

Everything seems different at the end of the year. We put lights on our houses to dispel the growing darkness, Christmas music floods local radio stations, apple cider and cranberry sauce are again on the menu, and wrapping paper and tape are always ready. Things just look, smell, and taste differently during the Advent and Christmas season, and these differences are a sign to us that God is about to do something radical and different. Christmas is when God surrounded the divine with senses of his own. That first noel was when God had eyes to see suffering, ears to hear our cries, and hands to hold those in need, and all of these senses were bundled in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. “This will be a sign to

you,” the angel told the shepherds, and they traveled to Bethlehem and found a child. What signs do you see during the Advent and Christmas season that point you to the divine?

This **four-week video-based study starts December 3rd at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.** Participant books, while not required, may be purchased directly from Cokesbury.com or your favorite retailer.



Lectionary Readings

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

3rd

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

10th

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

17th

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalms 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

24th

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:47-55
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38
Christmas Eve
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalms 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

31st

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalms 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

Prayer Concerns and Praises**November 5**

Prayers: Arthur Disher & family,
Shane Plott, Connie Mende,
Veterans and their families

Praises: Rogers and Crotty families in attendance

**November 12**

Prayers: Julie's safe travel, Keith Arnott, Connie Mende, The Disher family, Marilyn Baird, Ed Harris, Bill Wingate, The people of Ukraine, China Moore, Thomas Thiele

November 19

Prayers: Connie Mende, China Moore, Peace around the world especially in the Ukraine and the Middle Eastern conflict, those in need

Praises: Marilyn Baird is back with us, the birth of Addison Lee Parrish

November 26

Prayers: Zoe Ruhl, Steve Holly, Connie Mende

Dear Burkhead members,

Please ask me if you have any questions about items that are issues for you within Burkhead, within our Western NC Conference, or within the United Methodist Church in general.

Be in touch!

Peace be with you,

Julie O'Neal

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Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm.

From the Financial Secretary’s Desk

Financial Report:

	October	Year-to-Date
Budget Received	\$123,453.25	\$249,551.13
Budget Spent	\$ 14,678.65	\$175,072.67
Capital Camp. Recvd.	\$ 2,170.00	\$ 22,420.00
Capital Camp. Spent	\$ 2,460.99	\$ 21,425.91

Burkhead UMC received a Gift in Memory of Robert Waite from Richard and Deborah West. A Gift in Honor of Burkhead was given by Beth and Daryl Dixon as “a thank you to all members who gave of their gifts & time to Burkhead”. We also received a very generous gift from the estate of Marty Butner Covington. Burkhead UMC is very appreciative of these gifts.

Burkhead UMC received \$155 from our October Fellowship meal, \$300 for a facility use fee, a refund of \$460.47 from Duke Energy and \$8 towards the Upper Room cost.

Our 2024 Commitment Cards have been distributed. If you haven’t received one or need another card, contact Darlene so one can be sent to you. Please return your completed Commitment Card before the end of 2023.

Thank you for supporting Burkhead United Methodist Church and its ministries! Please contact Darlene Davis with any questions at burkheadfinance@gmail.com or 336-765-6590 extn 4.

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
- 14th Michael Taylor
- 19th Jim Ray
- 21st Wanda Eller
- 22nd Ann Chipman
- 23rd Lynn Blumenthal
- 23rd Durwood Howell
- 24th Sylvia Allen
- 24th Eric Stumpf
- 27th Carol Russell
- 28th Glenda Ketchie
- 29th Susan Disher
- 29th Paul Kelpin
- 30th Lib Jones
- 30th Beverly Galyean

