



Celebration Worship

December 18, 2011

Skipping Christmas

Luke 2:8-20

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, sometimes we wish that we could just skip Christmas. If we do, however, then we will miss the most important gift of all.

Welcome Visitors

Welcome to the *Celebration Service* as we gather together to celebrate God's goodness and love. We are glad you have joined us in worship and fellowship today. Gift bags are available for our first-time guests at each exit of the Celebration Hall and include an information packet about our church and its ministries.

This Week at Sam Jones

Our weekly update is available in the lobbies of the Family Life Center. Please pick up a copy for the weekly calendar, activity highlights and membership news.

Canticle of Joy

Today at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Chancel Choir and The Bells of Sam Jones will present this beautiful cantata retelling the story of our Savior's birth in verse and music.

The Bethlehem Project

Today at 4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

The entire congregation is invited to our Children's Ministry presentation of *The Bethlehem Project*. The children and their leaders have been rehearsing since September for this spectacular performance. We hope to see you there!

Living Nativity

December 19 – 24, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on the Youth House Lawn

Experience the living Nativity as the story of the first Christmas is presented "live" each evening. Congregation members of all ages are volunteering for this project.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Saturday, December 24, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Family-friendly simulcast at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Expanded childcare for children to age 5 (2nd floor of the Family Life Center) during all services.

Combined Worship Service

Sunday, December 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

There will be no 'Tween Time or Children's Church during this service. Following Children's Time, children will return to their seats for the remainder of the service. The nursery will be open for newborns through age 2.

End of Year Giving

Due to IRS guidelines, all 2011 contributions must be dropped off by the church office by noon on December 30, OR postmarked on or before December 31. Contributions received or postmarked on or after January 1 will be posted as 2012 contributions.

Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be **open** for regular office hours:

8:30 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Monday – Thursday, December 19-22

Wednesday – Thursday, December 28-29

8:30 a.m. – noon

Friday, December 30

The church office will be **closed**:

Friday, December 23

Monday – Tuesday, December 26 – 27

Monday, January 2

Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church

Senior Pastor

Dr. Bill Burch

Associate Pastor

Rev. Nena Jones

Interim Music Leader

Mr. Bruce McLeod

100 West Church Street · Cartersville, Georgia 30120
770.382.4772 · office@samjonesumc.org · www.samjonesumc.org



Celebration Worship

December 18, 2011

Skipping Christmas

Luke 2:8-20

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, sometimes we wish that we could just skip Christmas. If we do, however, then we will miss the most important gift of all.

Welcome Visitors

Welcome to the *Celebration* Service as we gather together to celebrate God's goodness and love. We are glad you have joined us in worship and fellowship today. Gift bags are available for our first-time guests at each exit of the Celebration Hall and include an information packet about our church and its ministries.

This Week at Sam Jones

Our weekly update is available in the lobbies of the Family Life Center. Please pick up a copy for the weekly calendar, activity highlights and membership news.

Canticle of Joy

Today at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Chancel Choir and The Bells of Sam Jones will present this beautiful cantata retelling the story of our Savior's birth in verse and music.

The Bethlehem Project

Today at 4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

The entire congregation is invited to our Children's Ministry presentation of *The Bethlehem Project*. The children and their leaders have been rehearsing since September for this spectacular performance. We hope to see you there!

Living Nativity

December 19 – 24, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on the Youth House Lawn

Experience the living Nativity as the story of the first Christmas is presented "live" each evening. Congregation members of all ages are volunteering for this project.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Saturday, December 24, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Family-friendly simulcast at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Expanded childcare for children to age 5 (2nd floor of the Family Life Center) during all services.

Combined Worship Service

Sunday, December 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

There will be no 'Tween Time or Children's Church during this service. Following Children's Time, children will return to their seats for the remainder of the service. The nursery will be open for newborns through age 2.

End of Year Giving

Due to IRS guidelines, all 2011 contributions must be dropped off by the church office by noon on December 30, OR postmarked on or before December 31. Contributions received or postmarked on or after January 1 will be posted as 2012 contributions.

Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be **open** for regular office hours:

8:30 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Monday – Thursday, December 19-22

Wednesday – Thursday, December 28-29

8:30 a.m. – noon

Friday, December 30

The church office will be **closed**:

Friday, December 23

Monday – Tuesday, December 26 – 27

Monday, January 2

Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church

Senior Pastor

Dr. Bill Burch

Associate Pastor

Rev. Nena Jones

Interim Music Leader

Mr. Bruce McLeod

100 West Church Street · Cartersville, Georgia 30120
770.382.4772 · office@samjonesumc.org · www.samjonesumc.org