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Advent Calendar

Advent Sermon Series – The Songs of Christmas

Second Sunday of Advent: December 4

8:30 & 11:00am Worship - Dr. Ed Hurley, “**Comfort, Comfort You My People**”

*Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low.*

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

5:00pm - **Christmas Together** - A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary followed by potluck dinner and caroling in the Davis Family Hall.

Third Sunday of Advent: December 11

8:30 & 11:00am Worship - Rev. Jim Truesdell, “**Prepare the Way**”

*He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’”
as the prophet Isaiah said.*

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

Chancel Choir – J. S. Bach, “Christmas Cantata”

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 18

8:30 & 11:00am Worship - Dr. Ed Hurley, “**Joy To The World**”

*Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my
people Israel. The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice. Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.*

And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

Luke 1:26-38; 46b-55 Psalm Romans 16: 25-27 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Psalm 97

Chancel Choir – Vivaldi, “Gloria”

Christmas Eve: December 24

Dr. Ed Hurley, “**All Is Calm – All Is Bright!**”

And she gave birth to her firstborn son; I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people;

To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord

Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:1-14 Luke 2:1-20

Noon – Traditional Worship Service

5:00 pm - Annual Christmas Pageant and *Child Friendly Worship* service, Advent Wreath and
Candlelight Communion

7:00pm - Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir and Candlelight Communion

Childcare available at both 5pm and 7pm services

(30-minute Prelude at both services)

11:00pm - Traditional Worship with Candlelight Communion.

Christmas Day: December 25

10:30am - Fellowship, Carols, & Light Breakfast for all in the Davis Family Hall

11:00am Worship - Rev. Jim Truesdell, “**Merry Christmas or Happy Holiday**”

Remember...

- ♦ Return your pledge cards for 2012
- ♦ December 4—**Christmas Together**
- ♦ Advent Concerts on Wednesdays

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(Advent Calendar continued)

New Year's Day: January 1, 2012

11:00am Worship - Rev. Jim Truesdell, **"The Beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ: #1 – Following Jesus For Life"**



The Pastor's Perspective . . .

Dearest South Highlanders,

I remember a comment from a news article some years ago, when the U.S. Forces were involved off the coast of Lebanon, and the sailors were granted shore leave in Israel over Christmas. One sailor was quoted after his Christmas Eve visit to Bethlehem, saying, "I realized for the first time that I am a Christian." Sometimes it takes being thrust out of the nest of a culture where people are more or less like you, more or less Westerners and more or less Christian, especially in the South, to recognize and claim the real thing.

Advent offers us time and space to do that. To step out of our normal routine and seek intentional spiritual growth as followers of Jesus Christ. He is our hope, He is our end, He is our means. During Advent we feel the sense of exile of Israel during their forced sojourn in Babylonia, around 500 years before the coming of Jesus. As strangers in a foreign land they had to put down intentional roots to preserve and grow their faith tradition. This was the time when most of the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament were set down in writing. We followers of Jesus Christ find ourselves in a similar situation these days in what is called a Post-Christian, Post-Enlightenment, Post-Modern World. A new and different borderless culture shaped by the internet and unprecedented freedom to search and explore. Advent offers us time to do that, let them to commit.

Over Thanksgiving our family went up to Nashville for our annual gathering of the extended family at Gayle's parents. Thanksgiving morning we participated in the 5 mile run (Stuart ran), and walk (Gayle, Catherine, I walked). As I was walking along the wide Belle Meade Blvd. I found myself walking alongside a very talkative and very curious young fellow of probably 18 or 19. "What do the Sikhs believe? Have you every explored Buddhism? There is a vast difference in the Abrahamic faiths and all others," he was commenting to his walking partner. Here was a young man, I am guessing of Jewish faith, who was asking about varied world faith traditions. We are aware of the diverse world in which we live and engage as never before.

Which is one reason we need to be all the more informed about and engaged in our own Christian faith. Advent is opportunity to engage and explore and commit, to watch and wait and encounter God afresh. Advent is not mindless waiting, but purposeful preparation. 1 Peter 1:13 urges us, "Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed." Advent is an occasion for us to grow and improve in our faith walk.

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The Pastor's Perspective . . .continued

I remember hearing Frank Harrington, long-time beloved Pastor of Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, describe his annual examination before his home Presbytery in South Carolina during his seminary days. He recounted how there was this one particular elder who stood up every year and asked the same question each time. "Frank, have you made any progress in your walk with Jesus Christ?" Advent is time to ask that and to take some definite steps for doing just that.