END OF YEAR DEADLINE FOR 2023 CONTRIBUTIONS

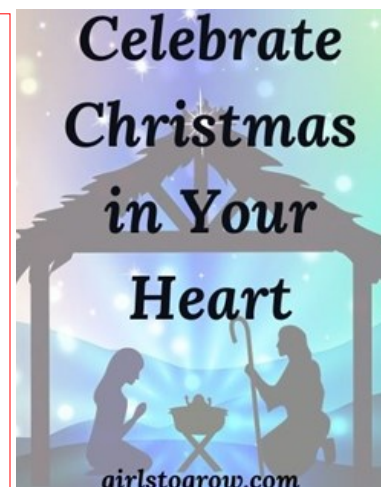
The IRS regulations state that **all 2023 donations of cash or checks be received by the church office by end of office hours on Thursday, December 28, 2023 or be placed in the offering plate no later than Sunday, December 31, 2023. Mailed contributions must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2023.**

Please note: donations placed in the offering plate January 7, 2024 must be counted as 2024 giving regardless of the date on the check. Thank you for helping us adhere to these IRS regulations!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 1st John & Shirley Hedrick
- 9th Rick & Connie Mende
- 10th Will & Chrissy Sherrill

Please let the church office if your birthday or anniversary has been omitted or is incorrect.
Let’s celebrate everyone!



Notes of Appreciation

- From Senior Services - *Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your recent gift to help sustain the Senior Services Annual Fund in the amount of \$50. Your financial support means so much to the participants we serve and aids in our mission to provide them with valuable resources and programs that support nutrition, dementia care, and human connection. Burkhead United Methodist Church's gift is significant in the lives of the Seniors in our community and helps to provide a multitude of resources, comfort, and basic needs for both caregivers and participants.*
With deepest gratitude, Britnee Tellez, Director of Giving and Events
- From Samaritan Ministries - *Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, We're grateful for your generous gift of \$100, which help Samaritan Ministries fulfill our mission of providing food, shelter and hope through Christian love. You help us be a safe and welcoming refuge for those in need. I'm grateful for Burkhead's generosity and continued prayers for the ministry.*
Sincerely, Jan Kelly, Executive Director

Annual Christmas Party at Little Richard's Bar-N-Que



Join friends and family **Friday, December 8th beginning at 6:00 pm** for Burkhead's Christmas Party. There's a buffet featuring 2 entrees and 6 sides! The cost is \$22 not including your drink, tax and tip. There's fun to be had with the **Dirty Santa Gift Exchange!** Nothing over \$5 please. Please sign up at the information table.

Walking the Peace Haven Baptist Church Labyrinth at 3384 York Road Blue Christmas Labyrinth Walk - Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

The season of Christmas is full of anticipation, light, and love. However, it can be a season full of grief and loss for many of us. Please join us in a Labyrinth Walk to honor our grief and those who have gone on before us. There will be a short discussion afterwards. **Questions?** Contact Michele Shadden at 336-692-7588 or mchljhn1@triad.rr.com.

Community Fellowship Meal - Wednesday, December 13, 6 pm



Nancy Flowers and her crew are planning our **next meal of delicious pancakes!** We'll raise our voices and sing some favorite Christmas carols after we've eaten. Please sign up on the sheet at the information table. The price is \$6 for adults while children and first timers eat free. Hope to see you there! Please continue to invite friends and neighbors!

Celebrate White Christmas December 17

Burkhead will again celebrate a White Christmas by **donating nonperishable food items wrapped in white at the December 17 service.** Everyone is encouraged to bring items wrapped in white paper or white plastic bags to place on and around the altar table. These food items will be given to a nonprofit organization who helps those who are having trouble feeding their families. Unfortunately, Forsyth County has more hungry people than most other counties in North Carolina. ***Let's make this a truly WHITE CHRISTMAS on the 17th!***



Registration is now open for the 2024 Equip and Connect Conference!

The Western North Carolina Conference **Equip & Connect Conference, January 21 - 25, 2024**, is designed for and open to all local church leaders including lay leaders, council members, volunteers, and all who lead (or are considering future leadership!). This is an opportunity to connect with other leaders across the conference and learn about roles, best practices, and new ideas for ministry. Sign up at: [Equip & Connect 2024 \(wnccumc.org\)](https://www.wnccumc.org).



