

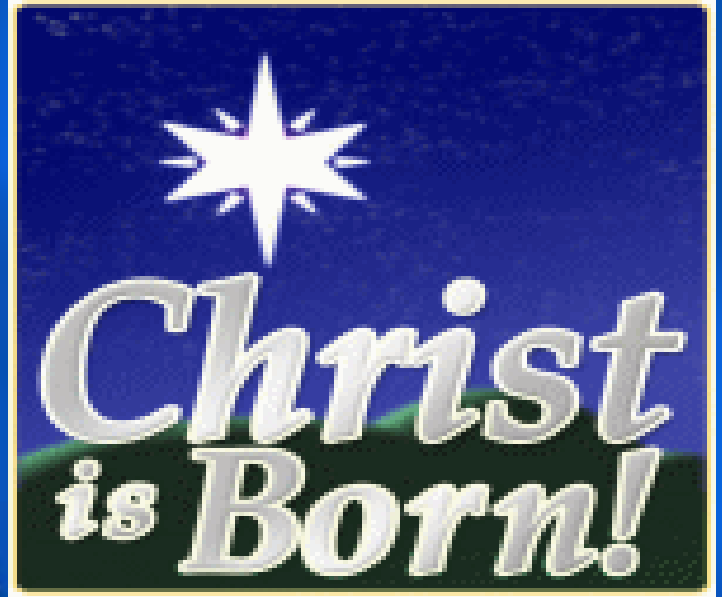


Air Line Messenger

AIR LINE BAPTIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 2011

December



Memory Maker's Luncheon on Tues., Dec. 13th at noon. Please bring soup, cornbread, crackers, salad or dessert. Rev. Clack Stubbs will be our guest speaker. Our mission outreach is to bring unwrapped white socks for nursing home patients.

**CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00AM**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR EVENING WORSHIP
NO WEDNESDAY SERVICES ON DEC. 28TH
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED DEC. 23-30**

CHURCH CONFERENCE WED., DEC. 14TH AT 6PM

**WOMEN'S DESSERT FELLOWSHIP &
DISH EXCHANGE
THURSDAY, DEC. 8TH IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 6:30PM
LADIES 18+ ARE INVITED!**

Here's how it works: Each guest will bring a favorite dessert or finger food on a Christmas platter or dish. Your dish will be numbered. After LOTS of eating and fellowship, we will play an exchange game & everyone will take home a "new" dish!

AIR LINE VITAL SIGNS... NOVEMBER 2011

DATE	# IN SS	BUDGET OFFERING
Nov. 6	340	\$19,426.90
Nov. 13	338	\$ 9,896.88
Nov. 20	312	\$14,197.33
Nov. 27	322	\$15,209.00

Monthly SS Average for November: 328
Weekly Budget Needed: \$15,310.00
Weekly Average Received: \$14,682.50
Debt Retirement Given in November: \$5,735.00

DEACON'S MEETNG - WED., DEC. 21ST AT 7:30PM

From our Pastor - Rev. Richard Sego

Dear Air Line Family,

Well, here we are in the last month of the year. It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone seemingly so quickly. But it has been a year filled with many blessings on a personal level as well as a church. As we start gearing up for a new year, I want to take the opportunity to mention a few things of importance to you.



For January, I will be starting a new series that I will be preaching in the morning worship service on the subject of heaven. We will answer such questions as: What will heaven be like? What will we be like? What will we do in heaven? What kind of body will we have? Who will we

know? and many other truths about this wonderful place. I am going to provide a study guide for you that you can bring with you every Sunday and keep to refer back to in the future. Those will be made available starting the first Sunday in January for a nominal cost of \$1.00. I will be starting this series on January 15th.

Also, on January 8th, I will take the morning service to share with you our vision for 2012. I want to outline for you some of the things that we will be starting and some of the exciting events that you can be a part of. I am really excited about what God has for us in this coming year.

Another thing that I wanted to share is something that our staff has been working on to better help us in hospital ministry. All of our staff are very busy people and we've been trying to determine how we can ensure that people in the hospital get ministered to and we are able to manage the multiple other tasks that we are responsible for. Therefore, we are adopt-

ing an assignment-based hospital ministry plan. Each of our staff have an assigned day(s) that they will make hospital visits. This will help us to make sure that we always have the hospital covered and that we are able to stay on task in our other responsibilities on days that we don't have hospital duties. Another advantage is that if you have an extended stay in the hospital for several days then you will receive visits from multiple staff members. We will post this schedule in the newsletter so you'll be aware of who has the varying days.

May the Lord bless us in this coming year as we seek to obey and follow Him whatever the cost!

With An Expectant Heart,
Bro. Richard

From our Associate Pastor - Rev. Bradley Elliott



It has come around again. It will have been over 365 days since the last time this came around. In case you have not caught on I am talking about Christmas, the day we celebrate our Savior's birth. The greatest present that has been given to the world. The star stood over the manger shining brightly where Jesus was

born and truly He is the Light of the world, the Truth and the Way. The story is not only about His birth but also His mission. He came to seek and to save that which was lost. Who is lost? Those that are separated from God and do not have a personal relationship with Him. What caused this separation was sin. May we honestly look at this time of

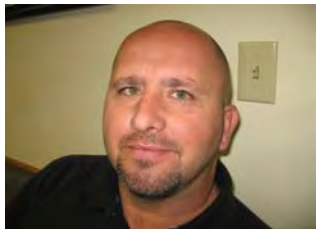
year not about gifts but about the One who came at the appointed time to give abundant life to all who receive Him into their hearts.