Gene Chizik said after Auburn's 42-14 loss to Alabama in the Iron Bowl, that he will now conduct his annual review of the team. "He said he did the same thing last year after winning the national championship. Chizik said he'll open up the review to everything following a 7-5 regular season. That includes players, coaches, managers, trainers, everything. We were 14-0 last year and I did the same thing. We were 8-5 the year before and I did the same thing. In my seat, I don't think that's anything unusual. That's what you always have to do to keep moving forward.' "

Advent begins a new Christian calendar year. It is time for us to make a spiritual self-examination. It is time for us to undertake some intentional spiritual disciplines - prayer, scripture reading and meditation, giving to not only family and friends but to those in particular need.

C.S. Lewis says in the last chapter of his classic, Mere Christianity. "For mere improvement is not redemption, though redemption always improves people even here and now and will, in the end, improve them to a degree we cannot yet imagine. God became man to turn creatures into sons: not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man. It is not like teaching a horse to jump better and better but like turning a horse into a winged creature." William Sloane Coffin said in his last book, Credo, "Descartes was mistaken: 'Gogito ergo sum' -'I think, therefore I am.' Nonsense. 'Amo ergo sum' - I love, therefore I am.' I believe that. I believe it is better not to live than not to love.' "

Friends, this Advent, are you making any progress in your walk with Jesus Christ? The opportunity is here. The time is now.

Faithfully and with love and great expectation,

Ed Hurley

SOUTH HIGHLAND MISSIONS

NEEDED!



The Child Development Center needs riding toys for the children.

If you can help, please contact Jami Norris at jparker4au@gmail.com

or

(205) 939-1210.



TORNADO RELIEF

Our five tornado families still need many things.

They need twin size mattresses and/or bunk beds, general kitchen items, and blankets. If you are tossing out old items and getting something new, please remember our tornado families, too... especially with technology and electronics. These families include kids from toddlers to teens.

If you can help, please contact Lu Mahon at (205) 879-4157 or lumahon@gmail.com.

BHN GIFTWRAP

Mark your calendar to help on **DECEMBER 21st & 24th** at Colonial Brookwood Village!



Look for signup sheets soon!

All ages invited and welcome to help!

Deacons of the Month

December

Gary Wilkinson
(205-868-4207)

Ramey Harrell
(205-533-8879)



FREE VALET PARKING
from 8:15 AM until

after 11 AM Worship at the Circular Drive on Highland Avenue. Tipping is optional.



Shuttle Service

December 4

Lori Wood
(205) 970-6888

Chris Smith
(205) 999-1304 or (205) 220-5959

December 11

Neil Davis
(205) 979-4756 or (205) 322-7482

Corky Clark
(205) 823-3574

December 18

Jack Smith
(205) 967-3247

Diane Davis
(205) 979-4756 or (205) 979-8552

REMINDER!

All services for the remainder of the year will be in the Sanctuary. The Chapel will be closed for construction to prepare for the new organ.



COMPLETED YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2011?

Please have your 2011 pledges into the office by Friday, December 30th at Noon or post marked in the mail by December 31st!

So far this year, South Highlanders have given
\$1,104,746.59

South Highland's budget so far this year is
\$1,215,795.85

Please remember to complete your gifts before the end of the year.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND NEEDS FURNITURE

- ◆ twin mattress
- ◆ double mattress
- ◆ sofa
- ◆ end table
- ◆ arm chair
- ◆ two lamps
- ◆ kitchen table & two chairs

Please call Jeannie Burton or Rev. Susan Laney at (205) 933-0790.

SHPC FOUNDATION NEWS

The Board of Directors of South Highland's Foundation met October 20, 2011 to approve the distribution of the year's earnings. The allocation of the earnings went to:

Missions \$ 53,466

Church Operating Budget 31,832

Scholarships 27,187

Designated Purposes 16,824

\$129,309

In its review of the Foundation's portfolio the Board compared its current market value, \$ 5,110,147, to its modest beginnings over two decades ago. The board is thankful for the stewardship of financial assets shown by South Highland members over that time frame that has resulted in the growth of portfolio, making the earnings of the portfolio a meaningful source of funds to help meet SHPC's annual financial needs.

