

Ushers & Greeters

Dec. 15- Dan Vanarsdall, ch., Joe Esquivel, Jeff Harmon, D’Heaven Moses, Eric Loggins, BJ Kimbro, Bill Little

Dec. 22—Lonnie Wales, ch., Bill McDaniel, Gabe Simmons, Darrell Woolley, Gunter Rodriguez, Kenley Lane, Rick Cox

Dec. 29 - Bob McQuerry, ch., Larry Perry, Don Mathews, Freddie Hammond, Mark Horany, David Sandlin, Reed Mankins, Kyle Turner

Nursery Volunteers

Extended Session December 15

Babies—Debra Vanarsdall & Mari Behrens
Toddlers—Kaylah & Brian Hampton
3’s—Obelea Rue & Leigha Hampton

Extended Session on December 22

Babies— Jill & Kyle Turner
Toddlers— Anna & Rue Rogers
3’s—Halli & Reed Mankins

Extended Session on December 29

Babies- Kristy Nantz & Whitney Nantz
Shannon Moses & Serenity Winters
3’s - Molly & Russell Milmo

Children’s Church

December 15—Tammy & Kendall Montgomery

December 22— Randa & Todd Betts

December 29 - No Children’s Church

Sunday Morning Scripture

December 15 - Spencer Key

December 22 - Gunter Rodriguez

December 29 - Ed Bergen

Sunday Youtube Mix

December 15- Obelea Rue

December 22—Kade Betts

December 29 - Chris Krajca

Food Pantry Sackers

Dec. 14 or 15- Gunter Rodriguez, Brad Simmons, Rodney & Jan, Steve Stephens

Food Pantry Distribution

Dec. 16 - Cristi Little, Gabe Simmons, Steve Stephens

December 22 & 30-Closed for Holidays

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“ To Grow in our relationship with Jesus, to Serve Him together and to Share His unconditional love with others.” -Mission Statement

December 11, 2024



Special Sunday Activities

Sunday, December 15 - Deacons’ Mtg. & Lord’s Supper

Sunday, December 22 - All Church Christmas Meal
(ham will be provided - everyone bring a covered dish or dessert)
followed by a business meeting & 2025 church budget vote.

Tuesday, December 24 - Candlelight Service @ 5pm



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Church Goal: \$10,000 **Given: \$3,365**

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Feel free to call the deacon of the week if you need something.

December 8 - 14

Gunter Rodriguez 903-875-9995

December 15 - 21

Scot Hayter 940-867-5253

December 22 - 28

Rue Rogers 254-652-3795

December 29 - Jan. 4

Reed Mankins 940-235-2522



- December 12 Yevonne Perry
- December 13 Ronnie Cowart
- December 14 Mari Behrens
- December 15 Kami Bednarz
Becky Brewer
- December 16 Angela Britt
Newt Koemel
- December 18 Lana McQuerry
Lyndsey Miller
- December 19 Shelby Krajca
Gunn Miller
Margaret Rogers
- December 20 Jessica Holt
Archer Miller
- December 21 David Armenta
Jan Myers
Zack Schrader
Gib Wright
- December 22 Jasper Barrington
Freddie Lewis
- December 23 Randy Behrens
- December 24 Allen Gameson
Mark Harris
Kathy Mayers
- December 25 Mahana Andrew
Sheila Pulliam
- December 26 Caleb Thomison
- December 27 Ross Rogers
- December 28 Jessica Hayter
Addilynn Keeter
Casey Pulliam
- December 29 Randa Betts
Karrie Canada
- December 31 Kim Bailey
Bliss Behrens
Russell Milmo

Weekly Reports

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Bible Study: 157

Morning Worship: 272

Budget Weekly Needs	\$11,793.00
Budget Receipts	\$12,746.57
Designated Receipts	
Food Pantry	100.00
Shoeboxes	1,140.00
Lottie Moon	495.00
Poinsettias	150.00
Fellowship Min.	140.00
Building Campaign	<u>3,200.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$18,046.57

Budget Needs to Date: \$566,064.00

Budget Receipts to Date: \$668,417.05

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Bible Study: 191

Morning Worship: 329

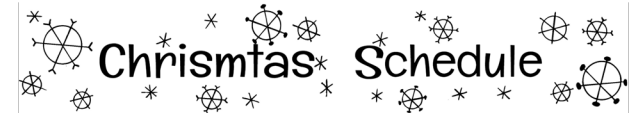
Budget Receipts	\$15,152.78
Designated Receipts	
Shoebox Donation	520.00
Church Directory	5.00
Poinsettias	75.00
Building Campaign	1,927.00
Lottie Moon	<u>2,845.00</u>
Total Receipts	20,524.78

Budget Needs to Date: \$577,857.00

Budget Receipts to Date: \$683,569.83

Charitable Contributions for 2024

If you want credit for your tithes and offerings, please make sure your contributions are turned into the church office by Dec. 31. If you mail your contribution it needs to be postmarked by Dec. 31 and mailed to P. O. Box 734.



Sunday, December 15

Deacons' Meeting - 8am

Lord's Supper - 10:45 am

Youth - 6 - 8 pm

Monday, December 16

Adult 3 Couples Christmas Party

6:30 pm in the fellowship hall

Sunday, December 22

All-Church Christmas Luncheon

Noon following the morning service

Business Mtg. & 2025 Budget vote

Tuesday, December 24

Office will be closed 24, 25, & 26

Candlelight Service @ 5 pm

Friday, December 27

The church office will be

open until noon.

Note: The next newsletter will be mailed out on December 31, 2024.



