Poinsettias

In memory:

Ronald Walton and Taylor Mathews by Jimmy and Tracy Livengood

Mickey LeCroy by Judy LeCroy and Family

Eldon and Hazel Engstrom by Linda Engstrom

Jeanne Davis by Saundra Westervelt and Dan Davis

Lonnie Davis by Saundra Westervelt and Dan Davis

Linwood and Mary Jennings by William and Melinda Hartley and Family

Harry and Sarah Hartley by William and Melinda Hartley and Family

Ray and Joyce Howell by Linda Engstrom Sterling and Tina Wall by Hazel Frady

2015 Financial Update

2015 Budgeted Contributions from membership

\$540,422 Contributions through November

\$134,214 -Needed in December

First Baptist Office and MBCC will be closed December 24, 25, and January 1

Christmas Lights Tomorrow Night

All children and their families are invited to visit the Christmas lights at Ray and Joyce Howell's home (243 N. Miners Trail) from sunset to 8:00 p.m. tomorrow night (Monday). Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Please bring a flashlight to walk down the drive.

Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Service Thursday, December 24 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Arrive early for this tradition of candlelight and communion. We will close the Advent season with the singing of "Silent Night" while the Sanctuary is illuminated by candles and filled with the anticipation of Christmas Day.

Special Christmas Eve Offering

We will be receiving a special offering at the Christmas Eve Service to help our church reach our budgetary commitments for 2015. If every family would consider a special Christmas gift in addition to their regular gift, it would make a tremendous difference. We invite you to come to the Christmas Eve Service prepared to make a special Christmas gift.

Year End Giving 2015

Please have all gifts to the church on or before Thursday, December 31 in order to receive credit for 2015 tax deductions.

Informal Worship Sunday, December 27 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School - 11:00 a.m. - Worship

We will worship "informally." Dress casually. There will not be a bulletin or order of service. Feel free to share a Christmas story, a testimony, a song, a Scripture or a prayer. We will sing your favorite Christmas hymns.

Global Missions Offering

CBF Offering for GLOBALMISSIONS This is the time of year that we give a special offering to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship for missions. You have a Missions envelope in your packet or just mark your check for CBF Global Mission offering. May we give so others can serve.

The Forty-second Annual Festival Of Nine Lessons and Carols

Fourth Sunday of Ad

December 20, 2015		Fourth Sunday of Advent	
Prelude	Once in Royal David's City	Robert Farlee	
Greeting		Dr. Ray Howell III	
Offertory Prayer		Brannon Gilliam	
Offertory	In the Bleak Midwinter	arr. David Cherwien	
Processional	Once in Royal David's City	arr. Dr. William G. Harbinson	
(solo)	Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cat Where a mother laid her baby in a manger f Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ he	for His bed:	
(choir only)	He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall: With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth, our Savior holy.		
(congregation and choir)	ion and choir) Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, We shall see Him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high; When like stars His children crowned all in white shall wait around.		
	And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love; For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above, And He leads His children on to the place where He has gone.		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT W	'REATH	Sarah and Mary Evann Thornhill	
BIDDING PRAYER		Rev. Tommy Wilson	
FIRST LESSON	Adam And Eve Rebel Against God	Wake Hamrick	

The Lord at First Did Adam Make David deSilva **ANTHEM** SECOND LESSON God Promises To Faithful Abraham That His Descendants Ethan Houser Will Be A Blessing To All The Nations Of The Earth Blessed Is the Lord Dan Forrest **ANTHEM** THIRD LESSON A Voice Cries In The Wilderness Preparing Lois Perryman The Way Of The Lord

O Come to Us, Emmanuel Joseph Martin **ANTHEM**

FOURTH READING That Christ Is To Be Born In Bethlehem Is Foretold Deb Watson CONGREGATIONAL HYMN (congregation seated) O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. John Rutter

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love, O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given; So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven! No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

FIFTH READING The Angel Gabriel Announces To Mary That She Will Be The Mother Of Jesus

Betty Jane Honeycutt

arr. John Rutter

ANTHEM Nativity Carol arr. John Rutter

Saint Luke Tells Of The Birth Of Christ SIXTH READING Kriston Jolly

The Hands That First Held Mary's Child Dan Forrest **ANTHEM**

SEVENTH READING Paul Freeman The Shepherds Go To Bethlehem

CAROL (congregation seated) While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

> While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down. And glory shone around, And glory shone around.

