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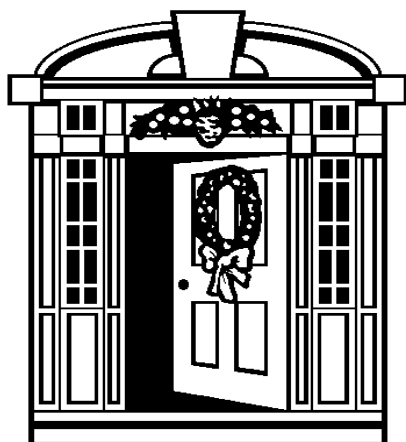
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FUN! Fridays

★ Dec 2 / Jan 13 / Feb 10
★ 5:30-8:15 p.m.

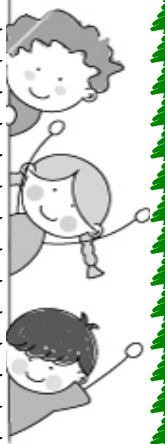
★ It's Kids-Night-Out with
★ dinner, crafts, & games!

★ Registration information
★ for children & helpers will
★ be in the Commons.

★ Cost = 1 MCEF item / kid.

★ See Ms Karen for details.

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Advent Celebration

We are now in the Advent Season. On the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, we will be lighting the candles of Advent as we reflect upon the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that comes into our hearts when we accept the Savior.



Children's Choirs

Our children will be singing in both services at the Pole Green campus on Sunday, Dec. 11th. Then on the next Sunday, some of the children will be singing at the Hebron campus.

Christmas Music Program

On Sunday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m., the worship choir and praise team will join together for a festive program called, "Joy! Unspeakable Joy!" Invite friends and neighbors to join you for this musical celebration and the time of fellowship afterward.

Christmas Eve Services

Both the Pole Green and Hebron campuses will offer "kid-friendly" 5:00 Christmas Eve Services on Saturday the 24th. There will also be a 7:00 Service at Pole Green. A nursery will be available at 5:00 only. The Lord's Supper will be observed at all the services.



Christmas Day

As you know, Christmas falls on Sunday this year. Both of our campuses will be having a casual 10:00 AM service. Please make note of this schedule change. There will be no Sunday School or other activities on Christmas Day.

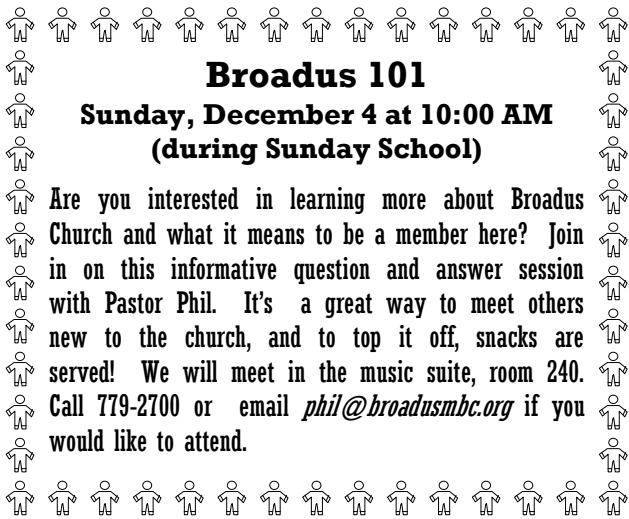
New Year's Day

This also falls on Sunday, but we will be following our regular schedule of worship services and Sunday School. Plan to start your year off right by studying the Bible and worshipping together.

Broadus 101





Sunday, December 4 at 10:00 AM
(during Sunday School)

Are you interested in learning more about Broadus Church and what it means to be a member here? Join in on this informative question and answer session with Pastor Phil. It's a great way to meet others new to the church, and to top it off, snacks are served! We will meet in the music suite, room 240. Call 779-2700 or email phil@broadusmbc.org if you would like to attend.



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**SUNDAY MORNING
AT POLE GREEN CAMPUS**
8:45 - Traditional Service
10:00 - Sunday School
11:00 - Contemporary Service

