



Loxley United Methodist Church

Church Family News

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December 2011

Christmas Holiday Activity Schedule

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December 9, 2011

"The Chocolate Affair" is a benefit for The Family Promise of Baldwin County. 7:00 to 10:00PM at the Foley Civic Center. Cost is \$25 per person.

December 10, 2011

Christmas Bazaar - Pancake Breakfast 7:00 am - 10:00 am, Huge church wide yard sale inside and outside the church, Bake sale, BBQ pork sandwiches-chips & a pickle for \$5.00, also Poinsettias for sale

December 10, 2011

Loxley Christmas Parade sponsored by the Loxley Optimist Club. Time 10:00 am

December 16, 2011

Church Christmas Party 6:00 pm "dirty-Santa" & finger foods

December 18, 2011

Christmas Cantata 7:00 pm

December 20, 2011

Christmas Caroling - leaving the church at 6:00 pm

December 21, 2011

Christmas Play - presented by the Youth/Children 6:30 pm

December 22, 2011

Christmas Caroling - leaving the church at 6:00 pm

December 24, 2011

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00 pm

December 25, 2011

Christmas Day worship Celebration 8:00 am & 10:00 am services



Come and help us
celebrate the birth of
our savior Jesus
Christ.



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas and bring to a close another year, let us rejoice in the Lord.

I am always interested in looking at stories, events and situations from different perspectives. I find it interesting that one of the items shared at the early Thanksgiving gatherings was popcorn, furnished by the Indians. However, you hear more about popcorn at Christmas than you do at Thanksgiving, hmmm. Another commonality at Christmas is the focus on Mary and Joseph as they make their journey for the birth of Christ. The angels, shepherds and wise men, though they came at a later time, all share in the limelight of the Christmas story.

One other theme that is shared during Christmas is that of an innkeeper. However if we read Luke 2:7, the only place to mention this, it only suggests they went to an inn. However we assume they went to an inn but in reality that is a rather blurred assumption at best. Two thousand years ago folks were more apt to stay with family and they were going to Joseph's home town and he was from the lineage of David. From what I have read that was a pretty big family and the manger very possibly was a family member's barn/shed/lean-to or whatever.

Ok that brings me to my final point, now that I have challenged your traditional beliefs, what about the shepherds that were left behind? You know the angels came and delivered their good news then the shepherds went to see this "thing that had taken place." Someone had to stay behind to tend the flock. I challenge you to read the Christmas story this year with such intent that you look with new eyes at what God is saying to you. Where are you in the Christmas story? Hmmm.

B Blessed, Jim

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Give Your Best Time to Your Children

Take time with your children. I heard about a father who gave his son an unusual Christmas present. He wrapped a note inside a package. The note read: "Son, during the next year I am going to give you one hour every day and two hours on Sunday." The boy put his arms around his dad and said, "That's the best Christmas present I've ever had."

Your children not only require a great deal of your time, but they long and hunger for it. Perhaps they do not express it, but the hunger and the longing are there just the same. Be a friend to your children, love them and spend hours with them.

Cut out some of your "important social engagements," and make your home the center of your social life. God will honor you, and your children will grow up to call you "blessed".

A daily reading from [Breakfast with Billy Graham](#)

Coming in December, Rev. Jim will be doing a sermon series:

Bah! Hum Bug

Dec 4th "Be Willing to Follow"

Dec 18th "Celebrate in the Blessing"

Dec 11th "Overcome the Obstacles"

Dec 25th "Merry/Blessed Christmas"