Once again from the Elliott's to all of you at Air Line Baptist Church, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In His Service,
Bradley

From our Minister of Students - Mr. Clint Fair

This month always brings out a very special place in my heart. I love this time of year with the weather changes and hustle and bustle of the holiday season and everyone generally



seems to be happy. It all kicks off with Thanksgiving and this Thanksgiving was a tremendous blessing to me and my family. We had a great time of rest and quality family time. Now we are rolling into December and all the friends and family events we get to be a

part of. It is very exciting to know all these things are going on. In saying all of this, I see how some can lose sight of what it this time of year (all the year actually) is truly all about. The scripture that blesses me so much and is really brought to my mind is Isaiah 9:6 *"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* What a powerful word from my Lord and Savior! Let's never forget He is a "Mighty God".

The Student Ministry is going to have a very busy month of Decem-

ber. We have our Student Christmas party on Dec. 14th, Student Choir is caroling on Dec. 20th, some of our students will be going to Toccoa for a FCA Winter Recharge trip Dec. 21-23, and we finish up the month on our mission trip to the Dominican Republic Dec. 26-31. Good times and we pray that all we do will bring honor and glory to my "Everlasting Father". I pray you all have a wonderful Christmas time this month.

Until next month,
Clint



From our Minister of Music & Education - Rev. Mike Welborn

Dear Church Family,

'Tis the season! By now all plans are probably made, lists are nearing completion, and there are only a few days left vacant on our calendars, 'tis truly the season.

Despite all the rushing around and pressure to have everything done, I really do enjoy the Christmas season. I always have. Things change though. The thrill of being a child wondering what was going to be under the tree on Christmas morning has been replaced by the joy of watching the excitement of my own children and grandchildren. The wonderment of all the bright lights has been replaced by the happiness of seeing how the season impacts others. How most everyone has a quicker step and happier countenance. It really is, in a lot of ways, the most wonderful time of the year.

The sadness of Christmas is this... Christmas, I think more than any other holiday, has two distinctly different meanings. For the world, it is celebrated with bright lights, gifts, packages, and parties. There may be a manger scene somewhere in the house, but for the most part, Jesus is left out of the entire affair. For the Christian, there will be some lights, some gifts, and even some parties, but the centerpiece of all the activities is the celebration of the birth of our Christ, our Savior. How sad that some miss the whole thing.

On the other hand, even those who may not mention His name all year long seem to be more open to hearing about Jesus during Christmas. As believers we have a great opportunity to share our faith and what Christmas really means with them. I think most people know the

story of Jesus, they know that He was born in a stable in Bethlehem, and that He did some amazing things, but that's it.

Perhaps as you share gifts with the lost coworker, share a meal with the office, or write out those Christmas cards, make sure the message of Christmas is clear. You may have the chance to give them the best gift they will ever receive, A Personal Savior!

I love you all and wish for everyone at Air Line, the most wonderful Christmas ever!

Mr. Mike

"Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable.....think on these things" Philippians 4:8



Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will toward men!" Luke 2:8-14

We have our annual Awana Christmas Celebration the first Sunday night in December here at Air Line. It is shaping up to be a great time. We will have a hay ride, santa picture time, roasting hot dogs, marshmallows, and hot chocolate, and of course we will have a time of "Dana's cookies" and the Bible Christmas story being read to the children. The night starts at 4:30pm and we will end it at 7pm. Everyone is invited and I ask you to be praying for us. We always want to share Christ during Awana with our children in a humble way giving God the glory.

Because children matter to God,
Clint



There will be no AWANA on December 18 & 25



join us for a
CHRISTMAS
party

**STUDENT
MINISTRY
CHRISTMAS PARTY
WEDNESDAY, DEC.
14TH**

**STUDENT WINTER
RECHARGE
AT TOCCOA
DECEMBER 21-23**

Student Ministry Mission Trip To the Dominican Republic December 26 - 31

Please pray for the leaders and students as they spread the Gos-



**AWANA
CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION
SUNDAY
DEC. 4TH
AT 4:30PM**



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SUNDAYS	
Orchestra Rehearsal	8:00
Sunday School	9:15
Worship	10:30
Adult Choir Rehearsal	4:00
ALU & AWANA	4:45
Evening Worship	6:00
Library: 8:45 to 10:30am	4:45 to 6:00pm
WEDNESDAYS	
Fellowship Meal	5:15
Library open	5:30-6:30
Hand Bell Rehearsal	5:45
Children & Preschool Choir	6:00
Youth Praise & Worship	6:30
Mid-Week Worship	6:30



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DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Faithful Workers Christmas Party FH 10-2
4 AWANA Christmas Celebration	5	6	7 Lula Dare Graduation 9:30-11am	8 Women's Dessert Fellow- ship 6:30 in the FH	9 Dress Rehearsal Adult choir	10
11	12	13 East Hall Chorus 7:00pm Memory Makers Noon FH	14 Church Conference Student Christmas Party	15 Tadmore Teachers Luncheon FLC	16	17
18 NO AWANA	19 Christmas School Break	20 Student Choir Christmas Caroling	21 Deacon's Meeting	22	23 Office closed	24 Christmas Eve
			STUDENT MIN. WINTER RECHARGE			
25 Christmas Day 10AM SERVICE NO EVENING SERVICE	26 Office closed	27 Office closed	28 Office closed No Wednesday Services or meal	29 Office closed	30 Office closed Ded. Couples Party in FH	31 New Years Eve
Student Ministry Mission Trip to Dominican Republic						