

Peachtree Baptist Church is a historic church with a rich heritage and a progressive vision, a diverse community unified in faith and mission. An autonomous body committed to Christ, we partner with ministries in our community and around the world to extend the love and grace of God to all. A non-judgmental congregation, we welcome all who wish to join us on their personal journey of faith; our hearts and doors are open to everyone.

Church Staff:

- Miss Meredith Shaw**
Associate Minister for Community Engagement
- Rev. Taylor Johnson**
Associate Minister for Music and Worship
- Mr. Lamar Savage**
Organist
- Mr. George Townsend**
Facilities
- Miss Kim Bracey**
Pianist

- November
In the Pulpit...
- November 20—Daniel Vestal—Thanksgiving Potluck after Worship
 - November 27—Daniel Vestal
- December
- December 4—Daniel Vestal—Advent Theme—Hope
 - December 11—Daniel Vestal—Advent Theme—Peace
 - December 18—Daniel Vestal—Advent Theme—Joy
 - December 25—Daniel Vestal—Advent Theme—Love



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Holidays at Peachtree

November Missions Offering

This month we have focused on missions. Its not too late to give for global missions!

Season of Thanksgiving

November 20 and 27 Dr. Daniel Vestal will be leading us in worship, focusing on themes of Thanksgiving.

November 20 after worship will be a called church conference then our Church Family Thanksgiving luncheon. Invite your friends to worship and to join in this special Sunday. Bring salads or desserts.

Advent

Deck the Halls! December 2, 5:00 PM, come decorate the sanctuary and then go to dinner afterwards.

The four Sundays of December we will focus on the four themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love.

Dr. Vestal will be preaching for us through all of Advent.

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From a Servant's Heart...

I can remember as a child longing for Christmas. Sure, the food was good at Thanksgiving, but sometime early in November, I was truthfully wishing that we could hurry up and get to Christmas. You see, Christmas meant a long break from school with cozy days spent in my pajamas, being with my cousins at my grandparents' houses, beautiful lights and decorations, special traditions, and (of course) presents! I just couldn't wait for Christmas to come.

Now, it seems like the holidays sneak up on me. One day in October I'm busy raking the first fallen leaves, and the next thing I know, it seems like there are holiday menus to plan for family gatherings, special happenings at church and in our communities, concerts to attend, friends to see, gifts to buy, and traveling! (Not to mention final exams for those of us still in school). Time seems to fly in November and December! *continued....*

From a Servant's Heart, cont.

Before we know it, the season is over and it will be 2012!

Somehow, I've lost the anticipation of the season. I'm not waiting on Christmas, Christmas is waiting on me!

Advent—the season of four weeks leading up to Christmas—is all about hope and anticipation. We anticipate the coming of Christ, the Savior of the world. It can be hard to get into that mindset with the busy world we live in.

If you have the same difficulty as I do getting into the "Advent spirit," you might try an exercise...

Embrace your childhood! Spend some time remembering the anticipation that you felt toward Christmas as a child. It is good to be excited in anticipation of all the festivities of the season. Also participate in church traditions like the lighting of an Advent wreath in your home. Or, simply light a single candle each day for a time of prayer leading up to Christmas.

Also, while the story of the Advent (or Coming) of Jesus more than 2000 years ago tends to be our focus in this season, consider that Jesus is both "already" here, and "not yet." Jesus came, and he is yet to come! This is our greatest hope for deliverance and peace. And so we sing, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

When we sing the words of Advent hymns, we exchange the season's busyness with longing for the future coming of our Savior!

This reminds me of the sermon we heard last week from Rick Bennett. He encouraged us to think that, while we wait for the Kingdom of Jesus to come... maybe Jesus is actually waiting on us! Maybe Jesus is waiting on us to take action and live into our callings as the people of God.

We are called to be agents of justice and peacemaking, offering the world relief from suffering and the hope of a personal relationship with Jesus. Our words and actions should be in imitation of Christ—all year long, but especially in this season.

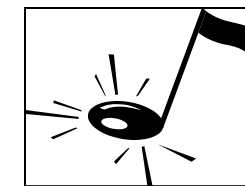
So—spend some time reminiscing, spend time in prayer, sing the songs of the season, show mercy and love to someone who needs it.

Tis the season!

In Christ, the Reason for the Season,

Meredith

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Music Notes

This year there will not be a Christmas Eve service at Peachtree. Instead, we will gather for worship on Christmas morning at 11 AM.

We are excited about special music during the holidays—

Worship over the next six weeks will include a guest soloist, Senior Bells on Dec. 4 and 18, and favorite Advent and Christmas music. Join us and invite friends for a meaningful Advent season in worship at Peachtree.

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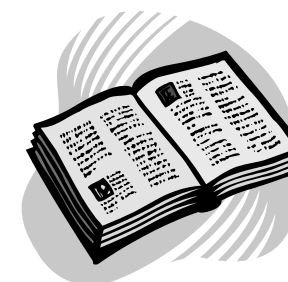
Peachtree Young Adults

The Young Adult Bible Study will gather on November 19 at 6:30 PM. We will meet at Peachtree and then go to dinner afterward.

We will meet for our final study of the year on December 3.

Mid-December we will host a chili cook-off! All are welcome at the Jovanovic's. Stay tuned for more info.

The Young Adults are planning to engage in a service activity before the year ends. Contact Molly Burleson or Meredith Shaw if interested or with ideas!



Youth News

The youth will take part in a mission activity with the youth from Heart of the Father Christian Church this fall. Stay tuned for more details.

Wednesday night youth Bible Study continues. If you know any families with youth, invite them to come to dinner and stay for Bible Study afterward.

Opportunities to Serve

New Baptist Covenant 2 takes place in Atlanta again this year, November 17-19. Register on-line at www.newbaptistcovenant.org/register. Saturday, November 19, is a day of mission projects. If you are interested in serving in Atlanta with others from Peachtree, contact Meredith at meredith@peachtreebaptist.org.