

Christmas Musical tonight at 7 pm. Everyone please bring finger food for the reception that will be held following the musical.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration- today in honor of D.L. & JoAnn Jump from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in fellowship hall.

Ladies Christian Fellowship - meets Tuesday, December 9th at 12:00 noon at Elizabeth Baptist Church. Jeffery Spell will lead us in a joy filled Christmas program. Ladies please bring a favorite Christmas recipe for a recipe exchange. All ladies are invited to attend.

Faith Sharing Book Study - Meets Tuesday, December 9th at 6 pm in church parlor. Working on chapter 7.



INFORMER for December will be ready to e-mail out on Wednesday, December 10th. If you have any news or announcements, please get them to the office by 10:00 am Tuesday morning December 9th.

The Living Christmas Tree

Southside Baptist Church is excited to announce their second annual presentation of the Living Christmas Tree on **December 5, 6 and 7** in the Family Life Center. Performances will begin at **7:00 pm** on the **5th and 6th** and **6:00 pm** on the **7th**. Doors will open one hour before each performance. Admission is free.

White Christmas Fund - We are now accepting donations for our yearly White Christmas love offering which are Christmas gifts for our staff. You can place your gift in the offering plate marked White Christmas or bring your monies to the church office by Wednesday, December 17th.

Sunday Morning Breakfast list

12-14 Bro. Rodney Porter
12-21 Jane Baggett & Lenna Morris
12-28 Wendel & Mary Thomas



Poinsettia - will adorn our Sanctuary this holiday season. Remember a loved one or honor someone by placing a poinsettia for them. Call the Church office or place your order in the offering plate. Price is \$12.00 each.

Given by _____ How Many _____

Memory/Honor of: _____
(Circle one)

CHORAL RESPONSE Amen” Chancel Choir
OFFERTORY “How Great Our Joy!” Orchestra
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING
†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow/Praise Him all Creatures here below/Praise Him above ye heavenly host/Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

CHILDREN’S SERMON Cindy Girtman & Rosco
(There is no Children’s Church on Communion Sundays)

SOLO “Heaven’s Child” Kimberly Girtman

†SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:1-8

SERMON “The Direction of Our Lives” Rodney Porter

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION: Word and Table II 12

†HYMN OF INVITATION “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” No. 240

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

†(If able, please stand)

Sermon

John's message was a simple one, "Turn away from your sins and be baptized, and God will forgive your sins." The Messiah was coming and would soon arrive. There wasn't much time left. The people had to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Jesus would soon be on the scene.

Assisting in Communion today - Jimmy Morris

Children’s church volunteer today- Communion

Children’s church volunteer next Sunday - Brenda Merritt

USHERS: D.L. Jump, Bayne Stone, Alan Strawn, Jess Woodard

OFFERING STEWARDS: Jimmy Maley, Alan Strawn

Pennies to Pesos

Total Collected to date: \$652.30

Total Collected in Pesos: \$8658.82

Communion Rail Donations

Any money left at the Communion rail goes to our Helping Hands Food Pantry.

Have you welcomed a visitor today?

HAZLEHURST FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2008

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Orchestra

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Conner Coleman, Eleanor Hulett

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jared Middleton

RECOGNITION OF RETIRED TEACHERS Rodney Porter

†CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

Shepherding God, guide us through this season of anticipation and hope. Comfort our troubled minds, and strengthen our tired bodies. Restore the hope this season offers, that we might lift our voices with strength and joy! Straighten the crooked paths that we might walk in your ways. Level the rocky ground that we might prepare for your arrival in our world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory" No. 220

†RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 85 No. 806

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Modern Affirmation No. 885

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare.

All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

†GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Glory be to the Father/and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost/as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be/world without end. Amen.

LIVING THE MINISTRY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

First United Methodist Church Hazlehurst, Georgia

Services available on web site: www.hazlehurstmethodist.org



Our Church Staff

Ministers-Congregation

Minister of Music & Senior Adults -Jeffery Spell

Minister to Students and Families -Jared Middleton

Organist-Janice Cole

Custodian-Elaine McCall

Nursery-Jessica Miller



Hazlehurst 1st UMC is a
Safe Sanctuary



The mission of the First United Methodist Church of Hazlehurst is to reach out and welcome people just as they are, lead persons to commit their lives to God through Jesus Christ, nurture and encourage them as disciples and send them out to help make our community more loving and just.