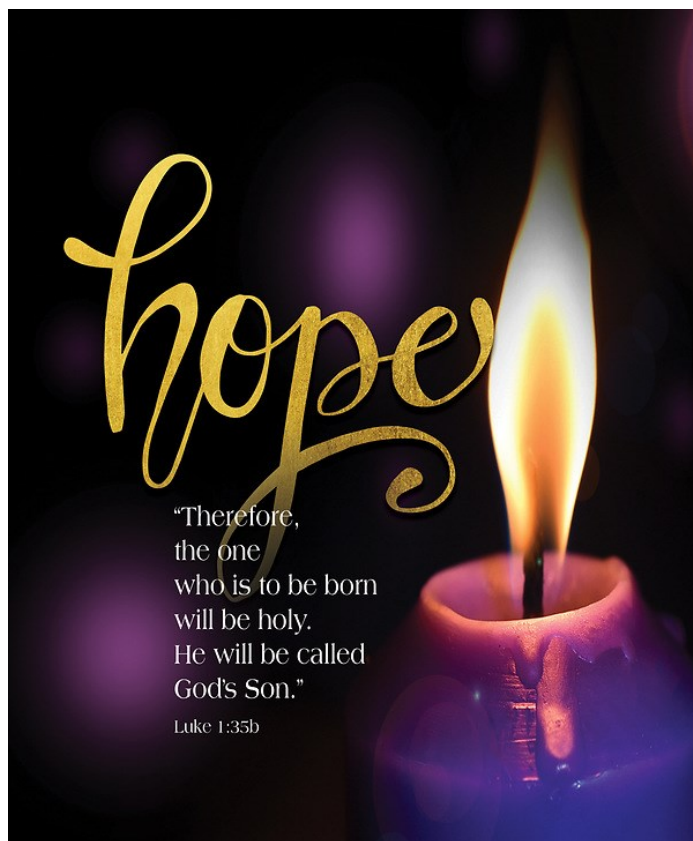




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The Banner

November 22, 2022



First Day of Advent

Sunday November 27, 2022

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NOVEMBER 27
11:00am
In Person & Live Stream

“Isaiah’s Dream”
Isaiah 60:1-3

Listen to [sermon recordings](http://www.abingdonbaptist.org/sermon-recordings) at
www.abingdonbaptist.org

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From Our Pastor . . .

Christmas at Abingdon Baptist Church This Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent which leads to our celebration of Christmas. This Sunday, we will enjoy a special Hanging of the Greens service during our morning worship as we decorate our sanctuary and prepare our hearts for the Lord. As you are planning your Advent/Christmas calendar of activities, please add the important events and activities listed below. Advent /Christmas will again be a busy but meaningful season.



- Breakfast with Santa** (12/3 @ 9:30am) – Our children in preK-5th grade are invited along with parents and family to Breakfast with Santa. We will enjoy a light breakfast, singing, crafts, the Christmas story, and plenty of time to visit with Saint Nick.
- Abingdon Christmas Parade** (12/3) – The church will have again have a float in the parade sponsored by the Deacon Ministry Team. Children and youth are invited to ride the float. Please contact Carrie Trivett or Lisa Wolfe by 12/2 if you have children or youth who would like to ride the float or if you can be a walker to pass out candy. Gather at the float by 5:15pm near The Girl and the Raven on E. Main St. The parade kicks off at 6pm. The church parking lot will be open for parking, and we will serve coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies from our front sanctuary entrance. **Please bring donated cookies and treats to the church office or kitchen by noon 12/2.**
- Ladies Christmas Cookie Exchange** (12/10 @ 11am) – This annual event is open to the ladies of our church and community. Contact Trina in the church office to purchase your ticket (\$35 each).
- Children’s Christmas Program** (12/14 @ 6pm) – Join us for dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5pm and then for our Children’s program in the Chapel at 6pm. We will enjoy a time of cookies and fellowship afterwards.
- Speedway in Lights** (12/16 @ 6pm) – Our children and youth will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal and depart for Bristol Motor Speedway to enjoy the beautiful Christmas lights and decorations.
- Christmas Dreams Cantata** (12/18 @ 11am & 5pm) – Our Sanctuary Choir will present the cantata “Christmas Dreams” during the morning worship service at 11am and again at 5pm.
- Sunshine Basket Delivery** (12/18 @ 2pm) – Our Deacon Ministry Team will lead us in this annual tradition of taking baskets of goodies to our shut-ins. We need your help to make the deliveries and share Christmas cheer.
- Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candles** (12/24 @ 5pm) – Our annual Christmas Eve service will be held in the sanctuary at 5pm.
- Christmas Day Worship** – This year Christmas falls on Sunday. Sunday School will be dismissed, but we will worship together on this special day in the sanctuary at 11am.
- New Year’s Day Worship** – This year New Year’s Day also falls on Sunday. There will be no youth or children’s Sunday School and adult Sunday School classes will meet as each class determines. Check with your class teacher. Worship will be held in the sanctuary at 11am.

