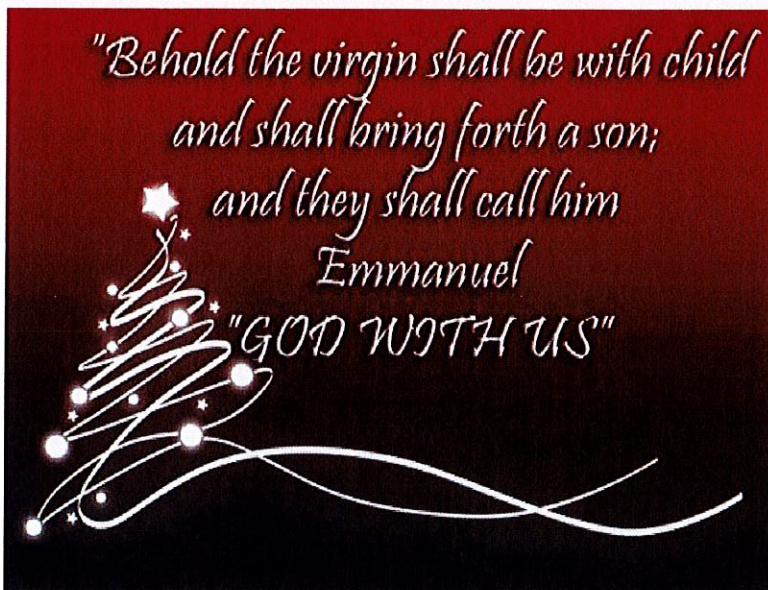


# ALLEN MEMORIAL *Baptist Church*

## December 2024 Newsletter

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*"This is how the birth of Jesus came about..." (Matthew 1:18)*

Stories are wonderful things. Unique characters, interesting settings, and some well-placed plot twists all work together to keep us on the edge of our seats as we await the end of story. We have all read or heard that unexpected moment that changes everything about the story with which are engaged.

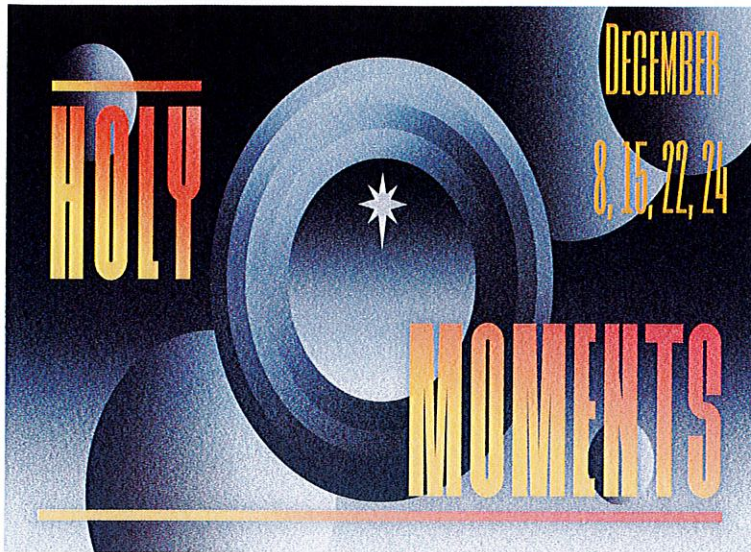
Such is the Christmas story — not so much a story, but a real-life account of what actually occurred so many years ago. Every life is a continual collection of moments. Some may seem mundane and unimportant, and yet there are others that dramatically shift the course of life.

In the account of the early life of Jesus, these could be considered "Holy Moments." Unexpected events that totally changed everything. Heaven came to earth, and everything was turned on its head. The Savior of the world was born and brought us joy, peace with God, and hope for the future.

As we make our way toward Christmas Day, may we daily look and consider all that God has done for us and be amazed at his great gift of love. *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."* (Luke 2:14)

Pastor Scott

# COME JOIN US!



Each Sunday we have an opportunity to stay connected in worship by attending our Sunday service to enjoy to a shared message and study through Scripture. Join us as we enjoy our worship and messages with Pastor Scott Burtis.

You are encouraged to join with us in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 9:45am and at 11:15am for our Sunday School. We are also live streaming on YouTube. Check our website at [www.ambccandor.com](http://www.ambccandor.com) for more details.

## Phil and Martha Matthews Missionaries to Ireland



Phil and Martha are asking for prayers for their family as Phil recently lost his sister to cancer and their daughter, Julia, who lives in Nashville is currently undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer. One of Phil's duties is as chaplain of the hospice—please pray for strength and grace as he ministers to patients and families facing very similar situations.

