

**Our Mission:**

- Minister to people where they are;
- Equip disciples on the journey;
- Glorify God in all things

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**FROM THE PASTOR**

**Joe Kenaston, Senior Pastor**

Dear Friends,

Welcome Home! This Advent and Christmas season our theme is ***Coming Home for Christmas***. This past Sunday we joined the family gathering with Zechariah and Elizabeth, and this week we will encounter the Angel Gabriel and Mary. We will continue to meet all the people of the nativity as we move through Advent and Christmas. The church and the sanctuary are beautiful! I encourage you to join us for worship either in person or online.

This is an exciting season for all of us at Forrest Burdette. We have special events, classes including one on dealing with grief during the holidays, an open house, parties, mission opportunities, worship celebrations on Sunday mornings at 10:30, and two Christmas Eve services at 7 and 11 p.m. This year we are sending out a postcard invitation to our neighbors, inviting them to join us for worship on Sundays as well as Christmas Eve. The theme of ***Coming Home for Christmas*** is highlighted in our publicity. I encourage you to invite your family, your friends, your classmates, your co-workers, and your neighbors to join us as we come home for Christmas.

Waiting in hope and joy!  
Joe

**Sundays in Advent + Christmas Worship**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Worship in the Chapel

**December 5 — Second Sunday in Advent**

*Coming Home for Christmas: The Favored One is Picked*

Luke 1:26-38; Guest Preacher: Rev. Joe Hill, District Superintendent

Communion at Morning Service

12:00 p.m. Annual Charge Conference

**December 12 — Third Sunday in Advent**

*Coming Home for Christmas: The Forgotten Relative*

Matthew 1:18-25

6:00-8:00 p.m. FBUTH Christmas Party @ Drip's Café on Main

6:30 p.m. FBKids Christmas Party

**December 19 — Fourth Sunday in Advent**

*Coming Home for Christmas: Helping Clarence Get His Wings*

Luke 1:10-13, 26-28; Matthew 1:20-21; Luke 2:9-12

2:00-5:00 p.m. Parsonage Open House

**December 24 — Christmas Eve**

7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service (childcare available at 7:00)

*Coming Home for Christmas: Being Born on Christmas*

Luke 2:1-20

**December 26—First Sunday after Christmas**

*Coming Home for Christmas: Expecting Company*

Luke 2:8-20; No Sunday School



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**VISIONS**

The newsletter of  
Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church





Joe & Judi Kenaston  
invite the Congregation to a

## PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 19  
2:00—5:00 p.m.  
110 Mulberry Drive, Hurricane



### Jeremy Daniels, Associate Pastor Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Dress warm and bring your bells! We're teaming up with Heart & Hand this month during **Service Saturday** to help ring bells at the Riverwalk Kroger! Just like last year, we'll be spending our 2 hour time slot outside ringing bells and sharing in the Christmas Cheer (wear your favorite Christmas Sweaters, Hats, etc...) to help raise money for Heart & Hand. Saturday, December 11!



Our **Annual FBUTH Christmas Party** will be held this year on Sunday, December 12, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., except this year we'll be having our party across the way at Drip's Café on Main

Street. We will have snacks, hot cocoa, coffee, and plenty of fun as we share in our annual tradition of a White Elephant Gift Exchange! Please keep the gift to around \$15.00 as to not cause any issues (no iPod's, Michael Scott!). Parents are encouraged to stick around and enjoy the fun with us, if it's ok with your youth!

Be on the lookout for sign up's for our January **Winter Retreat**. We'll be attending the Holston Conference of the UMC's annual Resurrection Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN. Limited spots are available, so sign up fast! We will be leaving on Thursday evening, 1/20, and returning Sunday afternoon on 1/23. More details to come! (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4ca9ae22a1f49-resurrection>)



Speaking of sign ups, our **Mission Trip 2022** sign ups are up online as well. The trip is with TeamEffort Mission Trips, and we will be going to Gatlinburg, June 19-25 this year. We need some more adults to sign up as well!

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4ca9ae22a1f49-2022>)

### Cathy Daley, Director Children's Outreach Ministries (COM)



Hello! I honestly cannot believe this year is about over. As we move into the winter months, our classrooms and hearts are filled with gratitude that we have had an overall fairly healthy year. Our rooms are still full, and we have staff to care for the children. And we're even more thankful that we are going into a season of celebration of Jesus! Throughout the year, we talk to the children a lot about

Jesus and God, pretty much daily, but this is a special time when they may understand a little better that he is REAL and was an actual person. The nativity scenes they can touch and play with, the stories of

his birth, and even having a birthday cake and party to celebrate Jesus is something they can truly understand and identify with. Making Jesus relevant, understandable, and relatable is our mission, and this is a great time to carry it out.

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers for our program, our families, and our staff as we strive to show the children the love of Jesus

### Jayné Kirk, Director Children & Family Ministries



**Christmas Party!** We're having a FBKIDS Ministry party on Sunday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m., at the church. We'll eat, craft, play, and have a great time together! Let Jayné know if you can make it so we can have enough food for everyone.

I also want to say a big **thank you** for all the people who are helping out with Advent worship. To the kids, teens, and adults who are helping with the Advent wreath readings and procession: a big thank you. To the musicians and singers: your hard work and talents are a blessing to us! To the decorators, media, and sound teams who help us spread the message of God's love: it wouldn't be the same without you.

Thank you to all the church family for making Advent at Forrest Burdette feel like home.

### Annual Charge Conference



Following worship on Sunday, December 5, Rev. Joe Hill, District Superintendent, will lead our Annual Charge Conference in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the Charge Conference is to elect officers, set pastors' salaries, receive apportionments, and address any special business. All church members are invited to attend.

### We Care Ministry

If you are interested in reaching out and visiting those members of our church who cannot get out, including those in nursing homes, please join our We Care visitation ministry, a group who feels called to extend the ministry of Jesus' mercy and love to those who would benefit from a friendly visit. Our next meetings are Tuesday, **December 14, at noon** and Tuesday, **January 25, 2022, at noon**. Typically, we meet in Room 111. In December we will meet in the Parlor. Please see one of the pastors with questions.

### Hurricane Civic Chorus Concert



The Hurricane Civic Chorus presents **"Believe!"**. Experience the timeless sounds of the season, **Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m.**, at Forrest Burdette. The concert is free. Donations will be accepted. *Like* and *Follow* the Hurricane Civic Chorus on Facebook for concert updates.

**Undie Sunday Update: Thanks to your generosity, we collected 524 undies, 42 shirts, 9 bras, 2 pairs of tights, and 143 pairs of socks for Heart & Hand!** ❤



## Holiday Worship Series:

### Coming Home for Christmas continues into January

Please join us for worship and invite a friend, neighbor, coworker, or classmate to Come Home, too!

Date	Scripture	Title
1/2	Luke 2:22-38	<i>Coming Home for Christmas: Going to Church</i>
1/9	Matthew 2:1-12	<i>Coming Home for Christmas: Bringing Gifts</i>

## Angel Tree

All gifts (unwrapped) are due back at the church by December 12. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or text either JoAnn Kennedy (304-561-7100) or Lisa Fawcett (304-539-2860). The Mission Outreach Team thanks you for your continued support of this program!

## Christmas Day Dinner: December 25

Preparations are being made to provide another Christmas Day Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. Menu consists of baked steak and ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, hot rolls, and side dishes of your specialty. Please sign up at the Connection Center or call the church office to give us an idea of attendance. —Jill Gilbert



## Operation Christmas Child

When you contributed in any way to pack and send shoebox gifts, you have been a blessing - both here and abroad. In working together, it has drawn us closer as the body of Christ with the shared goal of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to others who have not heard. This is a picture of a combined effort - our church helps other churches in far-away places to reach more souls for Christ. What a joy and privilege!

Building Loan Information			
Beg Loan Balance	Payments	Principle	Interest
\$ 1,846,380.89			
2019	315,764.64	230,564.57	85,200.07
2020	181,605.96	101,669.41	79,867.90
21-Jan	12,137.65	5,566.66	6,570.99
21-Feb	15,000.00	9,685.30	5,214.70
21-Mar	12,137.65	8,275.42	3,862.23
21-Apr	12,137.65	5,062.32	7,075.33
21-May	12,137.65	6,295.13	5,842.52
21-Jun	13,000.00	5,978.57	7,021.43
21-Jul	14,894.34	9,299.90	5,594.44
21-Aug	12,137.65	6,181.44	5,956.21
21-Sep	12,137.65	6,008.90	6,128.78
21-Oct	12,137.65	6,231.04	5,906.61
21-Nov	12,137.65	6,256.39	5,881.26
	\$ 637,366.14	\$ 407,075.05	\$ 230,122.47
			\$ 1,439,305.84
			Ending Loan Balance

Our 350 gifts have been sent. 334 were sent to a processing center where they'll be inspected and shipped. An additional 16 were built online to be sent to hard-to-reach areas. All 350 boxes are fully funded for shipping and *The Greatest Journey Discipleship Program*. All Glory to God for abundantly providing!

Efforts have already begun to purchase bulk items for shoebox gifts for next year. We're Blessed to Be a Blessing!

## Grief at the Holidays

Even under the best circumstances, holidays are emotion-laden occasions. If you are grieving the death of a loved one, the nature of grief is that it intensifies your experience of occasions that painfully remind you of your loss. Dread may creep into your heart as you begin to imagine what the holiday season will be like. You may ask, "How can there be celebration without the one I love?"

If you are grieving, please join us on the journey through grief in a *Beyond the Broken Heart* holiday grief support session. The group will meet on **Saturday, December 18, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** To register, sign up at the Connection Center, or call/text Stacey Holley at (304) 532-8659. Forgot to register? No problem, simply come and be a part of our community. We would love to see you.

### Drop-in Grief Support Hours

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, it can be helpful to talk to someone about all that you are feeling and thinking. If you feel like talking, we are here to listen, encourage, and support you with prayer during December. Appointments are not necessary; just come by the Parlor during grief support hours. Drop-in with Stacey Holley: **December 16 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Drop-in with Robbie Parsons: **December 21 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.**



## Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias in memory or in honor of loved ones will be placed in the Sanctuary for Sunday, December 19. Poinsettias may be picked up after Christmas Eve worship, December 24.

Please fill out a poinsettia order form (found in a Sunday bulletin or requested from the church office) along with your money or check, and return to the Church Office **no later than December 10**. Make your check payable to Forrest Burdette UMC. Poinsettias are \$10 each (6.5" container, 1 plant, 4-6 blooms, red with pot cover & bow) and purchased through Gritt's Midway Greenhouse.

**December Birthdays:**

- 1 Kambrie Canterbury, Lucy Huggins, Sandy Nesmith, Meredith Vance
- 2 Karen Hyre, Gary Newman, Becky Williams
- 3 Jane Bogan, Todd Landin
- 4 Keith Bowie, Scott Ransom
- 5 Meghan Fawcett, Geneva McGinnis, JR Newman, Michael Sword
- 6 David Russell
- 7 Ellen Bowie, Michele Myers, Steve Powers, Kaven Ransom
- 8 Scott Edwards, Bradley Johnson, Dylan Kimble, Pat Litton, Casey Templeton, Matthew Tidd
- 9 Katie Anderson, Roland Fisher, Pam Stinespring, Tara Valent
- 10 Caitlin Campbell, Isaac Gibson
- 11 Nita DeBord, Karen Martinez, Cheryl Stutler, Lorrie Zappitelli
- 12 Alan Cummings, Samantha Hill, Emily King, Karen Lilly, Bill Painter
- 13 *No birthdays on record today*
- 14 Jim Campbell, Nick Kegley, Andy Peal
- 15 Stephanie Dorsey, Matthew Jarvis, Linda Plumley, Rob Proffitt, Steve Ramey, Pamela Smith, Debbie Young
- 16 Emerson Gibson, Cole Jackson, Boyce Jarrett, Dan Johnson, Ryan Riedel, Dan Salamie
- 17 Ethan Copeland, Linnet McCann, Justin Williams

- 18 Lori Halstead
- 19 Angie Runyon
- 20 Jackson Bucher, Rubie Kauffman, Kristin Lilly, Ashton Warner
- 21 Tess Baker, Gene Brown
- 22 Samuel Burch, Denise Clegg
- 23 Hunter Jackson, Robin Yearout
- 24 Stacey Holley, Brandon Porter
- 25 Kim Herman, Maxine Kessler
- 26 Mike Treadway
- 27 Erica Booker, Charlene Carter, Ethan Johnson, Kelsey Prince, Amy Thomas
- 28 Rosemary Cook, Debbie Pauley
- 29 Becky Brogan, Mary Beth Stewart
- 30 Eddie Ellison, Ashley Laton, Keith Smith
- 31 Annette Cartwright, Ali Davidson, Rita Given, Andrea Houston, Becky Lilly

**December Anniversaries:**

5	Ed & Becky Brogan	24	John Bayliss & Susan McCracken
5	Rob & Carol Proffitt	24	Tom & Linda Plumley
7	Gene & Traci Brown	26	Ruel & Patsy Elliott
12	Chris & Leslie St. Clair	27	Larry & Margie Billups
14	Marvin & Alpha Lively	27	Jim & Karen Campbell
21	Frank & Hilda Mynes	29	Rick & Jill Turner
23	Curtis & Mia Ferguson	31	Scott & Jan Ramey

\*\* Birthdays and anniversaries are generated from our church database. Please call the office if you are not listed (304-562-5903).



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**DID YOU KNOW** our BackPack Buddies program supplies food items for 116 school children during school breaks as well as during weekends? We are coming up on the 2-week Christmas break and would appreciate your nonperishable food donations at this time. Individual packs of trail mix, gummies, or crackers & cheese; ramen noodles; microwave mac n cheese; individual fruit cups, oatmeal packets, or rice krispy treats... many individually wrapped meal and snack options are available. There is a cart for your donations behind the Connection Center desk.

