

Opportunities for MULTIPLYING Disciples

(*Multiplying: each of us should serve in order to bring others to Christ.*)

COMMITMENT (PLEDGE) CARDS - Please prayerfully consider how you will give to the Lord's work in and through Lenoir Presbyterian. We have many opportunities for changing lives and need your support to see these bear fruit. Thank you for giving to our life together with God as we serve the Lenoir/Caldwell community for Jesus Christ.

Please return your card to Melanie Blair by December 31!

CHRISTMAS CHILD MISSION (ANGEL TREE!) - Jill Norment has children who need us to adopt them. See her after both services today.

THANK YOU to the wonderful "Elves" who helped decorate the Sanctuary and Church. We deeply appreciate the love, work and dedication that goes into getting God's house ready for this most Holy Season, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Those folks are: Donna Belk, Ethan Barnett, Bootise Creason, Dottie Darsie, Jan Griffith, Pat Howard, Lillie Ruth Melton, Jill Norment, Jennifer Robson, and Dianne Spicer.

We thank Tyler and Jennifer Sime, Gibson and Ashley McDade and Diversified Landscaping Co. for their help in finishing the setup and decorating the Crismon tree. They were helped by Bootsie Creason, Pat Howard, Lillie Ruth Melton, and Dianne Spicer. Thank you all very, very much! - Jan Griffith

December at Lenoir Presbyterian

December 2 8:45am Communion - Fellowship Hall
ADVENT 1 9:55am Sunday School
11:00am Communion - Sanctuary
2:00pm Handbell Christmas Concert - Sanctuary

December 9 8:45am Fellowship Hall
ADVENT 2 9:55am Sunday School
11:00am Sanctuary

December 16 8:45am Fellowship Hall
ADVENT 3 9:55am Sunday School
11:00am Sanctuary - "Let There Be Christmas" by Joseph Martin (featuring the Chancel Choir)

December 23 8:45am Fellowship Hall
ADVENT 4 9:55am Sunday School
11:00am Sanctuary

December 24 **Christmas Eve Services**
5:30pm Sanctuary Candlelight and Communion
11:30pm Chapel Candlelight and Communion

December 30 10:00am Combined Worship Service - Sanctuary
(No Sunday School this Sunday)

Opportunities for CONNECTING

After-hours pastoral crisis, call/text Rob Hinman, 828-292-2508.
Property issues or Friday access, call/text Ethan Barnett 828-313-7728.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: DISCOVER LIFE TOGETHER! - Adults and children, join a class today and learn more about our Christian life and your church family. Classes for all children and youth.

Adult classes:

CrossTrainers Room 204—"More About Jesus" - team of teachers led by Leroy Mayne.

Reflections Room 205—"Ephesians" - Steve Shores, lead teacher.

Sisters Scripted Room 207—"Names of God" - Darcy Evans, lead teacher.

Scripture Explorers Library—"Luke for Everyone" by N. T. Wright - LeNora Chase, lead teacher.

Worship songs for the 8:45 Service

When you receive *The Steeple* by email or read it on the website, you can click on the link to hear the song in preparation for Sunday worship.

Father of Lights: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Bqdm6AI-wI>

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXp6xcY5lqU>

O Come O Come Emmanuel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUECWu3nSU8>

Here I Am to Worship: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CoxopsRSfdU>

Joy to The World (Unspeaking Joy): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tC3SwhJslqU>

Opportunities for SHEPHERDING

(*Shepherding: leading and caring as Christ, the Good Shepherd, leads us*)

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JOIN THE STAFF AS WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Jim and Karen Finley; Dean and Brenda Ford; "J", Nora, James and Gratia Ford; Guy, Allison, Biz, Christopher, and John Franzen; Larry and Barbara Freiman

MILITARY: George Bernhardt; John Church IV, (Afghanistan); Brian and Jennifer Corley (Jan Nash's nephew and his wife); David Drake (Miriam Fullam's nephew); Jake Henry (Melanie Blair's brother-in-law); Jason Jenkins; Michael Matis, Afghanistan (Susan Stalheim's nephew); Tylor Moore, Afghanistan (Cissy Kepper's nephew); Andrew Odell (Laura Easton's nephew); Derrick Petett (Rob and Ginger Hinman's friend); Nathan Summers; Alex Whisnant; Patrick Zeller, and Bailey Zeller (grandsons of Dave and Sylvia Jackson)

Opportunities for PRAYER

Help keep this list current. To update, contact jonnie@lenoirpres.org or 754-5351.

Home

Paxson, Tom
(John Paxson's brother, Ohio)

Brookdale

Clark, Jo
Cloer, John (Anna Josey's dad)
McKee, Anyce

Others

Adkins, Joey (Teresa Larson's dad)

Adkins, Patty
(Teresa Larson's sister)

Beall, Harper
Boaz, Brenda (Ben's mom;
metastatic breast cancer & chemo.)

Bowen, Jean (John's mother)

Bowen, John

Brown, Larry (Betty's son)

Chambers, Brent
(Sue McKee's brother)

Chase, Rahn (LeNora's brother)

Collins, Wes

Creger, Mark

Crisp, Stephen Alex
(Jonnie Laws' nephew)

Crosland, Dave and Anne (Anne-
cancer, Miriam Fullam's parents)

Dupuis, Ressie (Cissy Kepper's
mom)

Eller, Brice (Scott's father)

Foster Parents

Funderburk, LaVerne

Gatlin, David
(Brenda Stevens' brother)

Good, Maury
Greene, Jake
(Tiffany Ostwalt's brother)

Henry, Jake & Julie (Melanie Blair's
brother-in-law and sister)

Herman, Jeff (cancer)

Israel, and Jews everywhere

Kingdom multiplication growth!

