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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 A.M. ROBIN CLASS
11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP

CHURCH STAFF

DAVID L. PHILLIPS, PASTOR
JACKIE PHILLIPS, MUSIC DIRECTOR
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DEBORAH BALCH, ADMIN. SECRETARY

Cradock Baptist Church . . .

Helping people to connect with God & with each

MONTH-AT-A-GLANCE

November 27-30 - Church Office
Closed: Secretary Away

December 3 - Christmas in Cradock
9:30 a.m. IMB Prayer Brunch @ Port Norfolk
2-4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Celebration

December 3-10 - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Emphasis: Goal is \$500

December 5 - 7:00 p.m. Cradock Civic League Meeting

December 9 - 10:30 a.m. Deacons Meeting

December 10 - 11:00 a.m. Cantata

December 13 - Newsletter Deadline
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

December 15-16 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Living Nativity Scene

December 17 - 11:00 a.m. Cradock Family Christmas Program and Christmas Luncheon

December 24 - 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

December 25 - *Happy Birthday Jesus!*

December 31-January 1 - New Year's Eve & Day

Digital Committee

Our technical difficulties have been resolved! The worship services are being recorded and are available to those requesting copies. We know you will want to hear our choir and musicians as we celebrate Christmas through the music ministry of our church. Please call the church office and let us know you would like to receive a CD.

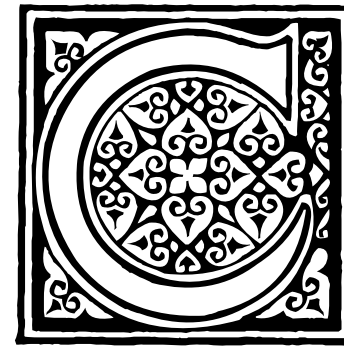
Week of Prayer for the IMB Missionaries and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 3-10 is the Week of Prayer for our IMB Missionaries and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. A prayer guide and offering envelope will be in your bulletin on Sunday, December 3. Our goal is \$500. What better way to start the Advent

With the collection of more than 50 Bibles for the prison ministry at the Hampton Roads Regional, this mission project is complete for now. Thank you for your donations and support of this outreach opportunity. And, thank you Linda Mathews for leading us in supporting the prison ministry.



Remember that your end-of-the year contributions must be postmarked and dated by December 31st in order to receive credit for this year.



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

PASTOR'S NOTES

There are a lot of important dates in the month of December. Do not forget the special musical program on Sundays, December 10 and 17, our Living Nativity on December 15-16, and our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on December 24. You will want to be a part of these activities.

The first Sunday of Advent is December 3. The Advent Season which celebrates the coming of the Christ Child is a very important time in the lives of Christians. With all the commercial buzz at this time of the year, let us pause and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Christ came as a child in the most meager of circumstances to dwell among us and show us first hand what God is like. For it was God's great love for us that He sent His One and Only Son to ultimately do for us what we could not do for ourselves. So let us celebrate Christmas with the central focus on its true meaning, the coming of God with us. Since the essence of God is love, let us practice love this Christmas with everyone we meet. Just maybe they will take note and wonder why we are sharing that love and inquire to the reason. The first step to reaching people is our reaching out and reaching out in love at Christmas is where it all began.

Together with Christ by our side, let's make this Advent Season and Christmas very special for ourselves as well as others!



Merry Christmas

In His Service, Dave

CHOIR/CANTATA

I would like to THANK ALL OF YOU for your love, support and encouragement this past year. You have been and are a true blessing to me: personally, and in my ministry here. I pray for and look forward to the blessings God has in store for us next year.

You may not realize we are not the only church Tristi plays for! Unfortunately, she has had some schedule changes and her last Sunday with us will be December 10. We'll miss her sweet personality and wonderful talent. On December 17, we'll be blessed with the wonderful talent of Simeon Kim!!! His schedule has also changed and he will be back with us. TRULY, THE LORD HAS BLESSED US!!!!



CHRISTMAS Musical Programs

On December 10, we will be blessed with a full service of music. Our favorite orchestra members will accompany our congregational singing, choir and soloists. Our choir has been faithfully preparing some lovely Christmas music and will be joined by Cindy (Cary) Anderson, Ernestine's daughter, and Toni Troxell.

On December 17, our "Cradock Family Christmas" has been revised to include music by the choir and Simeon Kim. The prelude will be a special arrangement of "O Come, All Ye Faithful" - perfect for Simeon's first Sunday back - and includes the choir and congregation! Our Christmas luncheon will follow the service.

Please continue to keep the choir and their families in your prayers as they continue preparations for a season of blessed Christmas music.