The Board reminds the congregation of the Barnabas Society, a group composed of individuals who have named South Highland in their wills, a way of leaving a lasting legacy for the future of South Highland. If one desires to join the many SHPC members who are members of the Barnabas Society, please contact our senior minister, Dr. Hurley, Dr. and Mrs. Dana Waters, or any Board member Lee Cooper, Jonathan Cross, Glenn Davis, John Goff, Mike Goodrich, Kathryn Michael, John Ponder, Minnie Rast, Mel Robinson, or Bill Stribling.

SHPC Kids' News

"Little Drummer Boy" was my favorite Christmas carol when I was little. I had a record (yes, I said a *record*) version with Bing Crosby's commanding voice "rum pum pum pum-ing" away. I love it so much I often played it very loudly even when it was out of season.

It was often the standard on my AMAZING record player I received on my 4th birthday. I loved that record player and I loved my music, but I REALLY loved "Little Drummer Boy". Why? I'm sure there are a hundred reasons; I got to march around the house to the beat, I could imitate the drummer pounding away on objects, I could karaoke/sing-along in my best deep, manly voice, etc. I think I also liked it because it was about a *kid* taking a gift to baby Jesus. When I got older, I started to like the song for different reasons. I liked the musical flourish after "Mary nodded" and I liked the idea of a little baby smiling (because I hadn't seen it before). But I now when I hear the song, I realize I love it again for different reasons. I get the message clearer now. It's not about the pricetag or the giver, but about the heart behind the gift.



I thought my records and turntable were the best gift a kid could get—hours or entertainment! A couple of years later, I learned that before the record player had come to me, it was being thrown away by a neighbor. My aunt and mom rescued it, fixed it, and repainted it. And the records were bought at a yard sale. That never diminished the power of my gift...it was wonderful fun, and my family had very lovingly given it a facelift. It was the thoughtfulness and love that made my record player AMAZING.

So, this Advent season, give joyously. Don't let the price tag be the deciding factor. And may you remember that as you receive as well. The bottom line is no matter what, God has blessed you in order that you may be a blessing!

Rachel King-Barr

REMINDERS

December 5 - Christmas Together—Children's Choir performs and families & children encouraged to stay for fellowship, dinner, & carols in the Davis Family Hall

December 10 - Breakfast in Bethlehem from 9am-11am followed by Parents Day Out Youth Fundraiser from 11am-4pm

December 11 - Children's Choir sings during 11am service

Christmas Eve - Annual Christmas Pageant during the 5pm Worship Service in the Sanctuary

For more information on the SHPC Children's Ministries, check out the enclosed *KidsPress!* Also contact April Harrell & Rachel Barr at (205) 933-0790 or aharrell@southhighland.org or rbarr@southhighland.org.



In The November Issue

Here are some of the articles in the December issue of PRESBYTERIANS TODAY:

- ◆ If This is Church, Bring It On! - Congregations must think and act differently to attract a new generation of Christians.
- ◆ Learning from the Land - Young adults are finding that caring for creation can be a gateway to encounters with God.
- ◆ Launching Pad to Mission - Many former Young Adult Volunteers are hearing God's call to long-term international service.

The December issues of PRESBYTERIANS TODAY will be available during the month of December from the table in the Gallery on the main level.

Stop by to pick up your free copy.

Stay Informed - Read PRESBYTERIANS TODAY!



STAY CONNECTED!

SHPC sends out weekly email announcements on Fridays. To sign up, email Dina Glass at dglass@southhighland.org.

SHiPS



South Highland Presbyterian Singles (of all ages)

Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27
7:00pm—8:30 PM

SHiPS-sponsored Dance Lessons

with instructors Ken George and Anne England for everyone each Tuesday—No partner required. \$3 donation at the door.

December focuses on dance reviews by request. There will also be mini-Christmas parties with snacks.

All are invited!

Sunday Bulletin Announcements

Must be received no later than noon on Tuesdays. Call Suzanne at (205) 933-0790 or e-mail scornett@southhighland.org

HIGHLAND HIGHLIGHTS

Deadline for the next issue is **December 20** email info to scornett@southhighland.org



You can keep up with PC (USA) denominational news by logging onto:

www.pcusa.org

YOUNG ADULTS

New Covenant Class

This class filled with mainly parents of children and youth meets Sunday mornings in the Parlor at 9:30am. The class is currently studying Galatians under the leadership of **Carol Ann Vaughn Cross & Steve Messier**.