Sunday Sound/Screen/Camera Crew

Dec. 15 - Sound - Seth & Richard

Screens - Linda McDaniel

Camera - Kevin Gray

Dec. 22 - Sound - Seth Nash

Screens - Debbie Key

Camera - Richard Behrens

Dec. 29 - Sound - Seth Nash

Screens - Richard Behrens

Camera - Dale Lovett

A Message from Chad

Dear Church Family,

2024 is drawing to a close with only four worship services between now and 2025.

Be sure to do all your final end of year giving before the year runs out! Also, remember that the three-year pledges toward the building program are gifts “above and beyond” our normal tithing and budget giving. AND, If you have not made a pledge or a gift toward the building fund yet, please do that if you feel so led by the Holy Spirit. If you have questions about giving, please contact Angela at the church office. She does such a great job keeping our finances straight. I don’t know how we would live without her and Jan! Thank you for your faithfulness so far this year.

I want to give a shout out to our **Food Pantry** volunteers. On Monday they handed out over 175 Christmas meals for those who need a little extra help during the holidays. The meal represented about \$100.00 worth of groceries per family. Based on rough calculations, we’re probably feeding anywhere between 15-20% of the population of our community. We are grateful for all those who have worked hard over all the years to make the pantry what it is today.

Don’t forget we also have a donation-only, **Christmas gift-wrapping fundraiser** on **Saturday, December 14th from 9am-3pm** to help send our youth to camp at Glorieta this year. Drop off unwrapped gifts at the back door on Saturday and they will call you to come pick them up. If you have special requests, call the office and make arrangements ahead of time. Let’s make sure we support these young people who want to earn the donations!

I am so excited about our service on **December 15th. The Bells of Olney**, the recently re-organized hand-bell choir will be playing in the service. Jaden Brisco is the director – and they sound fantastic. They will be playing 2 pieces in our service on Sunday! Make sure you are in the service. We will also be celebrating the **Lord’s Supper** this week.

Christmas at the Parsonage. We had to move the Open House to Thursday, **December 19**, from 6-7:30pm. We invite you to this special time of fellowship and refreshments. We hope you will find a few minutes to drop by and visit in this relaxed and informal setting.

Church-wide Christmas Lunch and Business Meeting. On Sunday **December 22**, after church we will have our annual Christmas luncheon fellowship. The church will provide ham. Please bring side dishes and desserts. We will have a short business meeting to vote on the proposed budget.

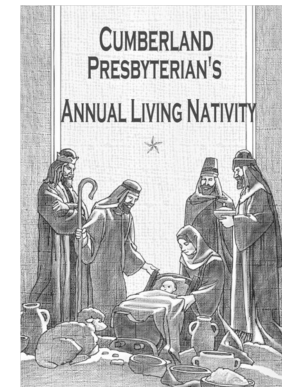
Christmas Eve Service. On Tuesday, **December 24**, at 5pm we will host our annual Christmas Eve candle-light Service. Many families make this service a part of their Christmas celebrations. There are plenty of opportunities for family pictures in the beautiful decorated sanctuary afterward. Why not invite a friend or a visiting family member?

So far our Christmas season has been wonderful. We had a great “**Hanging of the Green**” Service. This past Sunday the Pageant was incredible. We had 329 on campus. 73 participated in the program! We had a tremendous number in the choir. The **Light and Lovely Women’s Luncheon** was wonderful. One benefit of being the pastor is that I always am able to enjoy that delicious meal!

I’m looking forward to a strong finish to the year at FBCO. Please be here for all the services if you are in town! It’s hard to grow a church when the people who are supposed to be there don’t bother to show up. Again, remember to ask yourself the question, if every member was like me, would we be a better or a weaker church? That is a good question to spur on growth. Let’s make 2025 a year of advance for FBCO as we move out in many different ways into our community and into our world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

I love you!

Brother Chad



**Olney Cumberland Presbyterian’s
Annual Living Nativity**

210 S. Ave M

Sunday, December 15 6-7:30 pm

**This has been an Olney Christmas
tradition for over 50 years.**

A Message from Jaden

If I am bad at doing something, my temptation is to avoid that pursuit and just do things that I am already proficient at. It is easy to be comfortable and stay in my lane, but it is hard to grow and push myself to become more well-rounded. Learning new skills can be frustrating and confusing because working on them can tire out your brain after only a short time and taking baby steps while others do not have to work as hard as you do can be embarrassing.

As Christians, there are many skills that we should cultivate. We have to learn to read a book that can be very hard to understand at times. We have to learn to manage our time so that we even read the Bible in the first place. We have to learn to pray properly. We have to learn how to really pay attention to bible lessons and sermons, and this can be tough! To make matters worse, there are so many awesomely devout Christians at church that make it seem easy to do all of these things. Many are so wise and knowledgeable and skilled, but you might find it is not easy for you.

Maybe you are like me and the difficulty, confusion, and frustration of growing can cause you to avoid becoming more able in the first place. If that is you today, and you struggle to work out your Christian muscles, it is my encouragement to you to keep going. Do not be paralyzed. No matter where you feel you should be on your spiritual journey, no matter where the rest of your peers are, just take your next step. It may be difficult to begin, but it gets easier. Hang in there and rely on God's strength to empower you. He sees our faithfulness, and it will be worth it.

JB



The Food Pantry will be
closed on Mondays,
Dec. 23 and Dec. 30.

A black and white illustration of several wrapped gifts of various patterns and colors, including stars, stripes, and polka dots. The gifts are stacked and scattered around the text.

Youth Camp Fundraiser
Christmas Gift Wrapping
Saturday, December 14
9am - 3pm
Cost is by donation.
Use the sanctuary back door to bring your gifts to be wrapped.

