



DECEMBER, 2025 NEWSLETTER
FOUR MILE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
2950 New Market Road
Henrico, Virginia 23231



- **December 2nd: The Mattie Wrenn WMU Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.**
- **December 4, 11, 18: Prayer Warriors meet at 10:00 a.m.**
- **December 7th: Communion Observed**
- **December 11th: WMU Primetime meets at 6:30 p.m.**
- **December 14th: Pastor Buddy and Anne's Christmas Breakfast. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS DAY.**
- **December 14th: Called Business Meeting following our Worship Service to vote/approve the proposed 2026 church budget.**
- **December 14: Last day to contribute to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.**
- **December 15th: CSC Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**
- **December 25th: Christmas Day – Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**
- **Marty Munn is our "Shut-In for December." Cards and letters can be sent to her at Barrington at Hioaks, Room 239, 350 Hioaks Road, Richmond VA 23225**
- **FISH for December is cereal.**
- **December 29th: This is the deadline for articles, etc. to be sent for the January, 2026 Newsletter.**



THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR

*“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” – **Isaiah 7:14***

*“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” – **Micah 5:2***

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” – **Isaiah 9:6***

*“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.” – **Jeremiah 23:5***

*“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.” – **Isaiah 11:1***

*“But the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.’” – **Luke 1:30-31***

*“The angel answered, ‘The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; so the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.’” – **Luke 1:35***

*“‘I am the Lord’s servant,’ Mary answered. ‘May your word to me be fulfilled.’ Then the angel left her.” – **Luke 1:38***

*“And Mary said: ‘My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.’” – **Luke 1:46-47***

The Journey to Bethlehem

The journey to Bethlehem is not just a physical trip but a representation of our journey of faith. As Mary and Joseph traveled to fulfill the census, we see their dedication and commitment to God’s will. They faced challenges and uncertainty yet remained obedient. This part of the story encourages us to trust God during our journeys, no matter how daunting they may seem. Just like Mary and Joseph, we might find ourselves wandering on

paths we never envisioned, but perhaps these are the paths that lead us closer to God's purpose for us. Let's embrace the lessons learned from their travels and remember that God is with us every step of the way.

"So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem, the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David." – Luke 2:4

"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born." – Luke 2:6

"And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." – Luke 2:7

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night." – Luke 2:8

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'" – Luke 2:10-11

"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." – Luke 2:12

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'" – Luke 2:13-14

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." – John 1:14





The Creek

Write in the Middle

As you look forward to Christmas, to what do you look forward? Is there anything specifically for which you hope? If you were all teenagers or younger, perhaps you would answer in terms of what will be under the tree on Christmas morning, the gifts that Santa or your parents have carefully prepared and wrapped for you and laid there for your enjoyment and delight. Yet for all those who look at Christmas time with more maturity and with a sense of the weight of reality around us, what do you wish would be wrapped and placed under the Christmas tree with the coming of the Baby Jesus?

- Perhaps you want peace and an end to terrorism...
- Perhaps you want health, physical strength and well-being throughout your mind and body...
- Perhaps you would love to see reconciliation in your family, among your friends, in the church or elsewhere among people in God's creation...
- Perhaps you just want to enjoy some financial, residential or vocational stability in the wake of difficult and turbulent economic markets...
- Perhaps you want some peace and stability in your personal, emotional and spiritual life as well, looking for answers to doubts, answers to prayer...
- Perhaps you look beyond just Christmas and think to the future of your children or grand-children and want to see them well, prosperous and mature in their faith and in their life...
- Perhaps you simply look forward with hope in enjoying your family, your relationships, your friends your children and all your loved ones...
- Perhaps you have hopes for your church that it would grow, both materially and spiritually as well as in its labor and its mission...

Yes, there is a good deal in the testimony about Christ that says that His mission on earth was a mission of love and salvation and nurture and peace. But it was also always a mission for justice as well. In a sinful world, justice is never easy. In a world of imperfection and mistakes, accidents, cruelty, selfishness and ignorance, justice can be very painful.

Jesus comes to earth to bring peace and justice, salvation, nurture and restoration as well as pain, justice change, and reformation.

Be careful what you hope for, as you are filled with hope at Christmas time.

Jesus is both the bringer of peace to those who need it, the herald and overseer of justice to righteous and offender alike, but Jesus is also the means to forgiveness, the vessel of grace and the means by which we are once again accepted into God's presence.

Be careful what you wish for and hope for both at Christmas time and at every time in your life. If you want the presence of Jesus, remember also to look at where you are standing, what you are doing, what the state of your heart is, how you are in agreement with God's will or out of agreement with God's way, then turn to God and want very much for his presence, with repentance, and hope in your heart, not only for the blessings of God, but also for the re-forming, the guidance and the restoration that can be humbling, challenging and even painful.

Have a blessed and wonderful Christmas Season.

I care about you, *Pastor Buddy*

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST



ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 10:15 A.M., PASTOR BUDDY AND ANNE WILL BE HOSTING BREAKFAST FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

PLEASE PLAN TO COME AND JOIN IN THIS TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUN.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS DAY!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

A graphic with the text "Merry Christmas Everyone" in a cursive font. The word "Merry" is in green, "Christmas" is in red, and "Everyone" is in green. A small red and white striped bomb is positioned above the letter 'i' in "Christmas", and a small red and white striped ring is positioned above the letter 'M' in "Merry". The background is a light gray with a subtle grid pattern.



Christmas Word Search



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BLITZEN
APPRECIATION
NUTCRACKER
ORNAMENTS

CHRISTMAS
COOKIES
CHIMNEY
SNOWMAN





Alexandra Purcell	1
Andy Neff	2
Sandy Thompson	8
Phyllis Andrews	15
Dawn Taylor	22



Mark & Janice Renick	13
Bill & Suzanne Ricks	20



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Mattie Wrenn WMU Meeting at 10:00 am	3	4 Prayer Warriors 10 am	5	6
7 Communion Observed Sunday School 9:15 am Church 10:30 am	8	9	10	11 Prayer Warriors 10 am WMU Primetime meet at 6:30 pm	12	13
14 Christmas Breakfast 9:00 am- No Sunday School Called Business Meeting after church	15	16	17	18 Prayer Warriors 10 am	19	20
21 Sunday School 9:15 am Church 10:30 am	22 CSC Meeting 6:00 pm	23	24		26	27
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