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Birthdays

01Jill Bowen Anna Butler
06Allyn Dyer
07Sarah Claire Doss
08McDonald Law Devin Volant
09	.....John Clark
11	.....Paul Lyday Natalie Parish
12	.....Michael Boyd Oliver Brown
15	.....Fionna Chew
16	.....Charlotte Mellick
18	.....Al Lovingood
19	.....Cassie Carter
22	.....Jay Dyer
25	.....Caia Valldejuli
26	.....Gabe Zamora
27	.....David Chew Rich Fishel Terry Volant
29	.....Noah Doss Carol Rezzelle Gloria Smits



Missionary Love Gift Dinner

Friday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m.

A time of fellowship and worship of our Savior as we remember supported missionaries in the field through collecting a monetary Christmas gift.

The Joy of Christmas: A Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a time of worship and praise with our Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, instrumental ensemble, guest instrumentalist Matthew Dickerson (hammered dulcimer), and congregational carol singing. Be sure to invite your family and friends for this special time of honoring our Savior's birth. The hammered dulcimer prelude will begin at 5:45pm with the service

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us on Sunday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a special Christmas Eve worship service.

The service will include an extended prelude by the Church Strings and Piano,

as well as congregational carol singing, and Rev. Robbie Hendrick will share from the Word. We will conclude the service with singing Silent Night together by candlelight.

Senior High Youth Announcement

In the past year, the Youth Director Search Committee has made attempts to find a full-time Youth Director who would love, serve, and instruct the students of our church. To this point, we have had two candidates that have come to the church for final interviews, yet these did not work out, for one reason or another.

The Session recognizes that some stability is needed for our youth during this season of transition, until we find the right person to lead our students. In the meantime, Pastor Ryan has agreed to teach the Senior High youth, both for Sunday School and Wednesday night Bible Study, for a season, beginning in January.

The Youth Director Search Committee continues to diligently seek out candidates who will competently and lovingly lead our youth into the future. Ryan's leadership will only serve to bolster our youth and provide a measure of consistency during this time. Pastor Ryan will also continue to serve our church through preaching and through leading a growing Young Adult program.

Operation Christmas Child



Thank you to all who participated in this year's Shoebox Project!!! The members of Christ Church, Presbyterian, American Heritage Girls, and Trail Life packed **123** gift-filled shoeboxes to be delivered to boys and girls all around the world. Whether they receive them by plane, boat, oxcart, horseback, or camel, 123 children will not only receive carefully selected gifts, but they will have the opportunity to hear the true meaning Christmas. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this amazing missions project that is reaching boys and girls around the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, and please pray that God will use these gifts to bring many to a personal relationship with the Savior.

Ruth Ann Fiermans & Martha Calderwood

DAVID & ERIN PERVIS

Mission to the World
Athens, Greece

David and Erin have served with Mission to the World (MTW) since 1999. David grew up in Georgia, and as a child placed his faith in Christ. He received his B.S. in chemical engineering at Auburn University and later received CELTA certification for English language teaching. While participating in evangelism teams in Eastern Europe, he sensed God's call to missionary service there. Erin, also from Georgia, came to know the Lord in middle school. She graduated from Duke University with a degree in Middle East studies and later earned a master's degree in teaching English as a second language. In 1984, she joined Arab World Ministries and worked among Arab Muslims in England, France, and the Middle East before marrying David in 1996.

Ministry:

From 1999 to 2012, they served on the MTW church-planting team in Sofia, Bulgaria, establishing a multifaceted English program as an avenue for evangelism and assisting a Bulgarian church planter. From 2012 to 2017, they served on the MTW church-planting team in Kyiv, Ukraine, teaching ESL, leading evangelistic English clubs for two church plants, and discipling new believers. Since 2018, they have been a part of the MTW church-planting team in Athens, Greece, using English instruction as a means for evangelism among Greeks and refugees from the Middle East and Asia.

Prayer:

Pray for the Voula Refugee House for continued growth of the believing families and for the Muslim families to come to Christ. Pray for the Sunday night Bible study there and weekly women's handwork meetings at the Glyfada Church to be used by God toward those ends.

Pray for the growth and outreach of the Greek Evangelical Church of Glyfada and for the Lord's leading through Pastor George Tolias.

Pray for spiritual and physical protection for our grown children Clara, Josiah and Josiah's wife Hannah.

Pray for Clara to succeed with her last semester of respiratory therapy school and for God to provide Josiah with the right graduate school program for his music studies.

Pray for the Lord's blessing on and strength for Erin and David in their walk with Him, marriage, family and ministry to refugees and to Greeks.