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The church office is regularly open on Monday—Thursday, 8:30-4:45.							
SUNDAY MORNING AT HEBRON CAMPUS 11:00 - Worship Service		For more information about Broadus Church and a PDF of this Mission newsletter, visit www.broaduschurch.org .			1 6:30 Praise Team	2 5:30-8:15-Fun!Friday	3
4  10:00-Broadus 101 4:30 Youth Band 6:30 Youth Connect 6:45 Prayer Group	5 6:30 Hebron Youth & Children Meeting	6 9:45 Broadus Bells 6:30-Purpose Driven Life Hebron	7 5:15 Dinner 6-7:15 Programs 7:15 Choir	8 6:30 Praise Team	9	10 12:00 Hebron Caroling at Bay Area Aging	
11  Children's Choirs! 4:00 Food Services 5:00 Christmas Program Practice 6:00 One Voice 6:30 Youth Connect 6:30 Hebron Team	12 Staff Christmas Lunch (Office closed 12:30-2:30)	13 9:45 Broadus Bells Play in Community 6:30-Purpose Driven Life Hebron	14 5:15 Dinner 6-7:15 Programs 7:00 Christmas Program Practice	15 6:30 Praise Team	16	17 10:00-2:00 Kid Drop Off for Silly Saturday at Hebron	
18  6:00 Broadus Music Program "Joy! Unspeakable Joy!"	19 6:00 Youth Christmas Party in CB MCEF Night @ Stevi B's	20	21 No Wednesday Night Programs	22	23	24 5:00 Christmas Eve Services at Pole Green and Hebron 7:00 Christmas Eve Service @ Pole Green	
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 10:00-Service only No Sunday School  Our Savior is Born	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 No Wednesday Night Programs	29 Noon—All 2016 Contributions Due 6:30 Praise Team	30	31	

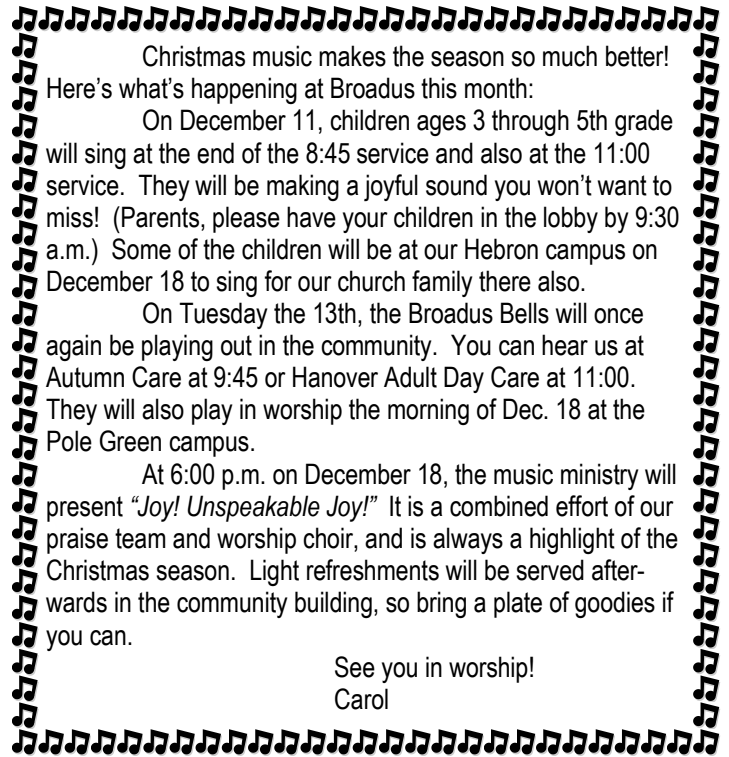
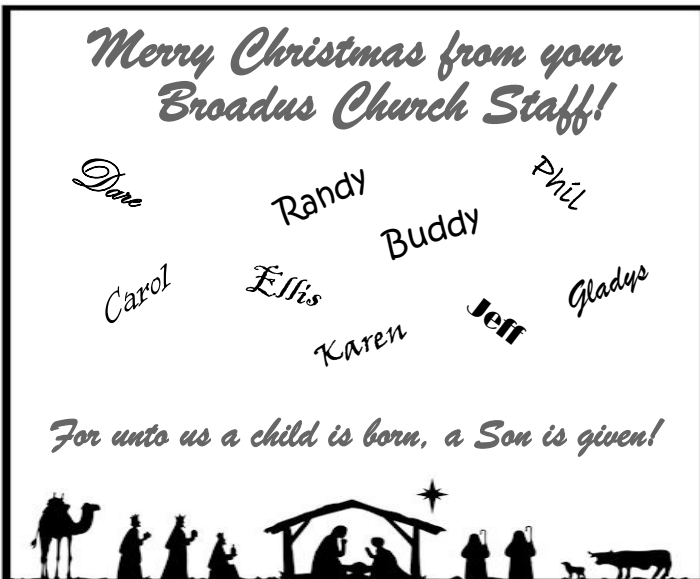


In our collective experience, few things can rival the excitement of unwrapping presents around the tree on Christmas morning! But contrary to those Christmas legends, gifts don't just magically appear during the night before Christmas, do they? A lot of effort, and sometimes a lot of angst, goes into Christmas shopping. What's an appropriate gift? How much should I spend? It needs to be enough to show my affection, but not embarrassingly over-the-top. Ideally when exchanging with our peers, we want to reciprocate with something of roughly equivalent value. It's protocol. That's a lot of pressure!

