

The Caller

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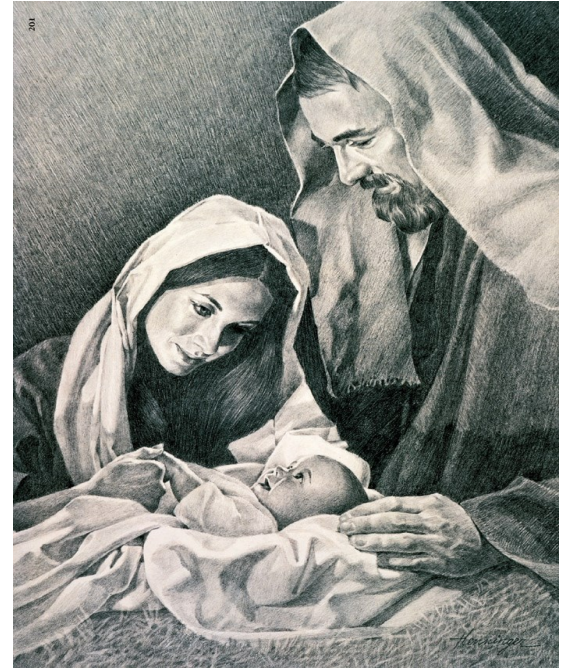
Christmas... Oh that very special time of year...

*Christ our Savior came to the world
as an innocent little baby.*

*Grew into manhood and died the
sacrificial death on the cross
that paid the sin debt of mankind.*

*Making a way for reconciliation
back to God our Father.*

*May God bless you with a holy and wondrous
Christmas and Happy New Year!*



Sharon Smith and Karen Reed



**The Office Will Be Closed
Dec 26-27, 2016 and
January 2, 2017
for the holiday season**

Reminder!!!

Just a reminder that we will **not** be publishing
a January 2017 issue of the Caller.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Church News!

BLACKBERRY ... Nov Christmas Shoeboxes. Dec. 3rd Dinner and a Movie, Movie "Paper Angels" Dec. 11th Youth Leaders, Hosted, "Christmas Shop," for the children. Month of Dec. WMU is Sponsoring, The Christmas Card Post Office. All Donations will go to The Lottie Moon Offering. Dec. 18th Lessons and Carols, Blessed with Family, Fellowship, and good food. Merry Christmas to all, from your Sisters and Brothers at Blackberry Baptist Church.

COLLINSVILLE, FIRST ... BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - Dec 10, 9am, church social hall. Pancake breakfast, Children's Puppet Ministry and a special visit from Mr and Mrs Santa Claus. CHRISTMAS CANTATA - Dec 18, 11am. Christmas! We Remember, Rejoice, Worship. Performed by the FBCC Adult Choir and directed by Penny Decker. CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE - Dec 24.

FORT TRIAL ... Drama "The Ornament" 7:00 pm Friday Dec. 2; Saturday 2:00 pm Dec. 3; Sunday Dec. 4, 6:00 pm. (Free tickets Available in Church Office) December 18 10:00 am "Happy Birthday Jesus"; 6:00 pm Children's Program and Fellowship to follow. December 21 Caroling 1:00 and 6:00 pm December 25 Christmas Worship 10:30 am Saturday November 26 and Thursday December 8 - Charlotte "Operation Christmas Child"

FULLER MEMORIAL ... November 14, church representatives attended the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia 2016 Annual Homecoming at the First Baptist Church of Roanoke at which time we were welcomed as new members of the SBCV. November 16, our Golden Jewels provided their annual delicious Thanksgiving lunch for members and guests. November 20, we hosted the gospel singing group RIGHT TURN. We also are providing Christmas shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse.

KEARFOTT MEMORIAL ... On Monday, Dec 5, we are having special music with Rod Propes. All are welcome to join us! Our Hanging of the Greens service will be held on Wednesday, Dec 7, at 1:00 PM. We will enjoy a Christmas Lunch on Dec 18, after the worship service. We are collecting items for the residents of Stanleytown Nursing Home.

MARTINSVILLE, FIRST ... 11/20-Hanging of the Green; 12/4-Library Bake Sale after Worship; 12/6-Senior Adults go to Primland; 12/11-Choir Christmas Music Presentation followed by Christmas Dinner Fellowship; 12/24-Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service; 12/25-Christmas Day Worship Service; Richard's Dinner (Community Christmas Meal).