Music Ministry News

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Trail Life

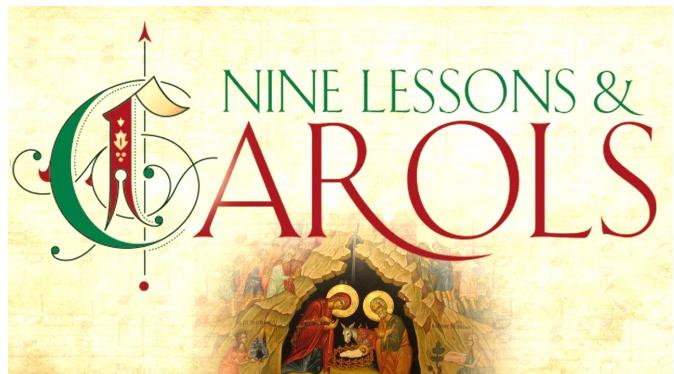
In November, the troop began to get back to a regular pace. On Saturday, 11/2, Adventurer trailmen instructed the Woodlands Trail in outdoor skills such as navigation, fire building, woods tools, knots, and outdoor ethics. The troop conducted our annual flag retirement ceremony in which over 20 flags were respectfully retired. Navigator and Adventurer trailmen held a outdoor cooking competition campout at Aiken State Park. The troop conducted our fall Court of Honor. Adventurer traillmen were awarded their hiking trail badges which required 10 hikes culminating in a 20 miler in one day. Four Navigator trailmen were awarded their standards. And the four Sutton family trailmen each earned their Worthy Life Award.

The troop will conduct a Lessons and Carols campfire service on Monday December 16, and all are invited.



You can support the Trail Life troop by designating an offering or by using the online giving on the church website. We require funds to purchase awards, pay for campsites and purchase troop equipment.

Boys continue to join the troop. If you know of a young man who wants to experience outdoor adventure in a safe, Christian setting, invite him to visit Trail Life GA-2215 on Monday nights at 7 PM. Walk worthy. #openforadventure.



American Heritage Girls

Our fundraiser bake sale at Art on Southern Pines Holiday Edition was a great success and we are so thankful for the support of the congregation and all the patrons who purchased baked goods. We also participated in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project as our service project for the month of November. Another highlight of the month was our second annual Troop Thanksgiving Meal, which had a great turnout. Girls and their families came together to enjoy delicious food and sweet fellowship as well as celebrate all that we have to be thankful for. During our weekly meetings, Tenderhearts and Explorers are finishing up the Pen & Paper Arts Badge and Pioneer and Patriots are wrapping up the Bible Basics Badge. Upcoming in the month of December we are looking forward to our Augusta Canal Hike & Picnic and our traditional yearly Cookie Exchange, which will take place on December 16th. That will be our last meeting of the year and we will take a break for the Christmas and New Year holidays, resuming our weekly meetings on Monday, January 6th, 2025. For more information on registering a girl between the ages of 5-18, or to volunteer, contact Jen Zamora at ahg@christchurchpres.org.



Servants Schedule

Elder Greeters

December 1: Derrick Smits & John Norkus
December 8: Charles Bowen & Ora Parish
December 15: Mike Boyd & Rick Rezzelle
December 22: John Clark & Derrick Smits
December 29: Glynn Dyer & Mike Boyd

House Deacon

Lee Carter
Gary Cowart
Marino De Rienzo
Rich Fishel
Hank Gautreaux

Morning Prayer

Communion
Charles McClure
John Norkus
Derrick Smits
Mike Boyd

Ushers

December 1: Allen Richardson, Stephen Dyer, Eddie Zamora
December 8: Ed Russell, Hank Gautreaux, Joe Beasley
December 15: Eddie Zamora, Rich Fishel, Marion Butler
December 22: Tommy Samuels, Gene Gojda, Dan Campbell
December 29: Joe Beasley, Lee Carter

Children's Ministry

All children 4 year olds to 5th grade are invited to a Christmas Celebration on Friday, December 13 (6:00 - 8:00P.M) in Covenant Hall. We will celebrate the season with a pizza dinner, games, crafts and more! If your child is able to join us please sign up in the Children's Building or email Frances Gojda (childrensministry@christchurchpres.org). Parents, you are of course welcome to stay and join in the fun or you may use those two hours to do some Christmas shopping! Looking forward to celebrating this wonderful season with you all!



Weekly Sunday Schedule

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. Worship

Please pray for our CCP supported missionaries.