Confession time. When I was a kid, I would regularly exchange gifts with my best friend Kelly. In the 4th or 5th grade, I remember being stumped about what to give him. Nothing seemed quite right, so I was empty-handed when he delivered his present to me on the last day of school. I had to respond quickly, but with what? So I did the unthinkable (which we've all thought of before, admit it). I peeked inside his package to see what he was giving me. It was one of those telescoping pens, like an extendable antenna with a ball-point pen on the end. Oh no! He had found the perfect cheap gift for a 10 year-old boy! It could fit in your pocket, but then he stretched out for use as a pointer, a poker, a sword. How could I, on my modest budget, match a gift like that? But I did, exactly. I rushed out and bought him one just like it, then pretended like we just happened to think of the same clever gift. (Not saying I'm proud of it, but I was 10. Cut me some slack.)

This whole gift-matching scheme pretty much crumbles when we consider what we should give to God this Christmas. There's no matching His gift to us. But it is Jesus' birthday, after all, not ours. Shouldn't He be on the top of our list? One good way to give to Jesus is through the Missions Offering. He doesn't personally need our money or our extendable pens, but I'm quite sure He is pleased when we support missionaries, feed the hungry, and start new ministries. Some folks have told me they give to the offering as if Jesus was a family member. Others have said they give an equivalent to what they spend on the whole family! Sound extravagant? It may seem like it at first, but you can't out-give God, can you? With whatever measure you use, I urge you to be generous in helping to share the love of Christ around the world. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Be blessed this Christmas! *Pastor Phil*



Christmas music makes the season so much better! Here's what's happening at Broadus this month:

On December 11, children ages 3 through 5th grade will sing at the end of the 8:45 service and also at the 11:00 service. They will be making a joyful sound you won't want to miss! (Parents, please have your children in the lobby by 9:30 a.m.) Some of the children will be at our Hebron campus on December 18 to sing for our church family there also.

On Tuesday the 13th, the Broadus Bells will once again be playing out in the community. You can hear us at Autumn Care at 9:45 or Hanover Adult Day Care at 11:00. They will also play in worship the morning of Dec. 18 at the Pole Green campus.

At 6:00 p.m. on December 18, the music ministry will present "Joy! Unspeakable Joy!" It is a combined effort of our praise team and worship choir, and is always a highlight of the Christmas season. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the community building, so bring a plate of goodies if you can.

See you in worship!
Carol

Thanksgiving Missions Offering Church Goal = \$18,000

- 50% Lottie Moon Offering for Int'l Missions
- 25% Virginia Baptist Kingdom Advance
- 25% World Hunger Relief

**We kicked off our offering on Sunday, Nov. 20.
Let's give generously for the cause of Christ
around the world!**

Broadus Youth: **Belong! Believe! Become!**

Come join us each week for **Sunday School** at 10:00.

Wed Night ELEVATE meets each week at 6:00-7:15. Come & experience **Music, Friends, Fun, Message, Life...Jesus.**

Sunday Night Connect Groups meet on December 4 & 11 from 6:30-8:00pm, and will resume for January 15, 22, & 29th. **MS** group meets in the Community Building & **HS** group meets at the Englehart's home. We will also open up a new Sunday night youth gathering at the Hebron campus in January.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS COMING UP:

- Dec. 19 @ 6:00pm in CB - Youth Christmas Party!
- Jan. 8, 6:30-8pm The Gathering, Youth Worship
- Jan. 15-16- HS RENEWAl weekend at the river house.
- Jan. 22- Annual Youth Parent Luncheon in the CB following 11:00 service.
- Feb. 5- "Souper" Bowl Party at 6pm in CB
- Feb. 12, 6:30-8pm- The Gathering Youth worship

Broadus Bulletin Board

Welcome New Members!

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Christmas Poinsettias

If you purchased a poinsettia to help decorate the church, you may pick it up following the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day service.

The Warming Tree!

A "Warming Tree" is set up in the Commons. Please decorate with hats, gloves, scarves, etc. These will be distributed through the MCEF food pantry.

Holiday Office Hours

Our regular church office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30-4:45. During the holidays, our office will be closed on Monday the 26th and Tuesday the 27th.

All end-of-year financial gifts must be received in the office by noon on Thursday the 29th.

Christmas Card Box

Want to save a little money this year? After several years of absence, the Christmas card box is back again! If you would like to send a Christmas card to Sunday School or church members at the Pole Green or the Hebron campus without the expense of postage, there will be a decorated box in the Commons area for you to drop off your Christmas cards starting Sunday, December 4th. Please list the person(s) name and Sunday School class that they are attending on the outside of the card. The cards will be distributed each Sunday morning thru Sunday, December 18th.

Offering Envelope Boxed Sets

The boxed sets of 2017 Offering Envelopes will be available in the Commons beginning Sunday, Dec. 11th. Please pick up all boxes labeled for you or your family. If you would like to begin using offering envelopes, you may pick up an un-labeled box from the display tables.

December Collection: Macaroni & Cheese

Ladies Book Club

Our next book for discussion will be "The Bridge" by Karen Kingsbury. We will meet on January 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Bring any Christmas goodies you may have left over.

A Welcoming Family of Faith

Broadus Church
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The December Mission

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