Thanks from the Outreach Committee

Thank you to everyone who came and helped prepare the November and January meals we are providing to the children at Open Arms Community. The first meal was served on November 14 to about 25 children and volunteers who were very grateful.

Thank you to everyone who donated pajamas and blankets for the Spark Cozy Bundle project. Our donations, plus many more, will be providing pajamas, blankets, and books to 600 or more children this Christmas season.

Finally, *thanks to everyone* who helped make Christmas cards on Sunday, November 26. I know they will be enjoyed and appreciated by the folks that receive them.

Christmas Caroling

What would the Christmas season be without a chance to gather and sing Christmas carols? Your opportunity to do just that is coming up on Sunday, December 10!

We will meet at the church at 2 pm on December 10 and go out in groups to spread some Christmas cheer. Everyone is welcome to join us! If you have questions, contact Gale Sink.



Third Thursday Health and Wellness Event



We have planned a **special Christmas Around the World event for Thursday, December 21 at 11:30 am** in the fellowship hall. **Bring your own lunch**, but we will be providing special Christmas desserts from other countries for everyone. We will also have some fun learning about Christmas traditions in other countries. Bring a friend and join us from 11:30-1 on December 21! Feliz Navidad! Buon Natale! Joyeux Noel! God jul!

Salvation Army Christmas Warehouse Gift Packing

Once again, we will be **helping at the Salvation Army's Christmas Warehouse on Thursday, December 7 from 9-12**. This is always a very fun time as we assemble bikes and pack the toys for each child. The location has not yet been announced but Gale Sink will be sending out the information to those who are signed up as soon as she gets it.

Cozy Bundle Helpers

On **Saturday, December 9, from 10-12:30**, we will partnering with Spark at their Cozy Bundle event. We will be providing pajamas, blankets, and books to children of all ages. **Meet at Catholic Charities, 1612 E. 14th St.**, if you are helping with this event.

Thank you to everyone who donated pajamas and blankets. Due to your generosity, 40+ children will receive a pair of pajamas, a blanket, and a book. On Saturday, November 18, the first Cozy Bundle event of this year was held in Mocksville at Storehouse for Jesus. Around 250 children were served. Last year around 400 children were served in Winston Salem. **If you still have items to donate, bring them on Sunday, December 3 or to the event on December 9**. All donations are gratefully accepted. Set up will begin at 8:30 am Saturday morning. If you are available, come early to help.



The **Burkhead Book Club** will not meet during December. Please plan to join the group **January 21, 2024 at Terry and Lynn Blumenthal's home** for a discussion of "The Pilot's Wife" by Anita Shreve. There's plenty of time to invite your friends!

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:00 am - Chrismon Tree Decorating 12:00 pm - Fellowship Hall is reserved
3 1st Sunday of Advent 9:15 am - Combined Sunday School Classes 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service with Communion 11:30 am - Town Hall meeting	4 8 am until 4:30 pm - LifeLife Health Screenings 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929	5 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	6	7 9 am to noon - Salvation Army Christmas Warehouse	8 6:00 pm - Christmas Party at Little Richards Bar N Que	9 9:00 am - SPARK Cozy Bundle in Winston-Salem
10 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:15 am - Combined Sunday School Classes 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service 2:00 pm - Christmas Caroling	11	12 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911 Potluck Dinner	13 6:00 pm - Community Fellowship Meal of Pancakes with Christmas Caroling	14	15	16 1 pm until 6 pm - Christmas for the City
17 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:15 am - Combined Sunday School Classes 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - White Christmas and Hymn Sing 12:00 pm - Fellowship Hall is reserved	18 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929	19 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911 	20 1:00 pm - Y.A.R.N. Ministry 	21 11:30 am - Third Thursday "Christmas Traditions Around the World"	22	23
24 4th Sunday of Advent 9:15 am - Combined Sunday School Classes 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service	25 	26	27	28	29	30 
31 1st Sunday After Christmas Day 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service	The red gifts of Christmas aren't under the tree.					