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship	7:00 p.m. Trail Life 7:00 p.m. AHG	7:05 p.m. Choir Rehearsal			7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
Rick & Betty Aschmann		Rick & Betty Aschmann		Greg & Julieann	Child Evangelism Fellowship Kermitt & Cheryl	American Heritage Girls Alliance Defending Freedom
8	9	10	11	12	13	
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship	7:00 p.m. Trail Life 7:00 p.m. AHG	6:30 p.m. Admin Meeting 7:00 p.m. Evans Bible Study	7:05 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. Augusta Bible Study	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer	10:00 Sanctuary Dress Rehearsal
Bob & Andrea Burnham		Noah & Karleigh Stephens Augusta Care Pregnancy Center	Broad Street Ministries	Child Evangelism Fellowship	Heritage Academy	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Chris & Cary Drinkard	Institute for Creation Research Bob & Andrea Burnham	Jews for Jesus Cheryl Croker	Missionary Care Ministry Chris & Cary Drinkard	Palmer Home for Children David & Maddie Dyer	RUF	Trail Life Glenn & Sharlene Grubb
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship	5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Church Office Closed			7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer	
David & Maddie Dyer	Elisea & Paula Guadagno	Miles Hendrick	Tim & Lana Higginbotham	Steve & Sherri Letchford	Steve & Kellie Merwin	Nathanael Miller
29	30	31				
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship						
Glenn & Sharlene Grubb	Kurt & Pat Nelson	Doug & Amy Nunziato	John & Chris Oliver	David & Erin Pervis	Steven Smith	Jonathan Stamberg

Book Review

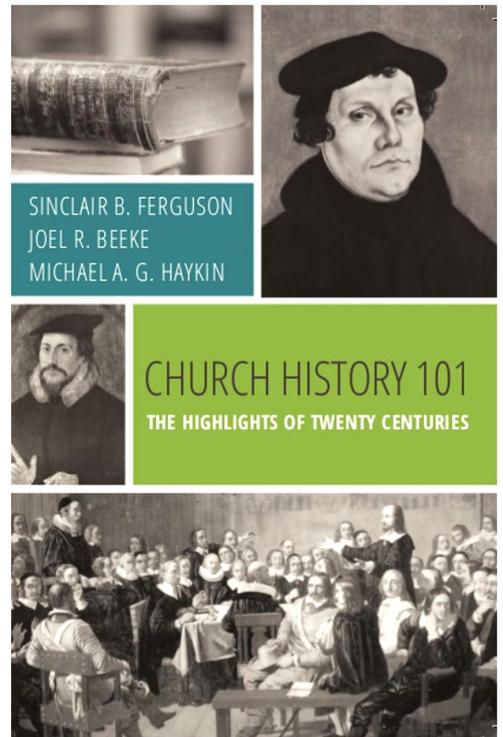
As we turn the page on 2024 and look forward to a new year, it is beneficial to look back on God's blessings in the past. In **Church History 101**, Sinclair Ferguson, Joel Beeke and Michael Haykin take us on a rapid tour of 20 centuries of church history.

One of the most encouraging portions is how in some of the church's darkest days, God provided men to bring the church through persecution and ignorance. In these pages, we see the fulfillment of Christ's promise to His disciples: *And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock[I will build my church, and the gates of hell[b] shall not prevail against it.* (Matt. 16:18).

Although this book is not an exhaustive treatment of church history, it provides a framework and introduction in an easily digestible format.

We will have a number of copies available in the church lobby.

Sinclair Ferguson is a teaching fellow of Ligonier Ministries. Joel Beeke is the president of Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. Michael Haykin is professor of church history and biblical spirituality at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Men's Studies

We are taught in the Scripture that, "Iron sharpens iron and one man sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17) If we would grow in godliness, then, it is imperative that the men of the church would make every effort to gather together and sharpen one another.

To that end, we have two opportunities in the church, by which we may grow in godliness together:

- First-Saturday Morning Bible Study: We gather every first Saturday at 7 a.m. for a meal together and we are instructed from a portion of Scripture.
- Third-Friday Evening Discussion: Beginning in January, we will be meeting on the third Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and we will use J.C. Ryle's book, *Holiness*, as a guide for our discussion.

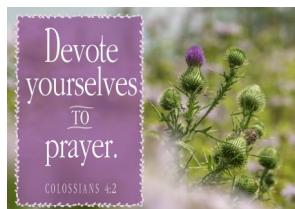
We hope that you will join us, as we meet together and "stir up one another to love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24).

Ladies Online Prayer

"...in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."
Philippians 4:6

Join the ladies of Christ Church as we unite in online prayer twice weekly: Sundays 4:00–5:00 p.m. and Thursdays 7:30–8:15 p.m. (focusing on America).

Contact Charlotte Jewett (cjjewett@att.net; 706-731-0191) or Maria Russell (edmarmam@gmail.com; 706-726-1703) to receive the online invitations.





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