

Fall Missions Update

CCHASM Thanksgiving:
34 Bags

Providence Elementary School
Holiday Christmas Gifts due:

Mark Your Calendar!

- Dec. 4: Hanging of the Greens Service at Worship Service
- Dec. 4: Family Advent Party/Lunch following Worship Service
- Dec. 6: Central Connections—10 a.m.
- Dec. 11: Youth Christmas Party in the Youth Suite — 5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 20: Central Connections —10 a.m.
- Dec ??: Providence Elementary Christmas Gifts Due
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Family Service —5:00 p.m.
- Dec 25: 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Dec 26 and 27: Office Closed

The
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Welcome recent new CBC members Lois and Ralph Lindsay, Andy Rush and John White!



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Family Ministry and Missions

Dear Friends,

What a busy couple of weeks it has been in the CBC Family Ministry. From having over a dozen pots of chili during the chili cookoff, to serving over 100 people at our fall festival, weekends have been packed with fun activities for the whole family. But don't get too comfortable, because Advent is quickly approaching bringing us many more opportunities for community and formation.



On December 4th, following morning worship, we will have our annual Family Advent Party. Lunch will be provided and then stick around for building gingerbread houses. Everyone is invited, as you're never too old to decorate a gingerbread house. Signup online or by contacting Justin Pierson. Then, the following Sunday, December 11th, from 5pm-7pm, our youth will have their Christmas party in the youth suite.

On top of all of these fun opportunities, I hope that our families are also looking for the deeper meaning of Advent: of hope, faith, love, and joy. I want our children to recognize these tenets as we journey through the Advent season. I am hoping to have them participate in all of the advent festivities: serving during worship, learning about Advent during Sunday school, and being a part of our greater CBC community. I believe that it will not only enrich their lives, but will help our congregation transform into the community God wants us to be, specifically during this Advent season, but throughout the rest of the year as well.

Rev. Justin Pierson
Associate Pastor for Family Ministry and Missions

Music in Ministry

This year, the Advent season begins November 27. With that in mind, I would like to let you know about our special service schedule.

On December 4, we will have the Hanging of the Greens service during Sunday's morning worship service. This is a beautiful service that will transform the sanctuary with all of the seasonal decorations that enhance our worship experiences.

On December 18, at 6:00 p.m., our choir will be presenting a beautiful joint Christmas Cantata, "Christmas by Candlelight," with the Huguenot Road Baptist Church choir. This service will be special as it will include several "EXTRAS." First, there will be a petting zoo of manager animals in the courtyard. Children will be thrilled with this opportunity. There will also be drama characters and a brief film entitled "The Shepherd" to help tell the story of the cantata which will be accompanied by an orchestra! A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow. Due to the extensive list of characters, props and especially the live animals, we are only able to present the program once and only in one location. Huguenot Road has the seating in both the sanctuary and the choir loft to handle the expected crowds. We are already working to host a combined special event at Central next year.



I look forward to these and other special times during Advent!

Sincerely,

John White,
Associate Pastor for Worship and Pastoral Care



Christmas Eve Services: Saturday,
December 24, 5:00 p.m. and
Christmas Worship Service, Sunday,
December 25, 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve at Central Baptist is a time of family and community celebration as we come together to prepare ourselves to celebrate the arrival of the Christ Child. Music, prayer, and scripture will invite us to experience the real meaning of Christmas. The service will be a traditional service of candlelight and watchfulness.

Music in Ministry
Christmas Cantata

Our Choir will be combining with the Choir from Huguenot Road Baptist to present a joint Christmas Cantata, "Carols by Candlelight". This will be complete with orchestra, Children's choir, multimedia presentation and a petting zoo of manger animals for the children! It will take place on **Dec. 18, at 6:00 p.m. at Huguenot Road Baptist Church.** Feel free to give me a call if you have any interest in participating.

-John White



Sundays
Sunday School...9:45 am
(for all ages)
Worship...11 am
Youth Table Talk...5 pm
During Worship, children (K-3rd) may leave the sanctuary at a designated time for Children's Church
Adult Choir...7:00 pm
Check the calendar for exceptions at cbcrichmond.org.

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