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(Sunday evenings at 6:30 PM in G22)
In an effort to get a comprehensive view of the scriptures, the group is reading large blocks of scripture. Contact **Jeff Bonner** at jbanner@gupeds.net for more information.

For more information on Young Adult ministries and programs at SHPC, contact **Jim Truesdell** at jtruesdell@southhighland.org.

Wild at Heart Men's Breakfast

Please contact **John Huddleston** if you plan on attending— (205) 907-2924 or boykinspaniel@gmail.com.
<http://www.southhighland.org/resources/Wild-At-Heart-ScheduleQuestions>.

WOW—Women of the Word

This group of women meets Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:15am in the Small Dining Room. If you need a small group, desire to study God's word, or are looking for a place to explore your faith and ask your questions, WOW is the place for you. Please contact **Laura Chapman** at (205) 969-5843 or LLLChapman@aol.com for more information. Child care is provided.

Making a Home for Faith

This is a new Sunday School class for young-ish adults with or without children. It meets during the Sunday School Hour in the Minister's Conference Room on the ground floor. For more information contact **Rachel Wilkinson** at wilkson475@gmail.com.

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM



Join us Saturday, **December 10th** for a peaceful morning in Bethlehem!

Step back in time...

create pottery
paintings
woodworking
and more!



Breakfast in Bethlehem is in the Davis Family Hall from **9-11am**.

To sign up or to help out, contact April Harrell at (205) 933-0790 ext 16 or aharrell@southhighland.org.

PARENTS DAY OUT

This is a fundraiser for the youth! Pay them to babysit your kids while you run errands or simply enjoy some peace and quite during this busy time of year! They'll start at 11am and continue until 4pm on the 1st Floor Children's Wing.



To reserve a spot for your children, contact Suzanne Cornett at (205) 933-0790 ext 33 or scornett@southhighland.org.

LET'S ALL CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS TOGETHER

Join us for on Sunday, **December 4th** for the annual gathering for families and friends of South Highland!

It includes something for all ages - singing carols, story time with Rachel King Barr, and more!

The service begins in the Sanctuary at 5pm and continues in the Davis Family Hall with a pot luck dinner!

Bring your best side dish!



For more information, contact Stephanie Thompson at (205) 969-0035.



JUNIOR & SENIOR Highs

From Doug:

NYWC

At the National Youth Workers Conference in Atlanta last month Karen Buttler, Suzanne Cornett, Joe Daft, and I visited several workshops dealing with the development, culture, and hurts of the youth we seek to serve. With the four of us there we were able to maximize our involvement by visiting separate groups and reporting back what was discussed. We all walked away with a renewed passion for what it is we are here to do. Joe may be a new volunteer with middle schoolers but he is now fired up about the potential of our Junior High. Karen spoke about the new sense of purpose and affirmation she felt towards her Sunday school class. Suzanne felt a new sense of peace about where we have been and where we are going. As for me, I have a new vision for equipping and sustaining the volunteers that make it all possible. In the next few months we will be asking for more of you to come on board as mentors, small group leaders, Sunday School leaders, coaches, and so on. Please consider investing your time and energy in developing the next Generation leaders. Come talk to me if you feel God calling you to come along side us. We are all excited about where God is taking us and look forward to many changes and enhancements to the ministry we love.

Doug

SHPC Weekly Youth Newsletter—We send out a weekly update on youth events, including a calendar. For more information about SHPC Youth, contact **Doug Barr** at dbarr@southhighland.org or call him at (205) 933-0790 ext 12.



DEPOSITS DUE:

Make payments to South Highland Presbyterian Church and give checks to Doug Barr or place them in his box downstairs.

SHPC Winter Retreat— Juicy Fruit - January 13-16 - \$50 deposit, final cost is \$165 @ Maranatha Retreat Center in Huntsville

Great Escape Junior High Summer Retreat— June 17 - 22 - \$100 deposit, final cost will be around \$400 @ Lee University in Cleveland, TN

Montreat Senior High Summer Retreat— July 7-14 - \$100 deposit, final cost will be around \$450 @ Montreat in North Carolina

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Lock-In—Beginning at 6pm on December 16th until 7am on December 17th

Youth Council Retreat - December 2nd-3rd.



Development in Gardening (DIG) wants to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in its annual Reap Life DIG event earlier this month and for all the support SHPC has shown DIG over the past 6 years. The Lord continues to lead this grassroots organization and its leaders to seek and participate in important work that effectively meets the nutritional needs of so many around the world.

