

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Christmas is rapidly approaching. At this time of year, we are called to pray for our missionaries who are spreading the Good News all over the world, and support them with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The Week of Prayer for International Missionaries is **December 1 - 8**. Our goal for this year is \$2,500.

### ADVENT BIBLE SCHOOL

The Advent Season will be here before you know it! Advent Bible School will be held Wednesday's **December 4th, 11th, and 18th**, from 6:30-7:30 pm. We are in need of volunteers to lead/create a craft for each night of Advent Bible School. To sign up or if you have questions, please see Paige Belvin. Thank you!!

### 2019 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

The 2019 Advent Devotional Booklets are available in the Narthex. Please take only one per family. This year we are continuing our 60th year Anniversary by reflecting on "Voices of Advent" written over the years by church members. A special thank you to Lynn Walton for typing the devotionals.~~Advent Devotional Committee

### G.U.E.S.T.

Gloucester Point Baptist will host G.U.E.S.T. the week of **January 6-January 13**. If you would like to volunteer, please contact either Pauline Littell (804) 815-8030 or Ted Fisher (757) 870-4156. We are also in need of a new Host Site Coordinator.

## **1st Sunday in Advent**

**Gus Saunders:** Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

**ALL:** How does this happen?

**Gus Saunders:** God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

**ALL:** "Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."

**Gus Saunders:** A reading from the prophet Jeremiah: "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness," **(Jer. 33:14-16)**.

**ALL:** Today, we wait for the coming of Jesus. We begin in the dark, and on this first Sunday of Advent, we light the first candle...known as the candle of HOPE.

**Deacon Family member   Mongold Family   (Lighting the Candle)**  
**(Lighting the 1 PINK CANDLE)**

**Gus Saunders:** Every week in Advent, we will light another candle. Each candle that we light will remind us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of the baby Jesus.

**ALL:** The Kingdom of God is drawing near. May we prepare our hearts with God's peace, God's justice, and God's love.

**This Week's Opportunities: (12/1–12/7)**  
(Lottie Moon Christmas Offering)

Sunday	9:40 am	Sunday School For All Ages
	11:00 am	Lord's Supper, "Hanging of the Greens" & 1st Advent Wreath Lighting
	2:00 pm	C.A.R.E.
	2:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	3:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
Monday	6:30 pm	American Heritage Girls
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Building and Grounds Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Children & Youth Dinner
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:30 pm	Advent Bible School
	6:30 pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Friday	9:30 am	Seniors' Morning Out

**Future Opportunities: (12/8–12/14)**

Sunday	<b>NO Sunday School Breakfast</b>	
	9:40 am	Sunday School For All Ages
	11:00 am	2nd Advent Wreath Lighting
	12:00 pm	Children's Council Meeting
	2:00 pm	C.A.R.E.
Monday	6:30 pm	AHG Ministry Team Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Called Business Meeting
	6:30 pm	Advent Bible School
Thursday	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Friday	9:30 am	Seniors' Morning Out
<b>Fellowship Hall Reserved through Sunday</b>		



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

to provide shelter, help and hope to the homeless

The Winter Shelter will open Monday, December 2, 2019 and operate 24 hours a day through Monday, March 30, 2020.

**Gloucester Point Baptist Church will host GUEST the week of January 6 thru January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**You can help in 3 different ways:**

*Volunteer for a shift from 6-11PM, 11PM – 5 AM or 5-7 AM.,  
Hold a 1/2-1hour Bible study one night or  
Bring in and donate some items (paper products etc.)  
(there is a sign up sheet in the narthex.)*

Upcoming training sessions:

**PETSWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH** - Thursday, Dec. 5, 7:00 pm

**GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** - Sunday, Dec. 8, 4:00 pm

**ABINGDON EPISCOPAL CHURCH** – Sunday, Dec. 15, 4:00 pm

**GLOUCESTER POINT BAPTIST CHURCH** – SUNDAY, Jan. 5, 2020, 4:00 pm

**We are also in need for a new site coordinator (someone that will coordinate the volunteers for the week for GPBC).**

**Please call Pauline Littell 804-815-8030 or Ted Fisher 757-870-4156 for more information**