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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Hope



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“John the Baptist: Get Ready”

Matthew 3:1-12

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Following Morning Worship

All Tickets: \$10

Menu:

Parmesan Chicken or Pork Loin

Green Beans

Squash Casserole

Christmas Congealed Salad




Rolls

Pecan or Pumpkin Pie

Please purchase your tickets

as soon as possible.

Tickets are available on Sundays or in
the church office during the week.



BUDGET CATCH-UP DAY

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 *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 on Sunday, December 4th.

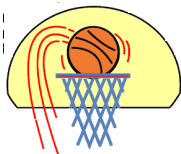
ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLETS

This Sunday, November 27, we will have an Advent devotion booklet for everyone to pick up. We have one that is entitled, "The Lord is Near" by Henri Nouwen; we have one for our children entitled, "Make Room for Joy" and one for our teens, tweens, and college-agers entitled "God With Us?!" If you won't be in worship and would like to receive one, please stop by the church office 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. This simple basketball league will not only take advantage of the church gym as a resource, but will also create an avenue for God to work to promote the Gospel within the surrounding community to reach children and their families. Sign up dates are December 17, 25, and January 7 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon at the church gym. Games will be held in the gym from January 7 through March 10. The fee of \$85 provides each child with a league t-shirt, a youth basketball, a 10-game season, equal playing time, and positive encouragement. This new league is intended to be educational and fun. Coaches will emphasize skills, rules and sportsmanship rather than winning at all costs. Half-time will include a short devotion. 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 will be in operation from November 27 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.



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**



GOD'S MISSION YOUR PASSION

FOR OUR CHILDREN

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2!

Your help is needed with the next Montclair School Skate Night. Without volunteers, the game room will have to be closed, the children won't be able to play pool and there will be no refreshments available. Your help is needed to hand out skates, help with refreshments, clean up, etc.

Please contact the church office to volunteer to help out.

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!

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

Christmas Eve Communion Service

Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m.

Carols, Candles and Communion



ORDER
YOUR
Poinsettias

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 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, NOVEMBER 27

9:30 - 10:45 am
9:45 am
11:00 am

Library Open
Sunday School
Morning Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 am

LZ Aerobics

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00 am
5:15 - 6:00 pm
6:00 pm
7:00 pm

LZ Aerobics
Wednesday Night Supper
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:30 am - 12:30 pm
12:00 - 2:00 pm

Ceramics
Clothes Closet Open

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 am
6:30 - 8:30 pm

LZ Aerobics
Montclair Skate Night
Church Office Closed

FOURTH SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 27, 2011

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Marc Rodgers & Laura Gray

USHERS

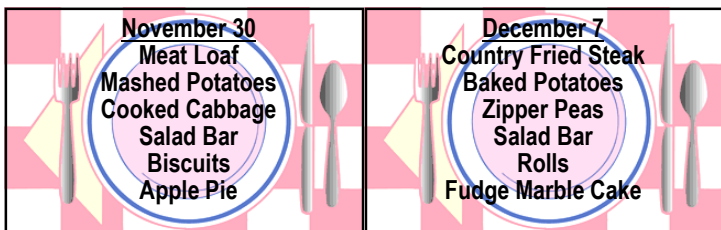
Charles Swanson, Sandy Kirchoffer,
Bonnie Guice

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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•John Guice is at Life Care Center of Gwinnett following surgery.



THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS
on Sunday, November 27
are given to the glory of
God by the family of
Mary Daniel in her memory and
in celebration of her November
28th birthday.

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 20, 2011

Offering for the Week	\$4,136
Offering Needed for the Week	\$7,519
Offering to Date	\$304,455
Budget Offering Needed to Date	\$353,393
Difference	(\$48,938)

Bible Study

87

Worship Attendance

116