McCABE ... Our 19th annual "Happy Birthday Jesus" party at Wal-Mart Dec 3rd 11am-1pm. "Breakfast with Santa" Dec 10th 9:00am-10:30am. New Life Singers Christmas music during morning worship Dec 11th. Our December "Free Community Meal" Dec 14th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Adult Choir Cantata, "While the World Slept", Dec 18th at 11am. Live nativity Dec 20th, 22nd & 23rd from 6pm-8pm nightly. "Lessons and Carols" candlelight service Dec 21st at 7pm. Morning worship on Christmas Day at 10am.

MOUNT VERNON... Dec- 1st "Just Us"@ Blue Ridge Rehab. 3rd Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 4-9th Week of Prayer- International Missions. 8th Christmas Cantata @ Blue Ridge Rehab 7:00 p.m. 10th Youth Lock-in. 17th Outreach Ornament Distribution. 18th Christmas Cantata 11:00 a.m. Children's Program 6:00 p.m. 21st-Christmas Caroling 5:30 p.m. 24th-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 5:00 p.m. Jan-8th-22nd Winter Bible Study 5:30 p.m. 22nd Baptist Men's Day. 29th Youth Lead in Morning Services

OAK LEVEL ... 26 shoeboxes given for Operation Christmas Child. Dec 4, 12:30 - 2:00 PM, Christmas Open House at Parsonage. Dec 11, 5:30 PM, Angel Tree Service and Christmas play. Dec 24, 4:00 PM, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Revival in November resulted in two professions of faith. Church is collecting items for Good News Jail Ministry. We have a Sunday School social on Jan 29 at 10 a.m. for all classes

ORCHARD DRIVE ... Thanksgiving Day Community Meal held Nov.24 around 800 meals served, Brotherhood Breakfast Dec. 12 8:00 am, Dec. 4th Christmas Caroling and Christmas Celebration Dinner 4:00 pm Caroling & 6:00 pm Dinner, Dec. 18 11:00 am Christmas Program A Time to Celebrate! Dec. 24 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 25 11:00 am Worship Service.

POCAHONTAS BASSETT ... The "Advent Pipes" Organ Concerts continue on December 8th and 15th from 12:15 until 12:45 PM. Our upcoming Pickers' and Fiddlers' Songfests will be on December 10th and January 14th from 10 AM until 12 Noon. The next Community Meals will be on December 15th and January 19th at 5:30 PM. The CBF Offering for Global Missions will be taken up in December.

STARLING AVENUE ... This month our children will share with our homebound and the residents of Blue Ridge Manor. Our youth collected 446 lbs. of food for Grace Network during a "Pantry Raid". They will be going to Old Salem for the Candle Tea and Tanglewood Lights. Our adults will have a fellowship on Dec. 6 at the Dutch Inn. Our choir will present special music in a service called Lessons and Carols on Dec. 18.

VILLA HEIGHTS ... The WMU are collecting items for the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 19, 2017

7:00 PM

Association Office



This & That...

Dec Anniversaries

(no anniversaries this month)

Dec Birthdays

7 – George Hearn, Retired Minister
14 – Karl Hoyer, Interim Pastor, Orchard Drive
20 – Tony Beach, Assoc Pastor, Fort Trial
30 – Susan Spangenberg, Youth/Children, Starling Avenue

Dec Calendar

6 **Minister/Spouse Christmas Party, 5:30 PM, Rania's**
15 Ministerial Association, 10:30 AM
26-27 **Office Closed for Christmas Holiday**

Jan Anniversaries

1 – Larry Cheek, Pastor, Collinsville, First, 9 yrs.
1 – Phyllis Compton, Secretary, Fontaine, 12 yrs.
1 – Lorrie Anderson, Secretary, Blackberry, 5 yrs.
1 – Derek Futrell, Pastor, Hillcrest, 2 yrs.
3 – Bob Thurman, Pastor, Kearfott Memorial, 7 yrs.
3 – David Boarman, Pastor, Fairview, 1 yr.
9 – Denise Belcher, Secretary, Fort Trial, 14 yrs.
11 – Ruby Huff, Asst. Secretary, Collinsville, First, 5 yrs.
15 – Marsha Garren, Secretary, Martinsville, First, 42 yrs.
24 – JoAnn Byrd, Min of Music, McCabe, 21 yrs.
31 – Susan Witt, Admin Asst, Pocahontas Bassett, 12 yrs.

