

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**FRIDAY, December 14, 2007**

OFFICE CLOSED

6:45 am — Promise Keepers

**SUNDAY, December 16, 2007**

9:45 am — Sunday School

11:00 am — Children's Christmas Musical

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir Christmas Musical

**WEDNESDAY, December 19, 2007**

10:00 am - Calendar dates due for January 2008

6:00 pm - Children's Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 pm - Music Christmas Party (Joy Clifton)

**THURSDAY, December 20, 2007**

5:00 pm - Senior Adult Christmas Party (1st Baptist)

**FRIDAY, December 21, 2007**

OFFICE CLOSED

**SUNDAY, December 23, 2007**

9:45 am — Sunday School

11:00 am - Morning Worship

Youth Progression Caroling

No Evening Worship

**MONDAY, December 24, 2007**

OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK FOR CHRISTMAS

6 pm - Christmas Eve Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY, December 26, 2007**

No Church Activity

**SATURDAY, December 29, 2007**

10:00 am - Un-hanging of the Greens

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## THANK YOU'S

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very, very much for all your kindnesses shown during Daddy's illness and death. There are no words to express my love and appreciation for all the cards, food, flowers, phone calls and most of all the prayers. What a wonderful church family to be a part of!!

Janice Cole & Family

Dear Scholarship Committee & Congregation Members,

Thank you so much for the scholarship funds awarded to me. The money will be extremely helpful in finalizing my life's dream...a degree in veterinary medicine. I am scheduled to graduate in June 2008. Many of you have been like a member of my family my entire life. Your endless support is much appreciated and will not be forgotten.

Sincerely

Mary Tricia White

### THE INFORMER

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## OUR CHURCH STAFF

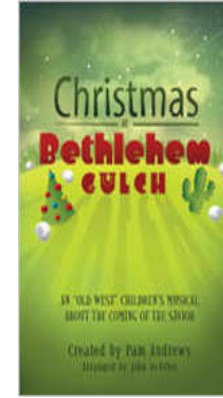
Ministers.....Congregation  
Minister of Music & Senior Adults.....Jeffery Spell  
Minister to Students and Families.....Jared Middleton  
Office Manager.....Martha Lolley  
Nursery.....Jessica Miller  
Organist.....Janice Cole  
Custodian.....Elaine McCall  
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# The Informer

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZLEHURST, GA

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

## Christmas Musical's Sunday, December 16th

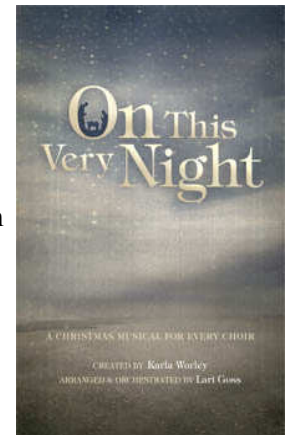


**11 A.M. Service** - An "Old West" Children's Musical About the Coming of the Savior.

**Christmas at Bethlehem Gulch** is a rip-roarin', down-home Christmas musical that takes place on a sheep ranch. When a group of kids arrive at Bethlehem Gulch for their annual Christmas Party, things are going great until the children realize that they have mistakenly chosen a sheep ranch for their Christmas celebration.

### 7 P. M. Service - Chancel Choir - *On This Very Night*

reveals a heartfelt perspective and profound truth: that God came to real people, and His coming had real implications for their lives. We can relate to them because God comes to us every day, and His presence provokes a response. How we respond to God reveals the condition of our hearts. Sometimes, what is revealed is a surprise to us.



The **Handbell Choir** will also be presenting their special Christmas music for the holiday season.

## OUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For: Rev. Hamp Watson, Barbara Pace Carter, Ruby Antwine (Lynn Spell's Mother), Roger & Carolyn Lynn, Walter & Ruby Jo Hinson, Sanford Faught, Gravin Vickens, Wilbur Walker, Jimmy Lowe Family.

## OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, December 9, 2007

Sunday School.....78  
Morning Worship .....128

## OUR GIFTS

STEWARDSHIP REPORT For the week December 9, 2007

General Budget Received — \$2,995.38  
General & Special Accounts Received — \$3,706.83  
Total Paid on 2007 Apportionments — \$9,540.00

## LIVING MEMORIALS

**To Myrle Bryan** by Carroll & Gloria Girtman.  
**To S.L. "Emma" Powell** by Dr. Steve Morris.  
**To Verta Lee Spires** by Dr. Steve Morris.  
**To Wayne Powell** by Pete Lacey, Gerald Anderson.  
**To Albert "Mac" McKinney, Jr.** by Charles Dennard.  
**To Jimmy Lowe** by James & Shae Carter, Buck & Jane Elder, Jimmy, Gina, Matthew & Andrew Morris, Carroll & Gloria Girtman, Dianne Crosby.



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP December, 2007

**USHERS:** Charles Cole, Kerry Harrison, Phil Merritt, Joe Swain  
**OFFERING STEWARDS:** Jimmy Maley, Alan Strawn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Christmas Eve Communion

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be held December 24 beginning at 6 PM.

### White Christmas Fund

We are now accepting donations for our yearly White Christmas love offering which are Christmas gifts for our staff. You can place your gift in the offering plate marked White Christmas or bring your monies to the church office by December 19th.

### Fundraisers

The Youth are selling 2008 Calendars (\$7), Greeting cards (\$7) and Boston Butts (\$20). Please see our youth if you would like to purchase any of these.

### Wednesday Night Children's Program

Need volunteers for the Wednesday night Children's program. If you can help out on Wednesday's call Jared Middleton at 375-4555.

### Lost at Appreciation Dinner

Pam Harrell lost her white oval corning ware casserole dish at the Appreciation Dinner. There was a white rectangular dish left in the kitchen that night. Please check to see if you might have picked up her dish and let her know.

**Remember** that this is a good time of year to give to the Church for tax purposes. We are collecting monies to help pay our 2007 apportionments and this would be a great time to give.

### Children Church Volunteers

12-16 Brenda Merritt  
12-23 Roxie Crosby  
12-30 Gay Harrison



### Sunday Morning Breakfast list

12-16 Janice Conley  
12-23 Donna Faught & Mary Hulett  
12-30 Wendel & Mary Thomas



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Leigh Spann and David Hughes on their marriage in Charlotte, S.C. on December 14th.

## NOTES FROM JEFFERY

Our Christmas musical, **On This Every Night**, will be presented on Sunday evening, December 16th at 7:00 P.M. The Handbells will also be presenting their special Christmas music for the holiday season. This Christmas, stand in the shoes of those who first heard the news that Christ was coming. On this very night, everything's changed: God is among us! We look forward to a great evening celebrating the birth of our Lord!

**Chancel Choir:** Only two rehearsals left! I need **everyone** to be present at both remaining rehearsals:

Wednesday, Dec. 12th @ 7:15

Sunday, Dec. 16th @ 3:30 (dress rehearsal)

The dress rehearsal for the **Handbell Team** will be Sunday, Dec. 16 @ 4:30.

The **Handbell Team** will be playing at Wal-Mart on Friday, December 14th @ 6:00 P.M.

The **Music Ministry Christmas Party** will be Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Tyler & Joy Clifton. Spouses/Guests are invited too. Bring a \$10 exchange gift...and your favorite finger food and come enjoy lots of holiday fun!

**Attention Senior Adults:** Our monthly Senior Adults Luncheon for December will be a joint Christmas Party with the senior adults of First United Methodist and First Baptist church to be held Thursday, December 20th @ 5:00 P.M. at the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church. If you are planning to attend, please let me know. This will be a provided/catered event with no fee charged to the Senior Adults. A great program scheduled...you don't want to miss this special event.

### *Notes from Jared*

I've spoken to Santa and he has asked me to invite all the children and the families Wednesday December 19th @ 6pm. Come and see Santa, there will be lots of fun and treats!

## CONGRATULATIONS

There is going to be an addition to the Middleton family. Yes Robin and Jared will be having a baby in 2008. Congratulation Robin and Jared, this is the greatest gift from God that anyone can receive.