December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	*Christmas Cantata on December 18th at 7:pm			1 6 PM Girl Scouts	2 3 PM Girl Scouts	3 Youth Sponsored Parents Night Out 6 PM
4 8 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 6 PM Bible Study The Journey	5	6 6 PM Boy Scouts	7 6 PM Wed. Night Dinner 6:30 Youth Meeting 7 PM Choir Practice	8 6 PM Girl Scouts	9 3 PM Girl Scouts 12:00 Set up FAC for Yard Sale Chocolate Affair See Page 1 for details	10 Christmas Bazaar Family Yard Sale Bake Sale Men's BBQ Sandwich Lunch
11 8 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 6 PM Bible Study The Journey	12 GS service unit meeting 6pm	13 6 PM Boy Scouts FAC 7PM Admin. Board Meeting	14 6 PM Wed. Night Dinner 6:30 Youth Meeting 7 PM Choir Practice	15 6 PM Girl Scouts Teachers Conference	16 3 PM Girl Scouts Christmas Party Dirty Santa	17
* 18 8 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship	19 6:30 PM UMW/UMM	20 6 PM Boy Scouts Christmas Caroling 6 PM	21 6 PM Wed. Night Dinner 6:30 Youth Meeting Christmas Play 6:30 PM	22 6 PM Girl Scouts Christmas Caroling 6 PM	23 3 PM Girl Scouts	24 Candlelight Service 6 PM
25 8 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship	26	27 6 PM Boy Scouts	28 6 PM Wed. Night Dinner 6:30 Youth Meeting 7 PM Choir Practice	29 6 PM Girl Scouts	30 3 PM Girl Scouts	31

Please Note: As an outreach to our community, the Mexican Consulate will be using the FAC building from **December 5 - December 9, 2011**. They will be interviewing and preparing paper work for the Hispanic/Latino community of the Southeast United States. They should be completing their work by noon on Friday Dec. 9th.

Those having Birthdays in December are:

3 rd Debby Norvell	8 th Taylor Hinote	21 st Luz Ramirez
4 th John Wiggins (ARC)	12 th Ruth Newberry, Mary Chappel	24 th Mary Lois Bray
5 th Krystie Everette	James Lemon (ARC)	25 th Adam Davis
7 th Peggy Duck, Jimmy William	17 th Jacqueline Remirez	28 th George Landis
	18 th Hayley Aycok	31 th Steve Jernudd

Happy Anniversary to the following couples during the month of December.

13 th - Courtney & Travis Waddle	17 th - Lora & Tim Barnhill	25 th - Joretta & Joe Knight
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* Communion Sundays

Acolytes

*December 4	Cody Devine
December 11	Cesilia Ramirez
December 18	Emily Sinclair
*December 25	Hayley Aycock

Ushers

Irvin Mosley & Jerry Feazell
Gordon Dyess & Bob Hughes
Gordon Dyess & Don Myrick
Steve Wilson & Judy Baker

If for some reason you cannot be present on the dates assigned to you, it is your responsibility to swap out with another person on the list. Be sure to call the church office to let them know in time to make the change in the church bulletin.

On communion Sunday four ushers may be needed, if so it is the responsibility of those assigned to draft two others.

Notices

Please note additions and or changes to our Church Directory:

Willie & Mary Lois Bray's phone number is 975-7721

Julie & Tim Whitten's address is PO Box486, Lancaster, SC 29721

Financial Report for the Month of November

Monthly Operating Budget: \$12,353.67

November Income: \$10,759.74

November Expenses: \$-12,950.54

Building Fund:

November Income: \$1,580.00

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Anyone wanting to submit articles or items for the newsletter is encouraged to do so by sending them to lumcnews@gmail.com or give them to anyone on the Newsletter Team: Bob Hughes, Tom Hammitte, Pastor Jim, Barbara Davis, BD Thrasher or Eric Hall.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW will be having a bake sale and crafts sale for the annual Christmas Bazaar, December 10, 2011. All donations to the bake sale will be appreciated.

The Loxley UMW annual Christmas get-together will be at O'Charley's on 19 December at 6:30 pm in Daphne. If you are planning to come please contact Pam Knight @ 964-6182.

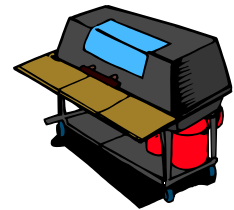


UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM Men's group would like to thank the Golfers, and Tournament Sponsors listed below, for their participation and support in making the Fall Golf Tournament such a great success. Everyone had a great time and we were able to raise money for our church activities.



We are still looking for help on Saturday December 3rd to help cook and chop the Boston Butts for the BBQ sandwiches we will be selling at the Church Bazaar and Yard Sale on Saturday the 10th. The Men's group will be preparing and selling pancake breakfasts in the morning and BBQ sandwiches for lunch. The men's group is selling Boston Butts for \$25.00. Your order needs to be Tom, Gordon, Jim or Irvin by Dec 1st.