Jan Birthdays

1 – Joey McNeill, Pastor, Fort Trial
2 – Sandy Moses, Secretary, Collinsville, First
9 – Jane Richardson, Office Asst., Hillcrest
11 – Daniel Reed, Assoc Pastor/Children&Youth, Ft Trial
12 – Matthew Dodrill, Assoc Pastor/Family Min & Educ, Martinsville, First
13 – Glenda Inman, Min of Music, Villa Heights
21 – David Adkins, Retired Minister
31 – George Agnew, Retired Minister

Jan Calendar

12-14 **National Fellowship of Raceway Ministries Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN**
17 Ministerial Association, 10:30 AM
19 **News for the Caller due in Association Office**
19 **Executive Committee, 7:00 PM, Association Office**
22 **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**

Good News Jail & Prison Ministry

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Nov. 3rd Banquet, which the Lord blessed. We are excited to see the launch of several "Living Free" 12-Step Groups inside the jails. Inmates are eagerly signing up for this life-changing Scriptural curriculum from Teen Challenge. Several churches are collecting items for the Christmas gift bags. Mentoring and aftercare opportunities exist, if you contact us. Training provided. A blessed Christmas celebrating Christ! *Chaplain John Quinlan*

**News for the
February Caller
is Due January 19, 2017**

Martinsville Speedway and Grace Network
are again partnering for the
MARTINSVILLE SPEEDWAY TOY DRIVE
Saturday, December 10, 2016
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Drive your car on the track by donating
\$10.00 or a new, unwrapped toy valued at
\$10.00.

**Enjoy world famous
Martinsville Speedway
hotdogs!**



**PLUS KIDS CAN VISIT WITH
SANTA FROM 11 A.M.—1 P.M.**
So don't forget to bring your
cameras for this photo opportunity

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."



~Isaiah 9:6

HCBA Monthly Financial Report October 2016

Receipts:

Church Contributions	\$3,165.05
Interest	.79
Pregnancy Care Ctr (annual mtg)	<u>1,003.00</u>
Total receipts	\$4,168.84
Total Expenditures	\$3,151.94
Operating Balance	\$99,713.28

Annual Meeting Wrap-up

We want to thank everyone who made our annual meeting this past October a great success. We know this is a perilous task since it always takes a large number of people to make it happen and some names get left out. So let me begin by saying that when a group is mentioned all individuals in that group are recognized as important to its success. So here goes:

Our thanks begin with Shirley Craven and the Annual Meeting Team that put together a great program. Among those was the wonderful variety of music that was brought together by Pat McKinster and the Music Team; there was music to satisfy all tastes.

Tastes were further tantalized by the tasty meal provided by our hosts at Hillcrest Baptist Church. From the time of arrival to the end of the evening, Hillcrest, in teamwork with the Registration and Hospitality Teams, made the evening a pleasant get together for all.

A sad moment of the evening happened as Janet Copenhaver and Carol Lewis, Villa Heights, led a tribute for our loved ones who have been called home to the Lord when we observed that many of our churches had losses in double digits. We thank Teresa Davis, and her daughter Lori Beth, for being with us as we paid honor to Eldred Davis in a special resolution. Eldred Davis, long time head of the HCBA Raceway Ministries, died unexpectedly this summer.

Our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. John Chandler, Executive Director of Spence Network, capped off the evening with a message on our theme from 2 Timothy which challenged us to continue the work God has called us to do. We look ahead to the coming year, being led by the groups, facilitators, teams, and committees which you selected.

Thanks again to all. It was a great evening.

Senior Adults

Silent Night Holy Night

What beautiful words when we take time to think about them. But we have to slow down to do that. Put on the excitement of a child with the anticipation of the birth of our Savior. Sing Joy to the World as you walk down grocery aisles. Say Merry Christmas to all you meet. Pretend you are the shepherds with glad tidings to tell. Make JESUS your reason for this season. We will not be having

our Senior Adult meeting in January so I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don't forget those cookies and milk for Me...I mean Santa Claus!

Susan Blevins



Senior Adult Trip

New York City Tour

December 4—7, 2017

(Monday—Thursday)

Package Includes

- Motorcoach—New Model
- 3 nights lodging in New York City area at NJ
- 3 Buffet Breakfasts
- 3 Dinners including 1 in NJ, 1 in New York City seeing skyline of New York at night!
- Hotel Taxes, Baggage Handling & Meal Gratuities

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Price Per Person:

\$1040 Double; \$1020 Triple; \$1010 Quad; \$1299 Single

Make all checks payable to Patsy's Tours and send to Betsy. **Do not make checks payable to Betsy Ivey!** Travel Insurance for an extra charge of \$98 and is non-refundable. Tickets involved and no refund unless you have insurance or find a replacement. **We must have at least 30 people.**

Deposit of \$300 per person to be paid by Feb 24, 2017.