

Upcoming Events

Week of December 13, 2015

Sunday, December 13

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*
- 3:30 Play Participants, *Family Life Center*
- 5:00 Christmas Play, *Family Life Center*
- 6:00 Cantata Practice, *Sanctuary*
- 8:00 AA- *Fellowship Hall*

Monday, December 14

- 10:30 TVA Retirees, *Family Life Center*
- 6:30 Prayer Shawl Team, *Library*
- 7:00 Scouts

Tuesday, December 15

- 8:30 Mother's Day Out, *Level 2 Classrooms*
- 12:00 Let's Do Lunch, *Family Life Center*

Wednesday, December 16

- 10:00 Disciple 3, *Fellowship Hall*
- 6:00 Advent Study & Meal, *Family Life Center*
- 7:00 Choir Practice, *Sanctuary*

Thursday, December 17

- 8:30 Mother's Day Out, *Level 2 Classrooms*
- 11:00 Home Prayer Group, *Tuffy Thurman's home*
- 5:00 Community Meal, *Family Life Center*

Friday, December 18

- Church Office Closed*
- 9-2 Family Life Center closed for Kiwanis Club's event set-up

Saturday, December 19

- 7-4 Distribution of Kiwanis Club Christmas Food Baskets
Family Life Center

Monthly Giving to the General Budget			
December Budget	Funds Rec'd as of 12/6/15	% Rec'd toward Monthly Budget	
\$27,232	\$10,864	40%	
Income & Expense Statement (Does not include Special Designated Gifts)			
Income	% Annual	Expenses	% Annual
3 rd Qtr 2015	Budget	3 rd Qtr 2015	Budget
\$255,503	67.3%	\$275,566	72.6%

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:5-25; 67-80 (NKJV)

⁵ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

⁸ So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division,

⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense.

¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

¹² And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

¹⁵ For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.

¹⁷ He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, *'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,'* and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

¹⁸ And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years."

¹⁹ And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.

²⁰ But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."

²¹ And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple.

²² But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.

²³ And so it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house.

²⁴ Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying,

²⁵ "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on *me*, to take away my reproach among people."

⁶⁷ Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

⁶⁸ "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people,

⁶⁹ And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David,

⁷⁰ As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who *have been* since the world began,

⁷¹ That we should be saved from our enemies And from the hand of all who hate us,

⁷² To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant,

⁷³ The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴ To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear,

⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,

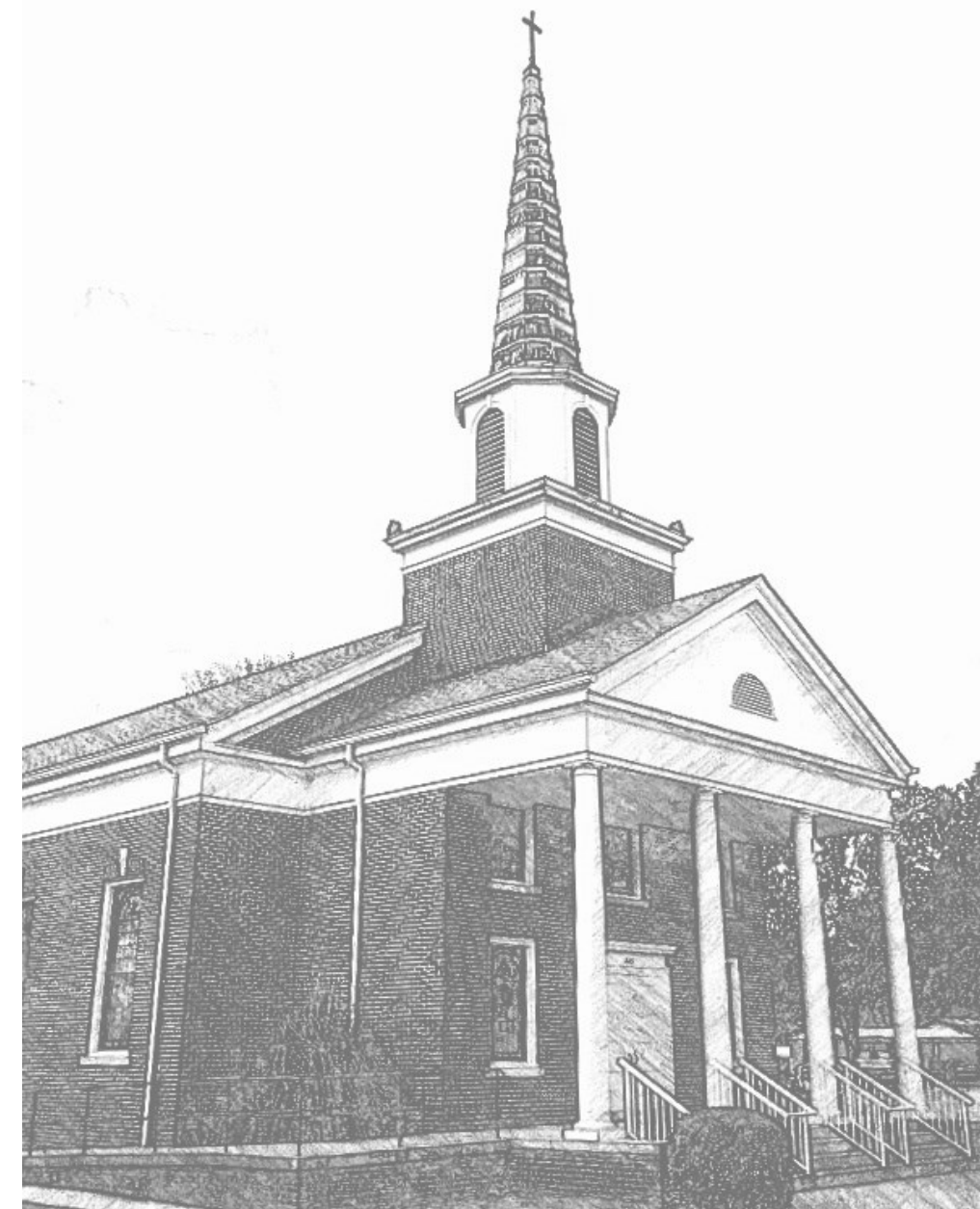
⁷⁷ To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins,

⁷⁸ Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;

⁷⁹ To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."

⁸⁰ So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

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