Sarah Koch, Co-Founder & Exec. Director.

For more information on DIG or to donate, visit www.reaplifedig.org/.

Dear Friends,
Once again our church family has so kindly remembered us with calls, cards, food, and visits during Bob's knee surgery. We have been blessed with your kindness and his continuing recovery. Thank you so very much!

Love,
Carolyn and Bob Hunter

Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful woolen prayer shawl that was passed on to me. It did not leave my side for days on end because I felt its warmth and love.

With sincere thanks,
Sarah Jane Taylor

**Wednesday Night
LIVE!**

5:00PM Health & Wholeness
Service in the Chapel

5:00PM WNL Family Fellowship
Dinner in DFH

6:30PM Handbells

6:30PM - Advent Concerts

December 7

Menu: Beef Tips & Rice or
Baked Chicken, Green Beans,
Garlic Toast, Salad Bar, &
Dessert

December 14

Menu: Build a Burger Bar (or
Chicken Sandwich), Fries, Slaw,
Baked Beans, & Coke Floats

ADVENT CONCERTS

November 30, 2011

Eliza Piroasca,
soprano and violin

December 7, 2011

South Highland Presbyterian
Church soloists sing
music of the season

December 14, 2011

UAB Chamber Choir

Senior Adults

WHAT'S IN THE HIGHLANDERS' FUTURE?

Mark Your Calendar

January 6, 2012—Coffee Concert
Ohlsson Plays Brahms—Justin
Brown, Conductor

*Transportation is available for all
Highlanders Events—Contact Susan Laney
at (205) 933-0790.*

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE



If you have not already turned in your 2012 pledge, feel free to drop it in the offering plate, drop it by to Sharon Doggett in the church office, or mail it in to the church office at P. O. Box 55933, Birmingham, AL 35255.

We appreciate you Becoming Fully Alive!



Walk-on Hardie Buck a big contributor on special teams

Excerpt Reprinted from the November 19, 2011 Tuscaloosa News
By Chase Goodbread, Sports Writer, Tuscaloosa News

Hardie Buck was busing tables at a local chicken-wing house when the call came. It was Alabama football on the line. And Buck was told to turn in his apron for a football jersey. It was August 2009, and it had been 21/2 years since Buck put on football pads. In competitive athletics, 21/2 years is an eternity, and more than enough of a layoff to lay waste to a career in any sport, to say nothing of major college football.... Now, Buck is a special teams player for the Crimson Tide, on both the kickoff and punt return units, but the path he traveled to get there required a level of persistence most couldn't fathom.

When Buck's high school football career closed at Vestavia Hills in the winter of 2006, he thought at the time he had played his last game.... Buddy Anderson, who has coached at Vestavia Hills for 40 years, said Buck rates in the top one percent of all the athletes he's coached there. Not as a player, but as a person... "He wasn't the biggest or fastest player I ever had, but was one of the most competitive I ever had," Anderson said. Buck chose to attend Alabama as a life-long Crimson Tide fan, with no intentions of trying his hand at football again. But after a year, the desire to play overtook him.... Buck then went to strength and conditioning coach Scott Cochran and Jeremy Pruitt — who was UA's director of player personnel at the time — and both were supportive of the idea. Pruitt was familiar with Buck from his days as a high school coach at Hoover, and eventually got him on an invitation list for summer workouts in 2009.

His journey to actually playing on Saturdays at Bryant-Denny Stadium, however, was only beginning.

Read more of Hardie's story in the article posted by the elevator or at <http://www.tuscaloosaneews.com/article/20111119/NEWS/111119513?p=1&tc=pg>

**Wednesday Night
LIVE!**

Letter Presented to The Rev. Dr. Edwin Gray Hurley, Senior Pastor of South Highland Presbyterian Church by the Session on October 30, 2011

At an August 26, 2001 called congregational meeting the congregation of South Highland Presbyterian Church passed a motion to call The Rev. Dr. Edwin Gray Hurley, then Senior Pastor at The Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, KY., as South Highland's Senior Pastor-Head of Staff. Dr. Hurley answered the call and preached his first sermon here on October 28, 2001. This October 30, 2011 letter from the Session, shared with the congregation, is to express the Session's deep appreciation and thanks for his ten years of service to this church. All here have gained from Dr. Hurley's God given gifts and abilities and by his strong faith, dedicated discipleship and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

