

PRAYER CONCERNS

Requests stay on the list a month, unless the church office is asked to keep them on longer.

Pray for the safety of all our troops.

December 8: Andy Grose

December 1: Priscilla Jamison & Family (death of Don Jamison)

November 24: Bob Smith (Clyde Keen's brother-in-law), Alice Coomer (Clyde Keen's sister)

November 17: Lib Bowyer, Sylvia McCullough, Phyllis Puckett

Remember Our Shut-Ins...

At Home: Dot Fuller, Bonnie Slater, Maxine Smiley, Barbara Vaughan

Bright View Baldwin Park: Harry Carter

English Meadows: Dr. Charles E. O'Roark

Havenwood: Kenton Nicely

Kendal: Wilson Bowyer, Roberta Grist

Shenandoah: Peggy Lewis

The Palmettos: Joan Huff

Christmas Eve Service

It has been a Manly tradition to gather with family and friends on Christmas Eve for a service of carols and special music. **Please let Pastor Mike or the church office (463-4181) know if your family would like to sing a Christmas hymn!**

Deacon-Staff Christmas Party

The annual Deacon-Staff Christmas Party will be held **today 6:00 pm at Linda Hook's home** (11 Hamilton Drive, Lexington). **Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.** Please contact Linda Hooks (540-817-0221) for more information.

Bible Readings

The Bible Readings for the week of **December 9 - 13:** Monday: Psalm 34:8-14, Tuesday: Isaiah 9:6, Wednesday: John 14:27, Thursday: 2 Corinthians 13:11, Friday: Colossians 1:19-20.

Backpack Ministry

Packing backpacks this **Wednesday at 11:45 am** will be Lee Higgins, Erin Kneer, Patti Roscoe and Gordie & Lois Valentine. Gordie Valentine will deliver them.

Youth Group (6th - 12th grade)

Join us on **Wednesday, December 11 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm** for youth group! We will enjoy dinner and a game before Bible study.

Our Youth Christmas party will be held next **Sunday, December 15, 1:00 pm at Thomas Smals home** (2337 S. Church Avenue, Covington, VA 24426). Lunch will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift to exchange. Hope to see you there!

Adult Choir Cantata

Next Sunday, December 15 at 11:00 am, the Adult Choir will share the cantata, "Have You Heard" by Joel Raney. Joel Raney's Celtic version of familiar Christmas texts brings freshness and new meaning to the Christmas story. Soloists will be Jennifer Fuller-Spears, Steve Higgins and Brian Kave. Noah Campbell is the narrator. Join us for this very special service!

Meador-Steele Handbell Choir

The Meador-Steele Handbell Choir will be ringing during the **11:00 am** worship service on **Sunday, December 22.**

Wise Men's Journey

You may have noticed that the Wise Men are located on a window sill. This represents the fact that they were not present for the birth of Jesus but arrived at a later time. Each Sunday they will make their way around the sanctuary until they finally arrive at the manger on January 5.

International Mission Offering

Remember, as you give to our International Missions **Goal of \$2,500** you can chose which Baptist Missionaries and Mission projects you wish to support. You may give to the Alma Hunt Offering of Virginia Baptists which helps fund the International Mission Projects which Virginia Baptists sponsor, the Global Missions Offering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship or the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of the Southern Baptist Convention. Your gifts to any of these will be added to help us reach our International Missions Offering goal. Let us generously give so that others may hear the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ!

Rockbridge Area Relief Association

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