



Bible Biz



Weekly in the Word Opportunities:

Sunday: Sunday School 8:45 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
BYG 3-4:30 PM (check newsletter)

Wednesday: KC JaM Choir Practice 5-6 PM
Adult Choir Practice 6:15 PM

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NEWS & NOTES - December 3, 2023

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by Earl & Connie Bazemore in honor of Audrey's 4th Birthday!

Poinsettia Orders

It's that time again to get your orders in for the Christmas Poinsettias. Order forms are on the table in the hallway. If ordering from the church, please fill out the information and attach a check for \$15. Completed forms can be placed in the basket.

Parent's Night Out

BYG is sponsoring a Parent's Night Out on Dec. 9th, from 6-10 PM. If you still have shopping to do or would like a "Date Night" see the flyer on the next page. Pre-register by Dec. 6th please.

M.O.B. Meeting and Meal

The Men of Bible will meet Thursday, Dec. 7th, 6 PM, at Jimmy Helmly's River House. Please let Ron Morgan, Ken Thompson, or Jimmy Helmly know you're attending or if you have any questions.

GRITS News

Each year GRITS supports the Hosanna Helpers ministry by purchasing various "goodies" and pillows for homeless children using Thrivent grants from our members. We also include gift cards to various businesses and fast food establishments in the area. Each of our members has agreed to make a donation, however, we are also asking you for donations to purchase these gift cards. We have fifty-four (54) children this year and need \$1,560 total, so that each child will receive gift cards. We usually give the younger children more "goodies" and less cards while the older ones get less "goodies" and more gift cards. Please share some of your "bounty" by donating dollars toward this cause. You may donate directly to the church, putting GRITS Stockings on the memo line, or give case to Ramona Kessler or Beth Helmly. We are packing the stockings/bags Dec. 11th. If any of you would like to help pack the stockings, you are welcome to come - 9 AM. Thank you all for supporting the GRITS ministry in all its endeavors.

2024 Sign Up Sheets

The new sign up sheets for Altar Care, Communion Assistant, Usher, Lector and Altar Flowers are on the table in the hallway. Please think about when you are able to serve and sign up today.

Annual Reports

If you are the chairperson for a group or committee, please start thinking about getting information together to write your annual report. If there is anything you need from the office in order to complete your report on time, just let me know. Deb (912) 344-7381. Thanks.

Church President's Reminder

All voting age members of Bible Lutheran Church are reminded that in order to be eligible to vote at our annual meeting January 7, 2024, you must have given at least \$25 and have taken communion in the last quarter.

Pastor's Note on Advent

Two themes dominate this first season of the Church Year: anticipating Christ's birth and Christ's second coming on the Day of Judgment. Originally a period of fasting and worship for those scheduled to be baptized on the Day of Epiphany (January 6), it later evolved into our current 4-week observance. God prepares us for Christ's arrival both for His birth as well as for His return. Thus, it is a season of both repentance and hope with a call to return to the Lord and place our trust in the One who loves us so much that He is Emmanuel, God with us. May the Lord come to you in a new and special way this Advent.

Christmas Cantata and Children's Play

Everyone is hard at work getting ready to celebrate Christmas and showcase their talents! The Christmas Cantata will be presented during worship service on December 17th, and the Children's play, "Christmas Cupcakes!", will be that evening (12/17), at 6:30 PM. There will be a reception following the Children's play and all are asked to bring finger foods. Make sure you mark your calendars now before it gets filled up with activities!

Bible Youth Group News: Update to the Update BYG Meeting: Sundays 3:00-4:30 PM

December 3: We will put together the non-perishable items for fruit baskets to take to the Nursing Home. We will spend the entire time practicing and preparing for the Christmas Play!

December 10: Caroling and fruit basket deliveries. We will go back to the church and practice for the play— **"Christmas Cupcakes"!**

December 16: **Saturday Dress Rehearsal for "Christmas Cupcakes!"**

December 17: **"Christmas Cupcakes" Presentation 6:30pm.**


December 24: **No BYG**

December 31: **Flapjacks and Flannels** Watchnight @ The Dickerson's Home New Year's Eve. Bonfire, games, and flapjacks!

I am still working on where we will go caroling! Stay tuned!