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Deacon of the Month - November
Ken Johnson 276-608-2384



CHURCH CALENDAR

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SUNDAY SCHOOL
Attendance for Sunday, November 20
In-person/Zoom Study Groups - 103

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Extended Session Workers
November 27, 2022
Carrie Trivett & Charlene Phelps

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Worship Technicians:

Jerry Culberson
Laura Harris
Sid Lanier
Ray Minor
Amanda Perry
Tony Roberts
Cathy Shelton
Mel Shelton

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Car Ministry
November 27 - Tony Roberts 698-6319

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Financial Update
November 20, 2022

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Budget Funds
Weekly Budget Needs \$8,464.00
Received 11/20/2022 \$5,891.00
YTD Total Expenses \$382,708.68
YTD Total Receipts \$343,514.89

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Building Fund
To-date \$100,860.99

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Mended Women Offering
To-date \$1,100.00

SUNDAY **November 27**
9:45am Sunday School
In-Person/Zoom
11:00am Worship In-person or
Livestream Worship
Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo
2:00pm Hearts of Gold
Choir Room

WEDNESDAY **November 30**
5:00pm Fellowship Supper

Menu:
Taco salad, assorted desserts
5:30pm New Horizons Class
6:00pm Children's Music (grades K-5)
Youth Group (grades 6-12)
Adult Bible Study
"Angels & Shepherds"
Luke 2:8-20
Chapel

6:45pm Children's Missions with Carrie
Youth Missions with Lisa
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Choir Room

SATURDAY **December 3**
9:30am Breakfast with Santa
Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Abingdon Christmas Parade
Main St.

Gifts...

Have been given in memory of:
...Debbie McKerny



We start streaming at 10:45am

Tune in to check your connection
and to prepare for Worship
Service will begin at 11:00am



Full in-person or Livestream Worship.
Doors open at 10:45am

Congratulations to Gabe Hoyle! He placed 2nd in Bass 2 for "All District".
There were 16 students in the District that auditioned for Bass 2.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Recuperating:

Matthew Childers

Treatments Continuing/Pending:

Nick Abel, Nadine Culberson, Lendy Dunaway, Tristan Duncan, Richard Foil, Carole Fuller, Lee Garrett, Denise Gobble, Bill Hedrick, Harold Jackson, Hunter Land, Karen Lane, Scyrethia Mullins, Rita Reynolds, Press Stanley, Joyce Vanover.

Long Term:

Ainsley Berry, Curtis Burkett, Matthew Childers, Barbara Compton, Barbara Dunn, Wayne Hayter, Lucille Heath, Bruce Hicks, Wayne McCall, Karen McMurray, George Owens, John Seymour, Park Shropshire, Earl Sleeper, Rachel Stout.

Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:

Jan Derting, Harold & Masel Dunaway, Jimmy Hughes, Christine Kohr, Genevive McCall, Virginia Moore, Sue Munsey, Joanna Owens, Margaret Roe, Howard Smith.

Homebound:

Renva Gunter, Jim Jones, Grace Kiser, Dale Orfield, Shirley Turner, Jimmy Repass.

