

THE ILLUMINATOR

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Peace



December 4, 2011

“Mary: Open to the Plan of God”

Luke 1:26-38

OUR CHURCH PURPOSE

To actively proclaim the way of salvation and to nurture a community of faith through worship, evangelism, education and ministry in the name of Christ.

CHURCHWIDE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
Following Morning Worship

Menu:

Parmesan Chicken or Pork Loin

Green Beans

Squash Casserole

Christmas Congealed Salad

Rolls

Pecan or Pumpkin Pie

Luncheon by purchased tickets only!

BUDGET CATCH-UP DAY • THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4



Like most churches and organizations these days, the economy is creating very real challenges for Briarcliff Baptist Church. Through October, our expenses have exceeded our income by slightly more than \$20,000. Our revenue has not kept pace with our expenses. Though we usually expect giving to increase in December, the Finance Team is concerned about this deficit. We need your help and generosity at this crucial time in the life of our church. With this in mind, we are designating *this Sunday, December 4*, as a Budget Catch-Up Day. Though these are difficult economic times and many of us have been impacted, we all have many reasons for gratitude. As a sign of your thanksgiving for God's blessings and provisions, would you prayerfully consider making a special gift to the church - over and above your normal giving - in order to help us reduce our current deficit and reach the end of the year in a positive financial position. Please join us in giving generously and gratefully this Sunday.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 18

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

at Scott Boulevard Baptist Church
2532 North Decatur Road; Decatur

The membership of Scott Boulevard would like to invite our entire church to come and meet them and join in some Christmas cheer!

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLETS



Did you receive your Advent booklet? We have an Advent devotion booklet for everyone - adults, children, and teens. Stop by the church office to pick yours up or call the church office and one can be mailed to you.

CHURCH SPONSORED

CHILDREN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE STARTING SOON

Our church is sponsoring a community-wide Grasshopper Basketball League open to children in first through fifth grades. Adult and youth volunteers are needed for the following roles: publicity, sign-up assistants, team coaches, referees, greeters, and devotion leaders. If you are interested, contact the church office at 404-633-6103 or call Tim Swanson at 832-586-5766. Please pray that this outreach will become an effective tool for God to use in our church.



MISSIONS POST OFFICE



The Missions Post Office, located in the sitting area outside the sanctuary is in operation through December 25. You can use this “post office” to “mail” your Christmas cards to other Briarcliff church members. Please donate at least 25¢ per card “mailed.” All of the money collected from the post office will go to our Christmas Offering for Global Missions.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve Communion Service
Saturday, December 24
5:00 p.m.
Carols, Candles and Communion



Please give to the 2011 Christmas Offering for Global Missions. Envelopes for both the CBF and SBC offerings are available in the sanctuary pew racks.

SBC Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
**HIS HEART HIS HANDS
HIS VOICE**

CBF *Missions for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS 

GOD'S MISSION YOUR PASSION

2011-2012 BBC BOARD OFFICERS

John Cramer, Chair
Wes Martin, Treasurer
JoAnn Williams, Secretary

FOR OUR CHILDREN

PARENTS DAY OUT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
10:00 A.M. UNTIL 2:00 P.M.



We will make crafts, watch movies, and play in the gym. You'll need to bring a sack lunch. Call the church office to reserve your spot!

MANY THANKS!

Thank you to the PAL Sunday School Class for donating the new star that sits atop our Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall. It completes the tree!



Thank you to everyone who has donated money to our Food Pantry. It was with this money that our Food Pantry was able to purchase and give canned hams with the regular food pantry bags during the week of Thanksgiving! Needless to say, the recipients were very excited and appreciative!



Beautiful poinsettias will once again decorate our Sanctuary beginning on Sunday, December 11. To order your poinsettias, please complete the form below, attach your check made payable to Briarcliff Baptist Church, and drop it in the offering plate, bring it to the church office, or mail it to the church. (Please note *on* your check that it is for poinsettias.) Each poinsettia is \$15.00. All orders must be received *no later than this Sunday, December 4*. You may pick up your poinsettia(s) following worship on Sunday, December 18, the Christmas Eve Communion service on Saturday, December 24 or after the service on Sunday, December 25.

I will provide _____ poinsettia(s) () In honor of: () In memory of:

Given by: _____

() I will pick up my poinsettia(s) () I will leave my poinsettia(s) for a shut-in.

A check in the amount of \$ _____ payable to Briarcliff Baptist is attached. (\$15 per poinsettia)



DATELINE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:30 - 10:45 am

9:45 am

11:00 am

12:00 pm

5:00 pm

Library Open
Sunday School
Morning Worship
Churchwide Christmas Luncheon
Deacon's Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 am

LZ Aerobics

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Food Pantry Open (while supplies last)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 am

LZ Aerobics

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Food Pantry Open (while supplies last)

5:15 - 6:00 pm

Wednesday Night Supper

6:00 pm

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

6:00 pm

Inreach/Outreach Team Meeting

7:00 pm

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Ceramics

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Clothes Closet Open

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am

LZ Aerobics

Church Office Closed

FIRST SUNDAY - DECEMBER 4, 2011

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Debbie Gomez & Virginia Spinks

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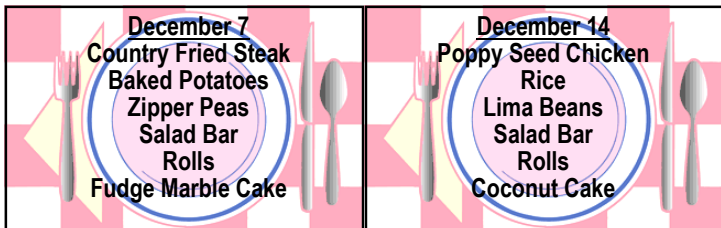
Alex Coleman, Bill Rhodes, James Panter

PLEASE REMEMBER

ALL Wednesday Night Supper Reservations MUST be made by
NOON on Tuesday of that Week, no exceptions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Adults: \$6 • Children thru age 9: \$3 • Family Max: \$19



Serving Line Open from 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

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CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:
 Readie & Ralph
 Thomason on the death
 of their son, Jim Pruett.



THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS
 on Sunday, December 4
 are given to the glory of
 God in memory of Mary
 Adamson who passed on to
 Heaven on December 6, 2010.
 We miss her greatly - Frank, her
 children, and many friends.

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor	Dock Hollingsworth
Associate Pastor	Marc Burcham
Organist	Cindy Marshall
Pastor Emeritus	Glen Waldrop
Church Office	Helyn Kesler
Finance (Tuesdays Only)	Diane Neuman
Custodian	Sammy Skinner

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Vital Signs

Through Sunday, November 27, 2011

Offering for the Week	\$4,151
Offering Needed for the Week	\$7,519
Offering to Date	\$308,606
Budget Offering Needed to Date	\$360,912
Difference	(\$52,306)

Bible Study	76
Worship Attendance	117