- Mrs. Leslie

PRE-REGISTER BY DECEMBER 6



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

DECEMBER 9, 2023
6:00PM-10:00PM
DROP OFF WILL BEGIN AT 5:30PM
AGES: INFANT TO 5TH GRADE

**MONETARY DONATIONS
WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR
CHILD CARE**

**812 BLUEJAY ROAD
RINCON, GA 31326**

Upcoming Events:

Sun. 12/3	Evangelism Meeting after Worship Service
Mon. 12/4	Habitat For Humanity Fundraiser
Tues. 12/5	AFPAG Foster Parents Meeting 5:30-8:00 PM
Wed. 11/29	KC Jam 5 PM, Adult Choir 6:15 PM
Thurs. 12/7	MOB Mtg & Meal 6 PM; Property Committee Mtg. 6:30 PM
Sun. 12/10	Caroling/Fruit Basket Deliveries/Play Practice
Mon. 12/11	GRITS Stocking Stuffing 9 AM / Church Council Meeting 6:30 PM
Wed. 12/13	KC Jam 5 PM, Adult Choir 6:15 PM
Fri. 12/15	GRITS Christmas Gathering at the Morgan Home 6:00 PM
Sat. 12/16	Dress Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Program
Sun. 12/17	Christmas Cantata 10 AM; Children's Christmas Program 6:30 PM
Sun. 12/24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 PM

SUNDAY SERVANTS		December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24
	Acolyte/Crucifer	Ella Rutland	Gracie Rutland	Clara Vorel	Grant Rutland
	Altar Care	N/A	N/A	N/A	Connie Bazemore
	Announcer	Richard Hall	Richard Hall	Richard Hall	Richard Hall
	Children's Moment	Melissa Osteen	Melissa Osteen	Melissa Osteen	Melissa Osteen
	Council Servant	Harrold Wheeler	Harrold Wheeler	Harrold Wheeler	Harrold Wheeler
	Communion Asst.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Connie Bazemore
	Altar Flowers	Earl & Connie Bazemore	Leslie & Trent Dickerson	Ann Lowe	Betty & Nick Robinson
	Head Usher				Ken Thompson
	Lesson Reader	Karen Williams	Melissa Osteen	Andy Dasher	Connie Bazemore
	Livestream	Worship & Music	Worship & Music	Worship & Music	Worship & Music
	Musician-Comm.	Karen Warnell	Karen Warnell	Karen Warnell	Karen Warnell
	Musician-Service	Karen Warnell	Karen Warnell	Karen Warnell	Karen Warnell
	Nursery Assist.	Katie W/Beth H	Ann L/Glenda N	Marci B/Brooks B	Ramona K/Amanda
	SS Opening	Beth Helmly	Beth Helmly	Beth Helmly	Beth Helmly
Yellow Ribbon Hst	Evangelism	Evangelism	Evangelism	Evangelism	
ATTENDANCE 11/26 - SS: 33 Worship: 98 Livestream: 5					
LESSON READINGS 12/10: Isaiah 40:1-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8					

Joke of the Week: "Where Is God?"

Two brothers were terrible trouble makers. They were always breaking things, stealing, lying, and making all kinds of general trouble. The parents had tried everything to get them to change to no avail. Finally, out of options, they asked their pastor if he could help. He said he would talk with the boys, but only one at a time, so the parents dropped off the youngest and agreed to come and pick him up in a bit.

The boy sat in a chair across from the pastor's desk and they just looked at each other. Finally, the pastor asked, "Where is God?" No response. Looking stern, the pastor asked more loudly, "Where is God?" The young boy fidgetted in his seat, but still didn't answer.

Starting to get angry at the boy's refusal to converse, the pastor practically shouted, "Where is God?" To the pastor's surprise, the little boy jumped up out of his chair and ran out of the office.

Arriving at his home, the boy ran up the stairs into his brother's room, shut the door, and panted, "We're in BIG TROUBLE. God's missing and they think we did it!"

Local Florists: New Life (826-4261) Red Roof (826-7231) Carlsons (754-9116)

A Note from Pastor Corky -

Advent is a time of preparation for Jesus' birth and for Jesus' return. As such, it is a time of self-reflection.

- * Are we ready for Jesus' birth?
- * Are we ready for His return?

As the years pile up and my memories of Advent grow longer, I find myself reflecting on my mortality as well. Some of you have asked about the Advent hymn I used on All Saints Sunday as part of my sermon. To aid in your reflections, I share it here:

ADVENT

252 Each Winter As the Year Grows Older



- 1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the
5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can
pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
scream fill we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!