The Book of Order has this to say about Teaching Elders: "Teaching elders (also called ministers of the Word and Sacrament) shall in all things be committed to teaching the faith and equipping the saints for the work of ministry (Eph. 4:12). They may serve in a variety of ministries, as authorized by the presbytery. When they serve as preachers and teachers of the Word, they shall preach and teach the faith of the church, so that the people are shaped by the pattern of the gospel and strengthened for witness and service. When they serve at font and table, they shall interpret the mysteries of grace and lift the people's vision toward the hope of God's new creation. When they serve as pastors, they shall support the people in the disciplines of the faith amid the struggles of daily life." Dr. Hurley has excelled in each of these functions as a Teaching Elder. The congregation of South Highland has benefitted from his inspired and energetic leadership

A sincere thank you from the Session,
Dr. Hurley, for your ten years here.
For the Session,
John H. Goff, Clerk of Session

ANGEL TREES ARE SPROUTING!

For hundreds of people in Birmingham, the holidays bring little joy amid their poverty and helplessness. Resources are scarcer this year than in decades. Donations will help as many as 350 families who are not able to give their families a special Christmas morning and holiday meal.

Three trees will be located throughout the church through December 11.

Food, new clothing and especially TOYS are needed. Instructions for giving are posted at each location and they are very simple:

- 1-pick an angel off the tree
- 2-take it shopping with you & purchase the request written on the angel.
- 3-Return the items to the church by placing them under a tree. They should not be wrapped.

The ministry this year is a project that the Board of Deacons is coordinating. You can also support this project by bringing food items you would like to donate to GBM and placing them under the trees.

Christmas Poinsettias

At Advent and the Christmas season beautiful Poinsettias in our sanctuary and around the church herald the approach of the joyful Christian celebration! This is made possible when South Highland members buy a plant in honor of, or in thanksgiving for, special people in their lives. The poinsettias will be on sale each Wednesday and Sunday from **November 27th through December 11th** at \$20 each.



See a member of the Flower Committee seated at the table in the foyer with your payment and completed order form (forms available at the table).

Please make our church bloom with your purchase of a Poinsettia!

And please plan to leave the plants in place to decorate the Sanctuary and Church through Sunday, December 25th.



Number of Poinsettias _____

Payment enclosed _____

Cash _____ Check _____

Name of Donor _____ Phone # _____

In Honor/Memory of _____



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 9:30am - Sunday School
 11am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 1:30pm - Kenyan Youth (Chapel)
 2pm - Sunday Club (DFH)
 5:30pm - Youth Group (Youth Suite)
 6pm - Sharing Group (Builders)
 6:30pm - Brick @ Nite (G-22)

December 1, Thursday

9:30am - Women of the Word (SDR)

December 2, Friday

2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)

December 3, Saturday

8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)

December 4, Sunday

Normal Sunday Schedule until 5pm
 12pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 5pm - Christmas Together
 (Sanctuary & DFH)

December 5, Monday

4:15pm - Harp Circle (Parlor)
 5:30pm - Coordinating Council

December 6, Tuesday

11am - Volunteer Luncheon (DFH)
 7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

December 7, Wednesday

10am - Ladies Bible Study (Parlor)
 12pm - AlaNon Group (G-14)
 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders Class)
 5pm - Service of Healing & Wholeness
 (Sanctuary)
 5pm - Dinner
 6:30pm - Advent Concert
 6:30pm - Let's Talk

December 8, Thursday

8:00am - PW Circle #5
 9:30am - Women of the Word (SDR)
 9:30am - CPM (G-15)

December 9, Friday

2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)

December 10, Saturday

December 10, Saturday

8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)
 9am - Discovery Class (G15)
 9am - Breakfast in Bethlehem (DFH/SDR)
 11am-4pm - Parents Day Out (Elem. Hall)

December 11, Sunday

Normal Sunday Schedule

December 12, Monday

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 10:30am - PW (Parlor)
 12pm - PW Noon Circle (SDR)
 4:15pm - Harp Circle (Parlor)
 6pm - PW Evening Circle 3 (MCR)

December 13, Tuesday

10am - Committee on Ministry
 7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

