



# CROSSWELL NEWS

## Crosswell Baptist Church December 2024

### Children and Youth Christmas Program, Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.



Join us for a wonderful night of music and drama on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The theme for the night is HALLELUJAH TO EMMANUEL! The young people will be presenting a silhouette drama again this year as a part of the program. Don't miss this exciting night with our children and youth.



### Church Christmas Party, Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

Everyone is invited to a night of celebration. Bring your favorite pick-up food to help fill the tables with good eats as we celebrate Christmas as a church family following the youth and children's musical.



### A Night In Bethlehem, December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Journey with your family through the streets and shops of Bethlehem on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, or Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. You can take your journey anytime between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on either night. Bring your children and grandchildren and let them experience Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' s birth.



### The Sanctuary Choir presents YOU LIGHT THE WORLD

#### Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a night of celebration as the Sanctuary Choir lifts up praises of joy and wonder centered around the birth of Jesus. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and anyone you might know that needs a lift to their Christmas spirit. This will be a night of inspiration for our souls.



### Christmas Eve Service, Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Don't miss a very special time of worship and celebration with your family at our annual Christmas Eve Service. Christmas carols, the observance of the Lord's Supper, and a message on Jesus' birth will make your Christmas more meaningful. Don't miss this opportunity of worship on Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.

## A Word From the Pastor...

Dear Church Family,

We are entering the most exciting month of the year as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As you can see from the front page of the newsletter, there is not an empty weekend of special events at Crosswell Baptist Church. You and your family will be blessed as you participate in each event. These events also provide great opportunities to invite your friends and neighbors to the church. Join your church family each weekend as we celebrate Christmas throughout the month of December.

I also want to give a big "thank you" to all who had a part in homecoming this year. It was a fantastic day of fellowship, friendship, and joy. Many people working together made homecoming so special. Thank you, again, for all you did.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Charles

### Pastor's Sermon Schedule

December 1	Never Give Up On God
December 8	Gabriel's Revelations To Mary
December 15	Promises Fulfilled
December 22	A Savior Is Born!
December 29	Nathan Timmons Preaching

### Please Take Note

Sunday, December 22	No Evening Activities
December 24 - 26	Church Office Closed
Wednesday, December 25	No Wednesday Activities
Sunday, December 29	No Evening Activities

### Christmas Bags for Homebound

Bags will be made available for you to pick up and fill for our homebound and nursing home members on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. A list of items to place in the bags will be inside of each one. If you take one to fill, it would be nice if you would also deliver the bag to the person whose name is listed on it before Christmas. Your visit will mean more to the person than the contents of the bag. If you are unable to deliver the bag, please return it to the church office by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Tithes & Offerings

November 3	\$11,959.00
November 10	\$ 6,712.00
November 17	\$ 8,807.50
November 24	*

*\*Figure not available at time of publishing.*

## WMU Meetings

The **Bible Study Group** will have their Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Red Lobster.

The **Baptist Women** will meet Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Cindy Owens, 3200 Kiawah Lane. All women are invited.

## Keenagers

The senior adults are invited to the Keenagers Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Ann Payne will be preparing a traditional Christmas dinner. Pastor Charles, Zane Addis, and Nathan Timmons will share Christmas music and activities during the celebration.

## Business Meeting

There will be a business meeting on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to vote on the proposed 2025 budget.

## Monthly Food Drive

Please bring canned goods and non-perishable food items on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> for Sumter United Ministries. Items needed are: Rice; Rice A Roni; Knorr Rice & Pasta Bags; Canned Ham, Pork, Tuna, and Chicken; Cereal; Powdered Milk; Mashed Potatoes; Spaghetti Sauce; Canned Fruit; Peanut Butter; and Jelly.

## Week of Prayer for Missions

December 1 - 8 is the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Envelopes will be available on the table in the Sanctuary. Please note that all offerings collected for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering go directly to support International Missions.

## Poinsettia Orders

You may place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary for Christmas in honor or in memory of someone. The cost is \$15 each and your order needs to be placed by Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. You can place your order in the offering in an envelope with your honorarium or memorial written in detail. You can also go to the church office during the week and place your order or call the church office at (803) 775-2489.

## Flower Calendar

There is an opening on the flower calendar for Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call the church office if you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary on this date. The cost is \$48.60, made payable to Crosswell Baptist Church.

## 2025 Offering Envelopes

If you need a box of offering envelopes for 2025, please call the church office at (803) 775-2489. Envelopes will be available to be picked up at the end of December.

# Children's Ministry News

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

6:00 p.m.

Children & Youth Presentation of  
*Hallelujah to Emmanuel*

December 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

*A Night in Bethlehem*

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

December 18<sup>th</sup>

*Birthday Party for Jesus*

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

NO Awana during the month of December due to church Christmas activities.

## Music News

The end of 2024 is fast approaching and there is nothing that can slow it down. Sometimes it is hard to remember, but despite all of our obligations, the parties, and the shopping, we only have so much time. We only have so much energy and during the Christmas season, we tend to push ourselves to our limit. With all the activities and engagements, we tend to experience more stress than joy. Don't get me wrong, Christmas is supposed to be a time of celebration. But, make sure you take time to rest and really reflect on the reason for the season. Remember, we are celebrating the birth of Christ, as well as the salvation, joy and peace He brings. Have a Merry Christmas!

Please join us for the upcoming events:

### Kid's & Youth Christmas Music Celebration

*Hallelujah to Emmanuel*

December 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00 p.m.

**Adult Choir Concert**

*You Light the World*

December 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

In Christ,  
Zane Addis

# Youth News



*Hallelujah to Emmanuel*

December 1<sup>st</sup>

6:00 p.m.

The youth will team up with the Crosswell Children to lead Christmas music and a Christmas Silhouette Drama.



**Youth Christmas Party**

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**



**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**OCC Processing Center**

Our youth will volunteer at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Charlotte. Parents and youth are welcome. See Nathan for details.

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Senior Pastor	Charles Owens
Associate Pastor & Youth	Nathan Timmons
Music/Media Minister	Zane Addis
Children's Minister	Allison McMickell
Children's Minister	Lauren Minton

Current Resident or

## December Birthdays

December 1	Patricia McLeod	December 23	Norman Felder Hazel Link
December 3	Amy Osteen Julie Kellam	December 24	Gary Ross
December 6	Gray Griffin	December 25	Nancy DuBois Gayle Disher
December 9	Kate Smith	December 26	Stan Ardis Ann Russell
December 12	Frances Mims	December 27	Carter Goodson
December 17	Nancy Nunnery Bobby Crisp	December 29	Charles Burns Susan Oldhouser
December 18	Zane Addis	December 31	Khloe Timmons
December 21	Angela English Geraldine Dickerson		