

Banks' Bank

Advent is a season of anticipation. Children know this instinctively, since they are the real professionals at anticipating Christmas, particularly Christmas morning when they discover what good old St. Nick brought. It's a shame lots of misguided "evangelical" Christians these days want to poo-poo Santa and Christmas as being "secular." Nothing can be further from the truth, and when push comes to shove, literally every Christian observance the Church as ever had has "pagan" roots. Christianity is the great assimilator, not necessarily the great innovator. The innovator was the Father, who sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (Propitiation means full satisfaction in every respect--an atoning sacrifice. Read "atonement" as "at-one-ment" and you get the picture. We were at one with him in his sacrifice for us.) But I digress...

We can learn a lot from our children about being anticipatory. Part of what we need to learn is excitement. I've never met a kid that was not excited two weeks out from Christmas. I've never met a kid who was not excited on Christmas Eve. And I've never met a kid who woke up on Christmas morning and decided to just lay in bed and wait for everyone else to wake up before they wanted to go see what was under the tree.

Anticipate the Holy Spirit in this season. It was only when Mary was overshadowed by

the Holy Spirit that Christ began to grow in her, and it's no different with us. We have to be like Mary--who found it highly improbable that God would choose her to accomplish bringing his Son into the world. Yet even when she did not understand it all, she was still willing, and answered, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

A yielded willingness. That's the heart of Advent. And it's exciting to contemplate that God can use you, even you, to bring his Son into the world!

Merry Christmas!

Love,
Banks

Upcoming Events

Dinner and a Movie

"The Nativity"

Saturday, Dec 16th, 5:20 PM

Christmas Eve Family Candlelight

Communion Service

Sunday, Dec 24th, 7:30 PM

Dinner and a Movie

If you missed the Wednesday night outing for the Dinner and a Movie, you have one more chance. We are meeting at the Carmike Riverstone 15 in Canton at 5:20 PM, followed by dinner at Zaxby's.

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Weekly Schedule

Worship – Sundays 10:30 AM

Sunday School – 9:30–10:15 AM

Fellowship Supper – Wed 6:30 – 7:15 PM

Bible Study – Wed 7:15-8:15 PM

Youth – Wed 7:15-8:15 PM

Founding Minister – Banks Brazell

Associate Minister – Tom McClure

Kid's Korner / Youth News

BK Lounge this Sunday!!!

Kids and Youth will meet at **BURGER KING** for Sunday School this Sunday! Parents, please drop your children off at Burger King at 9:25 am. The teachers will get them back to church on time!



Christmas Angel Tree

HELP! We have a few families left.

Don't miss the angel tags on the Christmas tree as you come in the door. We are helping several families this year, and in particular we are helping some needy parents whose children have already been helped but they were passed over by other churches. You will see the needs are essentially domestic and/or work related: tool belts, good boots, warm clothing, and such. Please pick up a tag or two (or three!), and bring the gift wrapped back to church by December 17th. Please TAPE THE ANGEL TAG SECURELY to the wrapped gift! God bless you for your warm and generous hearts.



No Sunday School

Dec 24th & Dec 31st

There is no Sunday School on Sunday, Dec 24th. But come early for Sheryl and Michelle's special breakfast! There is also no Sunday School on New Year's Eve.

Prayer Concerns

If you would like a prayer concern added to the newsletter, please send email to:

allpointschurch@adelphia.net

New Concerns

Banks Brazell and family in the death of his grandmother, Inez Tayler
Aunt Faye (Bank's aunt)
Heather Iturbe (daughter of Pat Stamps)
Jennifer Burke (daughter of Pat Stamps)
Cecil Hawley (father of Marianne Freeman, friend of Tom McClure)
Mike Chisholm (coworker of Mark Ray) and family in the his mother

Continuing Concerns

Jonathon Cote and missing contractors in Iraq
Jeff Koch
Brian Boatwright
Stacey Persichetti
Amanda (niece of Greg Elder)
Pastor Jacobs (Kenya)
Jeremy (Michelle Paine's nephew)
Jack Gardner
Opal (Tammy's Sloan's mother)



Intercessory Prayer

Please remember our intercessory prayer group meets on Mondays at 1:00 PM at the church.