Laws, Ruby
(Ruby's daughter, Ashley)

Livingston, Nancy
(hip replacement surgery Dec. 3)

Marley, Larry
(Jeannie Corriher's brother)

Mayne, Larry (Leroy's brother)

Meade, Lynn (brain bleed) and
husband, Herb Meade
(Friends of Phyllis & Jim Miller)

Myers, Barbara's grandchildren
Myers III, Guy

Nash, Jan

Our ministry partners

Overcash, Betty
(Cris Bayne's stepmom)

Pate, Maureen
(Kathy Proctor's sister)

Persecuted Christians worldwide

Porter, Carrie Ross
(Patty Myers' daughter)

Procter, Kathy
Prongay, Lou (Ginger's mom)

Reynolds, Anita
(Susan Shores' mother)

Safley, Betty Sue (spot on lung)

Shanks, Taylor Elizabeth
(Martha's great-granddaughter)

Syria and persecuted Christians
Those without a church home

Tilley, Doug
Unsaved friends and family

Vanderbloemen, Dotts
(Bruce Vanderbloemen's mother)

Victims of natural disasters; those
affected by Hurricanes Florence
and Michael.

SERVING THIS WEEK

GREETERS	8:45	Leroy Mayne, Debbie DeBaeremaeker
	11:00	Jeannie Corriher, Frances Delk, Elizabeth Jenkins, Cissy Kepper
NURSERY	8:45	Steuer
	10:00	Howard
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	8:45	Hart
	11:00	Hefner
ACOLYTE	11:00	Garrett Goudas
LAY READER	8:45	Sterken
	11:00	Thompson

YOUTH GROUP SERIES!

By God's grace we have His Word; by God's grace, and His grace alone, we are drawn to love His Word. Join us in our Crucial Questions series on Sunday nights as our thoughts and affections are stirred to know and love Jesus more fully!

December 9th	Who is the Holy Spirit?
December 16th	Guest Teacher!
Dec. 23rd-30th	No Youth! Enjoy family!
January 6th	Can I Know God's Will?

After the Christmas season, we will transition from "Crucial Questions about God" to "Crucial Questions about God's World."
Please join in on these applicable, Gospel-filled conversations!

Y O U T H N E W S

TONIGHT!

**Christmas Party
& Shopping!**
5:00-8:00 p.m.

COMING SOON!

**West Lenoir Food
Packing &
TCBY!**
This Wednesday
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Brian Kane, Youth Director
(717) 404-7192 (call/text)
828-754-5351 ext. 104 (office) brian@lenoirpres.org

GET INVOLVED IN MINISTRY

December 2 - December 9

Sunday (12/2)

8:45 a.m.	First Sunday of Advent
9:40 a.m.	Worship & Communion - Fellowship Hall
9:55 a.m.	Fellowship - Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
2:00 p.m.	Worship & Communion - Sanctuary
5:00-8:00 p.m.	Handbell Christmas Concert - Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Youth shopping for children & Christmas Party
	Replanted (fostering/adopting ministry)

Monday (12/3)

11:30 a.m. **Staff Meeting**

Tuesday (12/4)

Noon	Men's Bible Study - the Baynes' house
Noon	Men's Bible Study - Library
6:45 p.m.	BSF - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday (12/5)

8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (at Lenoir Chick Fil-A)
9:45 a.m.	Eleanor Harper Circle - Parlor (Bible Study)
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Youth WLMS Backpack Packing & TCBY
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Chancel Ringers
7:30-8:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Thursday (12/6)

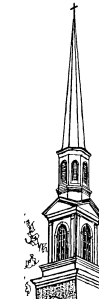
9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	SYC's Christmas Program - Fellowship Hall

Sunday (12/9)

8:45 a.m.	Second Sunday of Advent
9:40 a.m.	Worship - Fellowship Hall
9:55 a.m.	Fellowship - Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Worship Sanctuary
	Youth

The Session prays we all will help now.

The Finance Committee states that November income was less than what was hoped for in the present, tenuous income situation. We need \$125,000 in order to finish our 2018 budget of \$617,881 without a deficit. When the need is there, this congregation has always met it. We need everyone, whether you pledged or not for 2018, to come forward soon with a generous heart. In years gone by, we sometimes had reserves to offset a deficit, but there is nothing to fall back on - we walk totally by faith for each year's provision. Prayerfully consider your commitment to honor God's blessings to your family by supporting our church financially. **Thank you!**



The Steeple

December 2, 2018

"Counting Sheep: Follow the Leader!"

Psalm 23; Matthew 4:18-22

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

As a spiritual parent you must believe in your spiritual children, cheer them and celebrate their accomplishments.

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

As a spiritual parent you must love your spiritual sons and daughters.

He restores my soul.

As a spiritual parent, you must set your spiritual children up for success.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

As a spiritual parent you must not compete with your spiritual children.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

As a spiritual parent, you must discipline your spiritual children with the firm belief that they will be better for it.

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

As a spiritual parent you must provide spiritual protection.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

As a spiritual parent you must walk with your spiritual children as they face failures.

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

As a spiritual parent you must impart in the life of your spiritual children.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

As a spiritual parent you must allow your spiritual children to find their spiritual voice.

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

As a spiritual parent, you must make yourself available to your spiritual children even after they leave the "home."