December 14, Wednesday

10am - Ladies Bible Study (Parlor)
 12pm - AlaNon Group (G-14)
 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders Class)
 4pm - Children's Christmas Pageant
 Rehearsal (SDR)
 5pm - Service of Healing & Wholeness
 (Sanctuary)
 5pm - Dinner
 5:30pm - Children's Christmas Pageant
 Rehearsal (SDR)
 6:30pm - Advent Concert

December 15, Thursday

9:30am - Women of the Word (SDR)

December 16, Friday

2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)
 7pm - Youth Lock-In

December 17, Saturday

8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)

December 18, Sunday

Normal Sunday Schedule

December 19, Monday

4:15pm - Harp Circle (Parlor)
 5:30pm - Session Meeting

December 20, Tuesday

12pm - Deadline to turn in Highlights Info
 for January to Suzanne
 7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

December 21, Wednesday

8am - Women & Children's Christmas
 Luncheon (DFH)
 10am - Ladies Bible Study (Parlor)
 12pm - AlaNon Group (G-14)
 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders Class)
 5pm - Service of Healing & Wholeness
 (Sanctuary)
 5:30pm - Children's Christmas Pageant
 Rehearsal (SDR)
 6:30pm - Let's Talk

December 22, Thursday

9:30am - Women of the Word (SDR)

December 23, Friday

Church office closed

2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)

December 24, Saturday

CHRISTMAS EVE

8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)
 12pm - Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
 3pm - Final Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
 5pm - Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
 7pm - Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
 11pm - Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

December 25, Sunday

CHRISTMAS DAY

11am - Christmas Day Service (Sanctuary)
 2pm - Sunday Club (DFH)
 6pm - Sharing Group (Builders)

December 26, Monday

Church office closed

December 27, Tuesday

7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

December 28, Wednesday

10am - Ladies Bible Study Group (Parlor)
 12pm - AlaNon Group (G-14)
 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)
 5pm - Service of Healing & Wholeness
 (Sanctuary)
 6pm - CDC Board Meeting (Parlor)

December 30, Friday

2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)

December 31, Saturday

8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)

Meeting Locator Key

Ground Floor # 16 = G-16

Youth Suite = YS

Builders Classroom = BC

Davis Family Hall = DFH

Music Suite = MS

Small Auditorium = Aud

Small Dining Room = SDR

Ministers Conference Rm = MCR

POWER OF Prayer

Please Pray for These Members and Friends . . .

Please note: Due to space constraints, we list only MEMBERS and IMMEDIATE Family below. There is a full, up-to-date printed list (including military) available in the hallway by the Sanctuary.

Hospital

Idamae Mason - St. Vincent's

Member Prayer Requests

Frank and Grayson Alexander
Don Baird
Heather Batey
Sandy Bergeron
Judy Black
Allen Borden
Martha Bottomley
Loretta Brown
John Buttler
Nick Cataldo
Dori DeLuca
Joe and Judy Dolce
Polly Edwards
Jan Hatchett
Mary Head
Ruth Hobson
Anne & John Homer
Bob Hunter
Frank and Charlotte Lankford
Donna Lowe
Jacque Mathes
Ida Mae Mason
Amy Nance
Greer Singley
Claire Sizemore
Molly Slaughter
Martha Stinson
Mary & Ellis Wanninger
Harvey Watson
Dewey White

Family Prayer Requests

Brother and family – **Al Hill**
Jaxton Holly – Jarrod Bazemore and family
Mattie Moore Barr – **mother of Richard Barr**
Christine Boswell – **Heather Batey's sister**
Gwen Bottoms – **Janet Perry's sister**
Caregivers and Elderly – **Gayle Hurley**
Lillian Champion – **Richard Champion's mother**
Father – Robyn's father's health concerns –
William & Robyn Nichols
Amy Crews – **cousin to Dr. Hurley**
Anna Daley – **niece of Sue Esleck, cousin of Brandon & Emily Esleck**
Walter Dana – **Pat Woody's brother**
Dylan David – **Bob and Linda David's grandson**
Eleanor Davis – **mother of Glenn Davis, Jr.**
Lee Davis – **Nancy Coffey's brother-in-law**
Tammy Deleon – **sister of Katie Livingston**
Mary Dison – **Relative of The Dison and Marchant Family**
Mary Ann Flaskerud – **Amanda's aunt**
Sandy Folmar – **Jackie Presley's niece-in-law**
Harrell Foosee – **Chad Foosee's father**
Kim Fredrick – **Allen Borden's sister**

