

NOVEMBER IN REVIEW

While average attendance was 14, November was an eventful month. We held a Saturday garden party with poor attendance, but lots of work was done—unfortunately, still much to do.

Our own, Julia Freeman and Robert Henderson were our speakers at worship on November 13 and 20. Each gave us something to take home and ponder.

On November 20, we had an “after worship party” to erect and decorate the Angel and Chrismon trees. It was surprising how quickly the work was done with so many helping hands. (And, as Joan Colburn put it, “It kept Dottie off the ladder”.)

So far, we have 32 names on the Angel tree. Remember, each angel is \$5.00 and the money goes to the senior food program of the Food Bank. This is a program that never fully meets the needs of the community, so our help is vital.

November 27 was the first Sunday of Advent. We lit the first Advent candle and our worship was a program of Advent hymns and their history and origin.

LOOKING AHEAD

December 4, we will begin a new path for VCC with Sandy Downs as pastor. We are urging everyone to be present to welcome him.

Bible study will follow worship, moving deeper into the study of Psalms.

Our annual Christmas brunch is December 18, 9:30 A.M. Always lots of good food and fellowship. This year, there will not be a Christmas Eve service, but we will celebrate the birthday of the Christ Child on December 25 at 11:00 Worship. Please make a special effort to be present. Most of us feel limited in our talents, but we ALL can support with our presence.

We will take a special offering this month for the work of the churches in our region. This is the only special offering that WE benefit totally from. The funds are used to establish churches in the Alabama-N.W. Florida region.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

October 23:

At a called Board meeting, the board discussed and voted not to purchase property at this time.

November 13

The Board:

Accepted the recommendation of the search committee that we ask the congregation to vote on accepting Sanford downs as Minister.

Voted:

- To use the “Angel Tree” with a donation of \$5.00 per name in memory or in honor of a loved one. The money will go to the food bank for meals for the elderly.
- To use the Chrismon Tree and the Advent candles during Advent.

- To cancel the Christmas Eve Service this year because so many will be out of town.
- To cooperate with Hospice to hold the Blue Christmas program at VCC on December 21 at 5:30 P.M.
- To hold the annual Christmas brunch December 18 at 9:30 A.M.
- To cancel the November 27 luncheon.

PRAYER LIST

Nana Daronatsy
Michelle Downs and family
Rev. Henry Geigle
Janice Johnson
Kevin Kurtz
Joy Lewis
Wendal McClure
Melba Peters
Mae & George Ramey
Dan Roberts
Joan Schwartz
Dennis Whittaker

All those affected by natural and manmade disasters

Military Service: Dale Braxton, Jr.

In seminary:

Amber Churchill (Grace CC)
Mark Underwood (Madison CC)

