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**POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY**

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season in memory of a loved one or to honor a special person in your life, please complete the following and return it to the Church office by December 14, along with your check for \$10.00 each. The list of poinsettias donated will be printed in THE WEEKLY WITNESS dated December 19, 2008.

Poinsettias will be available to take home Sunday, December 21.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



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of loved ones  
\$10 each*



*Second Sunday of  
Advent  
December 7*

**Second Sunday of Advent**

We continue our celebration of Advent this week as we light the second candle in the Advent wreath. The candle of Hope continues burning this week, reminding us of the hope we have in Christ. This week, we light the second purple candle in the wreath, representing Peace. We celebrate peace not only in a physical sense, but also the peace that knowing Christ brings to our lives. In the words of Henry Longfellow,

*“And in despair I bowed my head: ‘There is no peace on earth,’ I said, ‘For hate is strong, and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men.’ Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: ‘God is not dead, nor doth he sleep; the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good will to men.’”*

The candle of Peace will be lit this week in our worship service by Linda Williams and her family.



Bob Wiley  
Pastor

### JUST THINKING. . .

The Worship Café is progressing wonderfully! This past Sunday evening we had 22 people of 45 in attendance who are not members of our church! At least 15 of that number are prospects! God is good! Continue to pray for the band as they lead us in worship. They sound good and their music honors the Lord. The van ministry is bringing new kids to Sunday School providing new opportunities and challenges for us. God is good!

December is always a time of joy! We celebrate the birth of Jesus and the salvation that he brings. A lot of happenings take place during the month as well. Tom Howard has several exciting music/worship experiences on the agenda, an IMB missionary, who happens to be one of the focus missionaries of the week of prayer, will be with us to tell us about all that God is doing in his work in Brazil, and there are several fellowships planned. God is good!

### HERE WE COME, A-CAROLING

*Christmas caroling Sunday, December 14, 5:00 p.m.*

On Sunday, December 14, everyone is invited to a church-wide evening of caroling. We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m., and we will go by van and other transportation to the homes of some of our homebound mem-

bers here in Hapeville, sharing the joy of the Christmas season through caroling. We invite everyone, young and old, to join us as we take our worship into the community that evening. We will return to the

church by 7:00 pm. There is no special training needed—just a willingness to share your gifts through song with others. Give the gift of song by joining us as we share Christmas music Sunday evening, December 14.

### THIS WEEK. . .

Bible Study Attendance 78  
Budget Receipts \$ 3,916.00  
Designated Receipts 160.00  
**Total Receipts \$ 4,076.00**  
*Weekly Requirements \$5,853.00*

**Deacon of the Week,**  
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Karen Cloud  
**Scripture Reader,**  
Eleanor Chance  
**Van Driver Team,**  
Debbie Martin, Brian Adams  
**Breakfast Team,**  
Sharon Bryden, Denise Summers

### PRAY FOR. . .

**Treasured Member of the week:**  
Louise Hammock  
3049 Dogwood Drive  
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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**  
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Tom Howard  
Minister of Music/  
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### NOTES FROM TOM

The Advent season has begun! It was great to see the candle of Hope lit in the Advent wreath Sunday morning and to hear the songs of the beginning of Advent.

This week, Linda Williams and her family will light the candle of Peace as we sing songs of Christmas that speak of the peace that comes from knowing of God's love for us.

Sunday, December 14, we will enjoy a service of Lessons and Carols led by nine readers and our choirs.

Appropriately, the third Sunday of Advent reminds us of the joy of the season as we celebrate through the joyous readings and Christmas songs.

Sunday evening, December 14, we will go Christmas caroling to some homebound members in Hapeville.

### WEEK OF PRAYER

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is November 30—December 7. During this week, we are asked to pray specifically for our missionaries in other areas of the world.

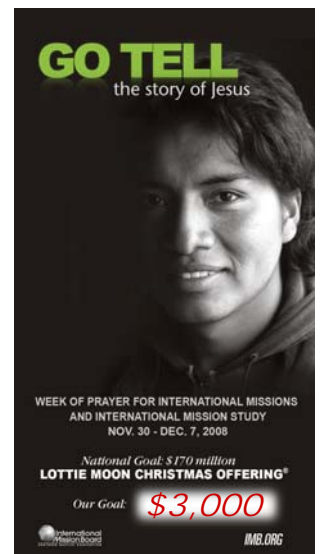
The Week of Prayer

also marks the beginning of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. The national goal for this year's offering is \$170 million. Our church has set a goal of \$3,000.

As you pray for our

missionaries, please pray also for your offering to support the work of our international missionaries.

The theme for this year's emphasis is "Go Tell...the story of Jesus." May we each tell the story!



### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Sunday, December 7**  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
9:45 am Bible Study  
11:00 am Worship  
5:00 pm Handbell Choir  
6:00 pm Worship  
7:00 pm Worship Café

**Monday, December 8**  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts  
6:30 pm Meal at Calvary Refuge Center

**Wednesday, December 10**  
5:00 pm Children's Choirs  
6:00 pm Children's Handchimes  
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting  
6:45 pm Sanctuary Choir

**Sunday, December 14**  
*Third Sunday of Advent*  
9:45 am Bible Study  
11:00 am Lessons & Carols  
5:00 pm Christmas Caroling  
7:00 pm Worship Café

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Louise Hammock ..... 12/09  
Ruffin Vessell..... 12/09  
Jeremy Hardy ..... 12/11  
Holly Elmer..... 12/12  
Toni Griffith ..... 12/13  
Sally Akin..... 12/13  
Jay Travis..... 12/13