"Fear not!" Said he; for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind, Glad tidings of great joy I bring, To you and all mankind, To you and all mankind.

To you, in David's town, This day is born, of David's line, The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign;

All glory be to God on high And to the earth be peace; Good will henceforth from heav'n to men, Begin and never cease; Begin and never cease!

EIGHTH READING The Magi Visit The Messiah Rev. Tommy Wilson

Child in the Manger ANTHEM **Jay Rouse**

NINTH READING Saint John Unfolds The Great Mystery Of The Incarnation Dr. Ray Howell III

CAROL (congregation standing)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. John Rutter

O come, all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!

O Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

"Glory to God, all glory in the highest,"

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, *Jesus*, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him. Christ the Lord.

CLOSING PRAYER Dr. Ray Howell III

CAROL (congregation standing)

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

John Stainer

arr. Albin Whitworth

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King, Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

God So Loved The World BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Praise Ye, the Lord of Hosts

> The flowers in the baptistery are given to the glory of God by Parker and Joanne McLendon in memory of Frances McLendon and Novella McLendon Tyler.

MUSICIANS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Director

Paul Freeman, Minister of Music

Soloist

Brian Walker (Once in Royal David's City)

Accompanist

Beverly Khemlani

Sanctuary Choir

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Debbie Auman	Beth Bunce	Ralph Ashley	Ken Auman
Mary Bell	Lori Gilliam	* Jim Barton	Chuck Bell
Courtney Foster	*Betty Jane Honeycutt	Jimmy Davis	*Herb Davis
Debra Freeman	Judy LeCroy	LeGrand Skinne	r Alan Hall
Barbie Kugel	Eryn Myers	Will Tate	Bruce Hill
Sidney Minner	Grace Myers	Brian Walker	Phil Ryalls
Dolly Skinner		Jackson McCartl	ny
Chelsea Tate			
Debbie Tate			
Wendy Walker			*1974 Sanctuary Choir

Orchestra

Rebecca Nussbaum, Flute Dr. Thomas Pappas, Oboe Beverly Khemlani, Organ/Piano Dr. William G. Harbinson, Trumpet Jon Myers, Trumpet Keith Grush, Horn Chris Ferguson, Trombone Wes Richardson, Tuba Danny Burchart, Timpani

Nicolae Soare, Violin Kevin Murphy, Violin John Pruett, Viola Ann Sellitti, Cello Jordan Loveland, Bass

First Nine Lessons and Carols Directed by Al Martin

December 15, 1974

Sanctuary Choir

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Soprano	Alto	Tenor		Bass		
Ruth Allen Phyllis Andrade Louise Ayers Jan Bridges Silba Fennell Melba Hawkins Jane Hedrick Kay Kepley JoAnn Poston Roberta Smith Doris Tate Margaret Thoma Delphine Workr		Jim Barton Robert Everha Richard Perry Roy West Tommy Westn	man	Herb Davis Thurman Fritts Wyatt Helsabeck Jack Phillips Bob Snider R.S. Yarbrough		
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Soprano		Alto	Barito	one		
Suzanne Coni Lisa Everhart Becky Frazier Jenny Musgrav Ashley Phillips Martha Philpo Carolyn Reece Lou Rollins Kelly Sink	P R Si Si Si A	Debbie Bishop am Chastain aye Ann Smith heri Tate Isan Tate nne Wooten	Jay Ph	Lowder		
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Chancel Choristers

Elizabeth Adams	Margo Everhart	Amelia Lanning	Sara Phillips
Libby Brown	Robert Fennell	Nathan Lanning	Julie Price
Teresa Campbell	Mardee Hedrick	Britt Lowder	Ann Rollins
Carolyn Coles	Mike Helsabeck	Mark Lowder	Joni Strickland
Cathy Coles	Billy Holloway	Molly McGinn	Henry Su
John DeArmon	Donna Hoover	Marinda McGinn	Nancy Swing
Greg Epley	Kenny Hoover	Catherine Olive	Adam Team