This year the Bazaar will feature different family yard sale tables set up in the parking lot as well as the church yard sale tables inside the FAC building. We will be needing help setting up the tables on Friday the 9th after the Mexican Consulate completes their work.

A group of men will be leaving the church early on Dec 17th to go to Blue Lake for a work day. We will be doing several small projects so there will be something for everyone to do. Jim needs to know by Dec. 15th if you are going. For more details such as time leaving and what to bring, call Jim.

Many Thanks to our Golf Tournament Sponsors

Door Prize Sponsors

Glen Lakes Golf Course
Rock Creek Golf Course
Lakewood Golf Course - The Grand
Lake Forest Golf Course
Foley Golf Course
Bimini Bobs – Aloha Hospitality
Bama/Fla Discount Golf
Shrimp Basket Foley
Trax Tires
Moo Che Che Frozen
Ruby Tuesday Foley
Ryans Buffet Foley
Mellow Mushroom Foley
O'Charley's Foley
Flowerwood Nursery
Bay Animal Clinic
Paul @ Lake Forest Golf Lessons
Burris Farm Market
Cracker Barrel Foley
United Bank Loxley
Agave Restaurant Fairhope
Las Vegas Discount Golf
Tanger Outlet Mall
Loxley Farm Market
Priest Marine
Piggly Wiggly/Cain Grocery
Palm Creek Embroidery
Alabama Containers
Baldwin Tractor & Equipment

Central Baldwin Dental
Trax Auto

T-Box Sponsors

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Wholesale Optical
! Design
Ono Realty
Hadley Pest Control
Mack Funeral Home
Ivy Marine
Alabama Glass Works
Backyard Paradise
Devine Hauling
Elberta Farmers Coop
Loxley Motel
Loxley Optimist Club
Point Clear Insurance
Styx River Shooting Center
Loxley Discount Drugs

Food Pantry/Good Neighbor Ministry

We want to give a big THANK YOU to all of the generous folks who made it possible for us to help several families in our area with Thanksgiving Dinners. Without the combined effort of so many generous gifts we would not have been able to feed the families on our list. Though we are so very thankful, we would ask you to keep us in your prayers for consideration during Christmas as well.



Wow! We were greatly surprised recently by an enormous abundance of canned goods and various supplies in our food pantry. We want to extend our sincere gratitude to our Girl Scout Troops of Baldwin County. Seeing the young folks going out of their way to serve others and make a difference in the lives of others is very moving. Keep up the good work girls we appreciate you and those who are working with you.

Servants in Christ Willie and Mary Lois Bray



LUMC Music Notes for December 2011

Thanks to all who helped with this year's Homecoming Service music, you made it a great success. We continue with this busy but joyful season with Advent Sundays and our Christmas Music program, "Mary Did You Know". "One king held the frankincense, one king held the myrrh, one king held the purest gold, and one King held the Hope of the World!" We can still make room for you in the choir, now or anytime. Our program will be Sunday Evening, Dec 18 at 6pm with practice on Wednesdays at 7pm in the sanctuary.

Don't forget our next 5th Sunday song service, January 29th, in the evening. Get with me if you would like to participate in any way, or if you have a special song request as well.

God Bless,
Don



*Our Children
"Ring the Bells for Jesus!"*



On Wednesday nights, after the fellowship supper, the children assemble their bells in the sanctuary. Under the guidance of Mrs. Beth Henson, they ring their bells for Jesus. Mrs. Dianne McCrary assists Beth any way needed. The children play songs such as "Kum By Yah," "If You Are Happy," and "I'm Going to Sing." Each child has a note he/she is responsible for in the song. They take their assignment seriously and with pride. Teamwork is stressed and encouragement by peers is given often. On special occasions, the children use their talents and love during the worship hour on Sunday.

After the bell session, leaders Keri Hall and Luz Ramirez help the children say their Bible verses on stage with the microphone. They are encouraged to memorize the verses, to speak clearly and loudly into the microphone, and to use the meaning of the verses to help them during their daily lives at home and school. DeeDee is in charge of "The Store" in which their performance is rewarded with a treat. We close with prayer after the children talk about their needs and blessings.

