

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Second Sunday of Advent Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Study – “What Does Christmas Mean to Your Salvation?”	7 AA Noon	8 Bible Study 10:45 a.m. AA Noon Lagniappe Ladies 6:00 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m.	9 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m. AA Noon Ladies’ AA 7:00 p.m.	10 AA Noon Men’s AA 8:00 p.m.	11 AA Noon	12 Jack Bagent & Bob Buck Yard Crew
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- Connect with God in spirit and in truth,
 - Connect with the Community of Faith in worship, study, and fellowship,
 - Connect with the Neighborhood Community in friendship and service.

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Worship Leaders for December 6, 2015

Interim Pastor Rev. Linda L. Kelly
 Liturgist Tom Tucker
 Communion Preparer Carol Behrmann
 Communion Servers Carol Behrmann and Skippy Thompson
 Ushers Bill and Mary Lambert
 Hospitality. John and Louise Dye
 Music Director Dr. Kit Loong Yee (Raymond)

*Rejoice in the Lord always;
 again I will say, Rejoice.
 Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
 The Lord is near.
 Philippians 4:4*

Check it out ...

- ✓ **Gift of Literacy for Magnolia Wood School First Graders –**
Pick up **name tags** from table at the back of the sanctuary. Plan to gift wrap and tag **two books** for each first-grade student whose name you have, and place them **under our Christmas tree by Sunday, December 13.**
- ✓ The name tags include a first-grader's name on one side and the grade-level books to be selected for the child on the other side.
A white ribbon indicates that the student is a girl; blue or red ribbon, a boy.
- ✓ Several of us will be going to the Scholastic Book Warehouse and would be happy to purchase your books for you, if you prefer. Talk to Connie Leonard for details.
- ✓ In our Tuesday study we will continue to view the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary, Jesus' mother, using Adam Hamilton's DVD series, *Not a Silent Night*. This week we will look at Luke 2:41-51, the story of the young Jesus left at the temple. Hamilton calls this session "Amazed, Astounded, and Astonished." This class meets on Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome.
- ✓ Lagniappe Ladies will meet at the church on Tuesday, December 8, at 6:00 p.m. This is our annual Christmas meal and cookie exchange. We will also collect **gift cards for The Iris Center.**
- ✓ Thanks to Jack Bagent, Bob Buck, and John Dye for picking and delivering 120 pounds of satsumas to St. John's Shepherd's Pantry this past week.

Pastor Kelly

Pastor Kelly will be in Baton Rouge this week through Wednesday morning. If you would like to contact her at any time, please feel free to call or text her at **337-849-2212** or to send her an email at lindakelly@cox.net.



Birthdays

Linda Kelly	December 4
Mei Stewart	December 10
Jack Bagent	December 11
Jim Martin	December 27



Trimming Our Tree

Today we place *Chrismons* on the tree as we continue our Advent journey and Christmas celebration. It is a special time of remembering—first, the Christ whom the symbols represent; secondly, the hands that crafted each delicate piece; and, lastly, the fellowship that brings our congregation together. Let us make lasting memories as we enjoy this special time together.

“What Does Christmas Mean to Your Salvation?”

This Sunday Study today is the second special presentation from Rick Warren's *The Purpose of Christmas* DVD series. Come and rediscover that the love of God is the entire reason for the season.

Sermon Preview -- next Sunday, December 13

For the 3rd Sunday of Advent we again look at John the Baptist as the forerunner for the Messiah. The sermon title is “**The Bridegroom and the Best Man**” using as its text Luke 3:7-20.

Take some time this week to read the first twenty verses of Luke 3.

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

Shelby and Mary Etta Brown, David Cook (Billie Dean's son-in-law), Eva Fuller, Catherine Hackney, Joe Heath, Lexi and her parents Audrie & Jacob John, Jeanette Lambert, Jean Nasse, Jane Payton, Kirby Perry, Mary Perry, Ms. Dell Perry, ***Karen Pride and family***, Earl Rabe, Irlee Redmann, Deanna Lewis Sklar, Bonner Stewart, Mike Tucker, the Congregation and leaders of Matanzas Central Presbyterian Church (Cuba), First Presbyterian Church of Iberia Parish, the Congregation and leaders of Highland Presbyterian Church, and the Pastor Nominating Committee of HPC.
(New names added to prayer list are in bold italics.)