Homebound of the Week **Margaret Roe**

	<p>This week we want to lift up Sergeant L. Campbell Abingdon Police Department Kristopher Price Teresa Price Washington County Sherriff's Dept.</p>
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Thursday, December 1

- Margaret Deans

Friday, December 2

- Eula Smith
- Michael Johnson

Saturday, December 3

- Rita Bailey
- Janiece Hughes

Sunday, December 4

- Don Farmer

Continued from Pastor Bill...

Here are some other important Christmas Season programming changes and notes:

Wednesday Night Meal & Activities – There will be no Wednesday night meal, Bible study, or other activities on the Wednesday of Thanksgiving week (11/23) and on two Wednesdays during the Christmas season (12/21, 12/28). While there will be no meal on 12/21, the pastor will have Bible Study at 6pm in the chapel that evening.

Wednesday Children's and Youth Activities – Our children and youth will not meet for Bible study, music, and missions activities on Wednesday 12/21 or 12/28. Normal Wednesday night programming for children and youth will resume on Wednesday, 1/4/23.

Sunday School – There will be no Sunday School on 12/25 and adult Sunday School only on 1/1/23 as each adult class decides. We will have worship services on both 12/25 and 1/1/23 at 11am as normal.

Church Office – The church office will be closed for Thanksgiving (11/23-25) and for Christmas Holiday Break (12/23/22 – 1/2/23). The church office will reopen on 1/3/23 at 9am. There will be no Banner the week of 12/26.

Lottie Moon Post Office Is Open – Instead of mailing your Christmas cards to other church members, please bring them to church and drop them off at the Lottie Moon Post Office (LMPO) located in Fellowship Hall. Our Lottie Moon elves will sort them and hand them out to our members. You can then donate the cost of the postage saved, not an insignificant amount these days, to our annual Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions. The LMPO will be open until Sunday, December 18.

Thanksgiving Offering for Mended Women – During November we will receive a



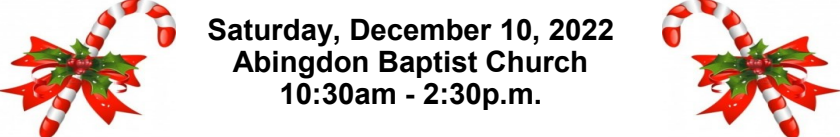
special offering to help launch this much-needed ministry. You can do good by giving your offering above your tithe by designating **MWLF** on the "for" line of your check or by selecting the "Mended Women Lifestyle Recovery" option on our online giving page. We thank God for placing this ministry in the hearts of those launching it and for giving us the opportunity to give and to be involved in His good work of mending and restoring those who are broken.

Bill

<p>December 3 9:30am Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Breakfast with Santa!</p>  <p>Breakfast, the Christmas Story, Christmas carols & Crafts, and a special visit from Santa</p>	<p>Abingdon Christmas PARADE</p> <p>December 3 6:00pm</p> <p>Please bring cookie donations to the church office or kitchen by noon on 12/2</p>
<p> Speedway In Lights  Children & Parents are invited to go see the holiday lights at the Bristol Motor Speedway on December 16, 2022 6:00pm Supper at the Church~6:45pm Depart \$5 Charge for this event-covers admission and meal. Register with Carrie or Lisa.</p>	

LADIES COOKIE EXCHANGE

Saturday, December 10, 2022
Abingdon Baptist Church
10:30am - 2:30p.m.



Ministers			Entire Congregation
Pastor	bbryan@abingdonbaptist.org	ext. 32	Rev. Dr. Bill Bryan
Minister of Music & Worship	showell@abingdonbaptist.org	ext. 23	Mr. Shawn Howell
Minister To Students	lwolfe@abingdonbaptist.org	ext. 24	Rev. Lisa Wolfe
Administrative Assistant	tvickers@abingdonbaptist.org	ext. 21	Mrs. Trina Vickers
Children's Ministry Assistant	ctrivett@abingdonbaptist.org		Miss Carrie Trivett
Church Organist			Mrs. Carol Clifton
Church Pianist			Mrs. Rose Payne

A church with a world mission and a world program in association with the Lebanon Baptist Association, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Southern Baptist Convention, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Baptist World Alliance.

Church office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm, Friday 9:00-12:00pm

Phone: 276/628-8126

PRAYER LINE: extension 42, FAX: 276/628-5743

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