We welcome visitors anytime. Our regulars include Hayden Harville, Mylee Harville, Kate Barnhill, Luz Ramirez, DeeDee Ramirez, Eric Hall, Keri Hall, Hayley Aycock, Jamey Campbell, Quintin and Tavan Long.

If older teenagers or adults would like to help with this ministry or develop another class, please get in touch with Beth. Working with these children is inspiring and certainly worthwhile.

Homecoming Service 2011



Our guest speaker for our Homecoming service was Reverent Cory Smith, the new Baypines District Superintendent.



Recipe of the Month

Coconut Nut Pound Cake

2 c. Sugar	1 c. Buttermilk
1 c. Crisco Oil	1 c. chopped Pecans
3 Eggs beaten	1 c. Coconut
3 c. self-rising Flour	2 tsp. Coconut extract

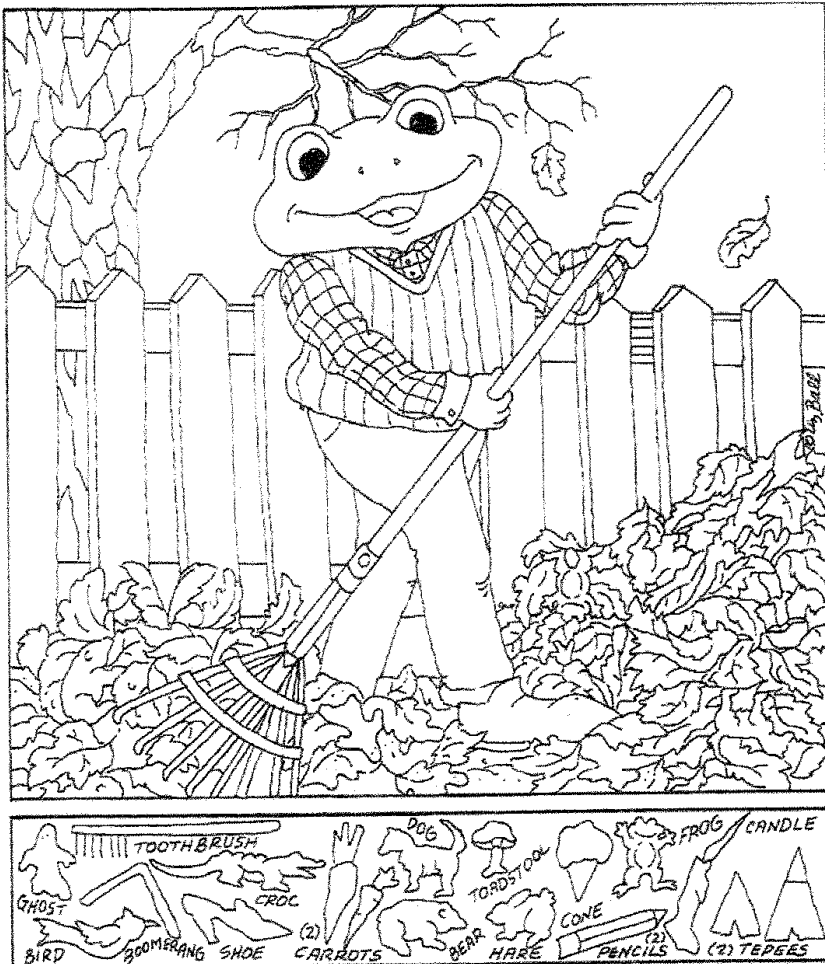
Combine sugar, oil and eggs, beat well. Add flour to sugar mixture with buttermilk, beating well after each addition. Stir in nuts, coconut and coconut extract. Pour batter into a well greased and floured 10 inch tube pan. Bake at 325 for 1 hour and 5 minutes or until cake tests done.

Coconut Syrup

1 c. Sugar	2 T. Butter or Margarine
½ c. Water	1 tsp. Coconut extract

Combine sugar, water and margarine in a saucepan. Bring to a boil for 5 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in coconut extract. Pour hot syrup over hot cake and allow cake to remain in pan for 4 hours.

Recipe from the "100 Years of Feeding the Flock" Cookbook
Recipe submitted to cookbook by Irvin Mosley



Kids Corner

Hey Kids, can you find all the Hidden Pictures shown at the bottom of picture? Good luck.

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