Billy Kitchens – **nephew-in-law of Martha Foster**

Peggy Sue Horse, **cousin of Grace Slaughter**
Helen Hudgens – **Prayer for Eric a nephew**
Liliana Ide – **neice of Christopher Davis**
Shannon Jenkins – **sister of Malin Selman**
Virgil & Ruth Jensen – **King family – Mary Alice – Diana's mother**
Jean Jones – **Susan Glover's aunt**
Lester Keith – **Sue Keith's brother**
Lillian Kennedy – **Robert Dollar's mother**
Judy King – **Brian King's mother**
Wilson and Sarah King – **Ham and Margy Perkins' family**

Allen Kyzar – **Becky Smith's brother**
Former member, Jeff Larson, son of Al Larson – very ill in Georgia

Ken Lewis – **brother of Ethan Lewis**
Don Littrell – **Debbie Perkins' father**
Jim Lloyd, **Bart Lloyd's father**
James Manley – **stepfather of Mary Baker**
Tom Marshall, **grandfather of Stephanie Magnus**

Debra Miller – **Grace Slaughter's sister**
Mother – **Wende Berryhill**
Keith Leitner Roberts – **Carol Leitner's son**
Julie Robertson – **Jackie Presley's cousin**
Pensacola family – **Carol Runnels' family**
Brenda Sager – **Robyn Nichols' mother**
Mr. & Mrs. C.W Slaughter – **Terry Slaughter's parents**
Steve Slaughter – **Terry Slaughter's brother**
Asa Smith – **loss of parents**
Gary Spain – **Relative of Jackie Presley**
Marlyns Stariha – **Jim Stariha's mother**
Ellen Sutley – **sister of Martha Foster**
Ty's grandmother – **Rachel & Kelly Ross-Davis**

Penny Thomas – **mother of Mark Thomas**
Harriet Todd – **Cody Watson's aunt**
Ralph Tupper – **Grandson of Susan and Allen Hammack**
Jerome Turner - **Clorietta Thomas' brother**
B. J. Vincent – **sister of Jackie Vincent**
James Weems – **brother-in-law of Cheryl Weems**

Ruth West – **Jan Monroe's mother**
Emma Jean Willis – **Nancy Deason's mother**

Armed Forces

John A. Smith Buck, Special Tactics Naval Training, San Antonio, TX, **grandson of Darthula & Gray Buck**
Richard Gilchrist, Jr. – Iraq
Franklin Helms – marine deployed to Afghanistan –friend of **Christopher Ross Davis**
Todd Henry, Iraq, friend of **Scott Crocker**
Wilbur Lee Holaday, III – in D.C.
Captain Eric McCall – Family of **Ethan Lewis**
Lila McClintoc – Air Force, daughter of **Quita McClintoc** (Iraq)

Aaron Straynar – (in Kuwait) Grandson of **Barbara & Andy Straynar**
Mike Wright, brother of **Tim Wright** (Kuwait)

Sympathy to

- ◆ **Family of Harry Murphy** upon his death on October 21.
- ◆ **Family of Sarah Yarbrough** on her death on October 22.
- ◆ **Family of Jim Brown** on his death on October 31.

Congratulations to

- ◆ **Jeremy and Jerri Stephens** in the birth of son, Charley Powell Stephens, on November 11. Proud siblings are John and Lily, grandparents Jerry and Lisa Stephens, Uncle and Aunt Elizabeth and Bryan Mullins, and cousins, Mary, Cooper and Grey Mullins
- ◆ **Beverly and John Goff** in the birth of granddaughter, Hannah Watson Duke, on November 19. Proud parents are Georgian and Steven Duke.
- ◆ **Claire and T. R. Butler** in the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Waters Butler, on November 22, Proud grandparents are Becky and Jack Smith.
- ◆ **Lee and Bionca Holaday** in the birth of a daughter, Sophia Yvonne Holaday, on November 27th. Proud grandparents are Elsa and Wilbur Holaday and proud aunt is Sydney Holaday.
- ◆ **Greer and Dan Singley** in the birth of twin girls, Mary McMillan and Ann Frances Singley, born November 28th.

If you have prayer concerns, please call the December Deacons.

Dear South Highland,
We would like to hear from you about the condition of your friend or relative on the prayer list. Would you please call or e-mail and let us know when our prayers have been answered. If we have not heard from you with-in six weeks of receipt of your request, the name will be removed to give space for others.

Love,
Prayer Request Committee

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