Jackie

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On Sunday, December 17, immediately following the morning worship service, we will have our annual Christmas Luncheon. Each member should bring a vegetable dish and dessert to share. The church will provide the meat and drinks.

Don't miss out on this time of food, fellowship and celebration!

Strategic Planning Committee

Our efforts now turn to the Living Nativity scheduled for December 15th & 16th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Once again live animals from the Teeny Tiny Farm will be part of the nativity. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.



Thank you to all who donated more than 50 Bibles to the Hampton Roads Regional Jail. We appreciate Linda Mathews leading us in supporting this effort.

We continue to serve dinner to anywhere from 15 to 25 children and youth on Wednesday nights. Following dinner, the children are being taught by Linda Mathews and Shirley Allsbrook. Erin Bracy and Teena Wise are leading the youth group.

The Her Shelter is now open and accepting donations. They are using part of the storehouse space and accepting donations on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

If you have outreach ideas, please share them with us.

Thank you for allowing us to serve as the Strategic Planning Committee. Merry Christmas from all of us Jackie Phillips, Jeannette Fritts, Phyllis Kraatz, Shirley Allsbrook and Billie Sue Taylor.

FINANCIAL CORNER

Financial Report (1/1/17 thru 10/31/17)

Income:	<i>\$98,007.66</i>
Expenses :	<i>\$102,100.36</i>
Net Income:	<i>(\$4,092.70)</i>

Summary: expenses exceeded income by \$4,092.70

Thanksgiving Love Offering goal: \$5,000

Contributions thus far: \$830

Children & Youth Activities

During the month of December there will be some changes in the schedule of activities due to the holidays.

CELEBRATE JESUS' BIRTHDAY! On Saturday, December 9, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. we will celebrate Christ's birth with a party in the upstairs social hall for the children of the church and the community.

There will be no regular children/youth programs on Wednesday evenings, December 20 and 27.

Acteens will meet on the first two Thursdays as usual and then will be on break until after the first of the year.

There will be no Movie Night in December.

The Living Nativity will be Friday and Saturday, December 15-16, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Thank you to all who supported the Storehouse this Thanksgiving. We were able to help about six families. Each family appreciated the food provided to them for this holiday season. This act of kindness helped to make several families happy and grateful. Thank you again to everyone for generosity and the love and Christian witness our church was able to share with those less fortunate.

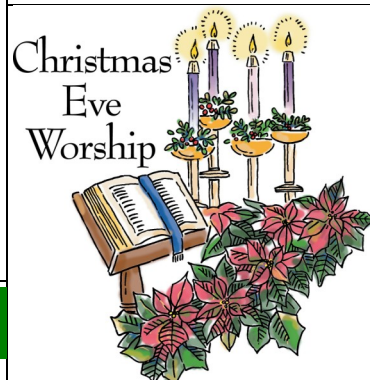


December Birthdays

- 4 Lucille Perry
- 15 Dolores Knight
- 22 Jack Carr
- 23 Bobby Hartsell
- 25 William Davis

December Anniversaries

- 6 Mike & Rita Coley



*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
Sunday,
December 24th,
7:00 p.m.*

The Deacons will assemble together on Saturday, December 9 at 10:30 a.m. for their monthly meeting along with a little Christmas food and fellowship.



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God came to Earth in the Christmas birth of a tiny baby boy, whose life and death are redeeming us yet with blessings, grace and joy.

Our minds may know this history, but stand in awe at mystery.

So faith becomes the way to make our hearts like "manger hearts,"

Where Christ can dwell and God imparts his wondrous love each day.

—Peggy Ferrell

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Deacon of the Week: 12/3 – Michelle Evans, 12/10 – Phyllis Kraatz, 12/17 – Carolyn Christensen, 12/24 – Michelle Evans and 12/31 - Thelma Carr					1 Church Office Closed	2 9:30 AM IMB Prayer Brunch @ Port Norfolk
December 3-10: IMB Week of Prayer/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering						
3 1st Sunday of Advent 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Robin Class 11:00 AM Worship Service	4 6:00 PM Knitting Nights	5 7:00 PM Cradock Civic League	6 6:00 PM Children/Youth 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Dress Rehearsal	7 6:00 PM Acteens	8 Church Office Closed	9 10:30 AM Staff/Deacon Mtg. 2:00-4:00 PM Children's Christmas Celebration
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17 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Robin Class 11:00 AM Worship Service/ CBC Family Christmas Luncheon	18	19	20 No Children/Youth	21	22 1st Day of Winter Church Office Closed	23
24 4th Sunday of Advent 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Robin Class 11:00 AM Worship Service 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed	26	27 No Children/Youth	28	29 Church Office Closed	30
31 New Year's Eve 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Robin Class 11:00 AM Worship Service	1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed					