



Let Us Worship the Lord Together!

Sunday, December 17, 2023, 10:45 a.m.

Announcements
Moments of Meditation

The Virgin Will Be with Child

Call to Worship "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (Hymn 88)
Celebration of Baptism
Christmas Carols "Away in a Manger" (Hymn 103)
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Hymn 76)
The Third Sunday of Advent
Advent Reading
Lighting the Candle of Immanuel Christ The Bergan Family
Scripture: Isaiah 7.14; Matthew 1.18-22
Christmas Carol "What Child Is This?" (Hymn 118)

They Will Call Him Emmanuel — "God with Us"

Message in Music Sanctuary Choir "While Shepherds Watched"
Song of Preparation "Emmanuel" (Hymn 82)
Message from the Word of God (see insert, Pew Bible p. 571 & 807)
Response to God
Commitment of Life and Tithes and Offerings*
Meditation "Ding, Dong, Merrily on High"
Curtis Powell, Piano
Benediction Chorus "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (Hymn 95)

* Offering and Communication Card Return:

Please place your offering and/or Communication Card in an offering box located at the exits. You may also give and respond online through acbc.churchtrac.com. (Or use the QR code on back of Communication Card.)



For hearing aid users, we have a hearing loop installed in the Sanctuary. Activate the t-coil in your hearing aid to take advantage of this system.


Welcome to Ancient City Baptist Church!

Guests, we are glad you are here! We also invite you to complete the Communication Card to the right and place it in the offering box located at each exit as you leave the Sanctuary. **Members and regular attenders**, you are also encouraged to use the Communication Card for information updates, prayer requests, and other responses you may have.

"Pray for one another..."

(James 5.16)

Do you desire prayer for yourself or others? Someone will be happy to pray for you or with you following worship. Come to the front of the Sanctuary (near the organ) immediately after the service with your prayer requests. If you would prefer to have special prayer at another time or have a request placed on our Prayer List, please let us know through the Communication Card or by calling the church office.



Advent Worship

What Christmas Tells Us About God

Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 6 p.m.

Christmas is such a warm and wonderful time of the year. Our thoughts go to family and friends and gifts and more. But Christmas was God's idea. He was trying to tell us some important things. In this series, we explore just a part of **What Christmas Tells Us About God...**

Date	Candle	Message/Feature
12/3	The Advocate Christ	"God Is FOR Us"
12/10	The Indwelling Christ	Choir Christmas Cantata
12/17	The Immanuel Christ	"God Is WITH Us"
12/24 (10:45 a.m.)	The Incarnational Christ	"God Is ONE OF Us"
12/24 (6 p.m.)	The Christ Candle	"God Is IN Us"/Candlelight

Missed messages can be accessed through our website.



The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is our annual opportunity to support about 3500 missionaries serving internationally through our International Mission Board. 100% of the receipts of this special offering directly support the work of our missionaries in the field.

Our church's 2023 goal is \$6,000. **Given to date: \$2,074.**

COMMUNICATION CARD

Comments or Prayer Needs

☐ Confidential ☐ For published prayer list

Use QR Code
to respond or
to give online



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Table with 2 columns: Day/Time, Activity. Sunday, December 17: 9:30 a.m. Life Groups, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship. Wednesday, December 20: 6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Meet in Fellowship Hall), 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____
Cell Phone _____
Email _____

- My Response Today...
I want to place my faith in Jesus Christ and receive his gift of life, abundant and eternal.
I would like to learn more about what it means to follow Jesus
I would like to be baptized.
I would like to learn more about church membership.
I would like information on Life Groups/Sunday School classes.
Please add me to ACBC's email list.
I would like to speak to a minister at a mutually convenient time.
Other (please write on other side)

Guests...
We are glad you are here! Please complete this card and place it in the offering basket this morning.
This is my 1st 2nd 3rd or more time at Ancient City Baptist Church.
I was invited by _____

Please indicate the number of people in your family in each age category:
65+ __ 55-64 __ 45-54 __ 30-44 __
18-29 __ Youth (Grade 7-12) __
Children (Grade 1-6) __ Preschool __

OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Sunday Morning Time Schedule: Our new Sunday Morning Schedule is now in effect! Life Groups now meet at 9:30 a.m. and the Morning Worship now begins at 10:45 a.m.
Christmas Eve Worship Next Sunday: With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday this year, we will have two opportunities to worship. We will light the fourth Advent candle during our Morning Worship at 10:45. We will gather again at 6 p.m. for our annual Candlelight and Communion worship, a unique worship experience. Come, and invite others to worship with us!
NO LIFE GROUPS NEXT SUNDAY: With the addition of the Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Worship, Life Groups will not meet next Sunday so that we can give you more time to celebrate with your family and friends. (Life Groups will meet the following week on New Year's Eve.)
Bible Reading Schedules for 2024: Want to read the Bible systematically in 2024? Bible Reading schedules are available in the Welcome Center for reading either the entire Bible or just the New Testament in 2024. You can read the entire Bible by reading an average of 3-4 chapters a day. Our schedule keeps you in both the Old and New Testaments throughout the year. To read the New Testament in a year, it is only one chapter a day, five days a week! Why not commit yourself to this?
Church Conference News: This past Wednesday, our church approved the 2024 Church Budget and the 2024 Leadership Nominations. In addition, teams and committees were able to share reports of their work.
Year End Giving Reminder: Any gift you wish to be considered as given in 2023 for tax purposes must be in the office or postmarked by December 31. (Offering given during December 31 worship will be credited in 2023.)
All Church Prayer Meeting for Pastor Search this Wednesday: We invite all to join together Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a special time of prayer for our church as we begin to seek a new pastor. Beginning in 2024, our regular Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study time will revert to 6:30 p.m.
TeamKID: This fun ministry for children is taking a break for the holidays and will resume on January 10 at 6:30 pm.
Life Groups (Sunday School): These small groups meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 and are an opportunity for members to study Scripture, get to know each other and minister to one another. Use the Communication Card to request more information.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK: Ken Mull (904-460-3077) and Brad Burnsworth (904-923-6677)
WELCOME CENTER HOSTS: Rick Weedman; Larry & Laurel DuBose

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BAPTIST CHURCH
Pursuing Life in Christ
with Passion and Purpose!



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Fred O. Pitts, Pastor
Wayne Husk, Associate Pastor
Curtis Powell, Music Director