

SERMON NOTES

TODAY'S INSPIRATION

Grace—unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings.
 Grace—getting what you don't deserve / unmerited favor

Mercy—not getting what you do deserve / withheld punishment

MATTHEW 6:19-20

Treasures in Heaven

19Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal.

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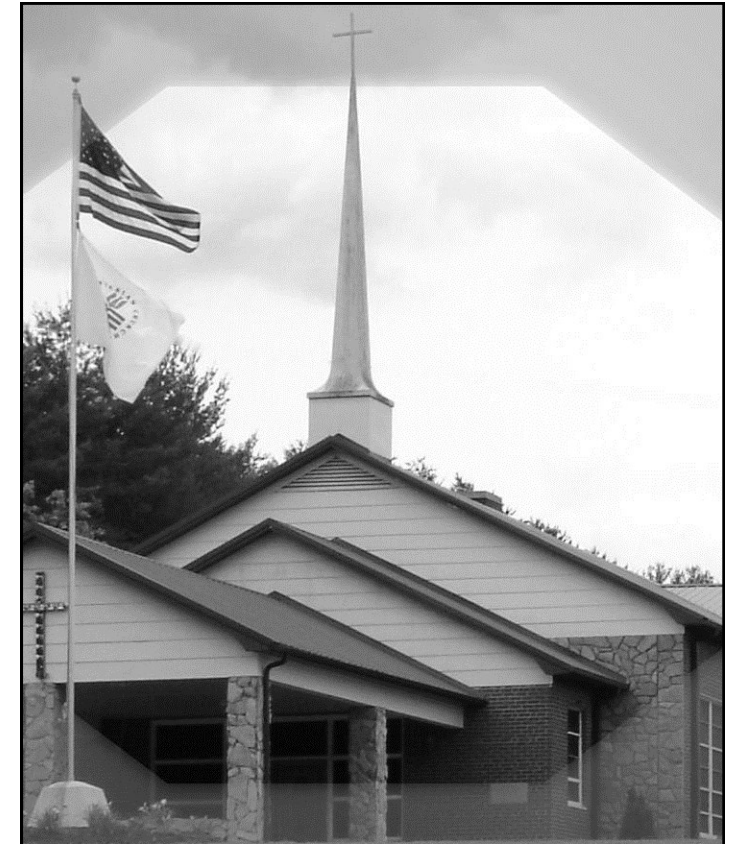
SICK & SHUT-INS/PRAYER REQUEST

Edward Corpening	Joyce Dula
Katherine Purnell	Harold Dula
Thelma Dula	Gary Phillips
Susan Harris	Adoree Millsaps
Edith Dula	Rosalee Patterson
Reather Ervin	Willow Carter
Jerlene Dula	Angela Dula
Laura New	Curtis Dula
Vondra Johnson	Rev. E.B. Freeman
Jarae Millsaps	Patricia Grimes
Jeffery Harshaw	Betty Dula
Mona Harshaw	Walter Foster
Hazel Patterson	Winnifred Dula
Rev. David L. Moore, Sr.	David Young
Pastor Valerie Hightower	Ruth Ferguson
Beatrice L. Dula	Princess Anderson

Deposits/Credits—11 / 2015	5,400.00
Withdrawals/Debits— 11/2015	<u>-6,212.10</u>
Expenses over Revenue —11/2015	-812.10

CHURCH INCOME - DECEMBER 13, 2015

Sunday School	\$ 17.60
Mission	\$ 58.00
Children Fund	\$ 22.00
Sewer Project	\$ 900.00
General Offering	\$ <u>2,942.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,939.60



**4th SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

DULATOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. HAROLD J. BENNETT II, PASTOR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015

“stand firm in your faith”

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015—10:45AM

PRELUDE (PRAISE TEAM)

INTROIT OR PROCESSIONAL

LIGHTING OF CANDLES (ALCOLYTE)

WELCOME (LITURGIST)

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD #197

WELCOME/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th SUNDAY ADVENT – “Love”

(PRESENTED BY: JOE HENDRIX & FAMILY)

OFFERTORY (SCRIPTURE)

HYMN

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL #199

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (LITURGIST)

HYMN

O HOLY NIGHT #201

INTERCESSORY PRAYER PASTOR

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

TRIO

“MARY DID YOU KNOW”

CHRISTMAS SKIT

“NEW STAR” BY CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHRISTMAS POEM

NATALIE LOGAN

CLOSING HYMN

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN #202

BENEDICTION PASTOR

ADVENT LITANY 100

While we were yet sinners, Jesus came at the right time, after forty two generations.

During this Advent season the whole church, the Body of Christ, looks forward to the second coming of the promised Messiah, Jesus our Lord.

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth to announce to the virgin Mary that she had found favor with God. Her cousin, Elizabeth, said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” (Luke 1:42)

As the Word made flesh, Jesus came to an unprepared people in an unprepared place.

We remember our Savior’s humble and obscure entry into our world.

O God, we remember, your love for your creation and thank you for Jesus, your only begotten Son.

God, help us to understand and appreciate the ways in which you use the forgotten, the marginalized, the outcast, the weak, the poor, the imprisoned and the afflicted to proclaim the presence of your kingdom.

At the birth of our Savior, angels sang with jubilation and shepherds praised Jesus and glorified God!

Lord Jesus, as we reflect upon the joyous miracle of your birth, deepen our understanding of the purpose of your coming.

When you came as a tender baby to save a fallen world, Mary wrapped you in swaddling clothes.

And when you died upon a cross at Calvary to redeem and restore a lost creation, Joseph of Arimathea wrapped you in burial clothes.

And when you ascended to your Father in Heaven, God clothed you with all power in heaven and on earth!

You told your disciples you would come again to receive us unto yourself. Thus, every day we look forward to your second coming with great anticipation.

We herald your coming, Wonderful Counselor, for you are the King of kings, Lord of lords, the Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. We love you. We adore you. You alone are worthy of all praise! (Isaiah 9:6)

MEETINGS/REHEARSALS

BIBLE STUDY Our Bible Study Group will not meet Wednesday, December 23rd at 6pm.

PER CAPITA FOR 2016 All members need to pay their per capita tax for calendar year 2016 by the end of March 2016. The amount is \$8.00.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SICK AND SHUT-INS If you have a Christmas Card you would like to send to someone on our Sick & Shut-In List, please bring them to the church today and we will deliver them.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2015!!
Reather Ervin—Dec 4, Madison Hendrix—Dec 15, Shirley Patterson—Dec 16, Christopher Gibbs—Dec 24 and Cassandra Patterson—Dec 28. Please let the Secretary know if any members need to be added to the December Birthday List. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you always.