During the month of November, they were taking some time to reflect and pray as they seek God's leading for 2025.

They ask if you ~~have a chance to~~ talk to strangers and find chances to share your faith? Maybe you have everyday conversations with family, co-workers or friends. Invite the Holy Spirit to be a part of these conversations. You may be surprised how open people can be to these conversations.

Announcements and articles for this newsletter should be received by Tammy Podufalski by the **23rd of the month prior to publication**. You can send your information to Tammy by email at [ambcsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:ambcsecretary@hotmail.com), text at 607-280-4039 or by placing your announcement in the Secretary box in the hallway near the offices.

**WAYS TO GIVE YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:**

In person—drop your check, cash or pew envelope in one of the boxes located in the Fellowship Hall or front of the church.

Online—[www.ambccandor.com/give](http://www.ambccandor.com/give)

Text—text your amount to 607-333-7858



**Mark your Calendar**

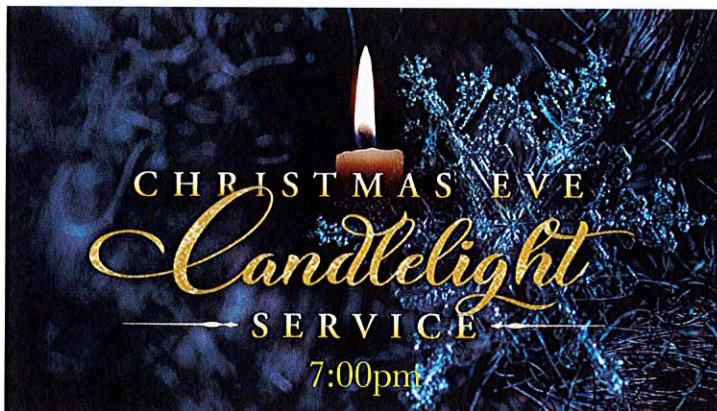
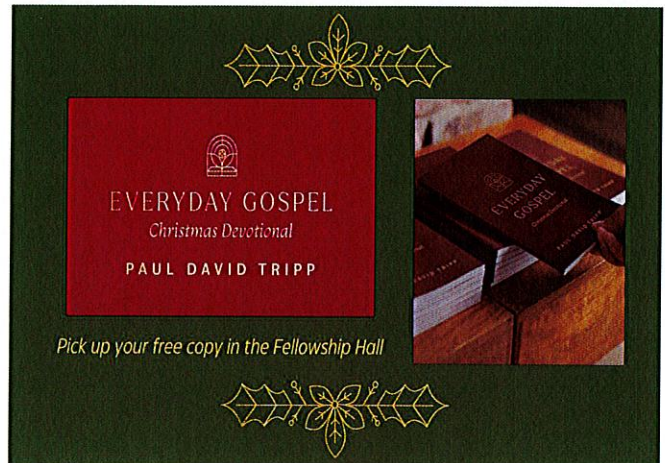
- December 1 Communion
- December 7 7:30am Men's Breakfast at Rustic Griddle  
7:30am Women's Coffee & Chat
- December 10 6:00pm Deaconesses' Meeting  
6:30pm Trustees' Meeting
- December 12 3:00pm Deacons' Meeting
- December 15 Birthday Celebration at Fellowship Time  
Christmas Caroling after Fellowship Time
- December 22 No Sunday School
- December 24 7:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- December 25 Christmas Day

**Every Wednesday (subject to change):**

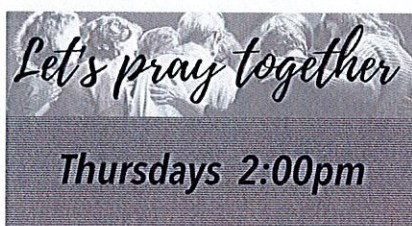
6:00pm Pickleball in the gym

**Every Thursday**

2:00pm Time of Prayer



Can we pray for you? Go to our website and click on **I NEED PRAYER**.



If you are interested in joining a group of us who will be praying for online prayer requests that come in through our website, please contact Tammy Podufalski and she can add you to the email list.

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15 Birthday Celebration Christmas Caroling B-Joan Meddaugh B-Joe Ragsdale	16	17	18 6:00-8:00pm Pickleball B-Betty McGrew	19 2:00pm Time of Prayer B-Mike Westgate	20 B-Ashton Teribury	21
22 No Sunday School	23	24 7:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service B-Addison Aman	25 Christmas Day	26 2:00pm Time of Prayer	27 B-Bill Lunn	28
29 A-Chet & Tammy Podufalski	30 B-Arianna Aman	31				