

# The Vine & Branches

December 2021

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*O Lord, if you heal me, I will be truly healed; if you save me, I will be truly saved. My praises are for you alone!*

**Jeremiah 17:14 (NLT)**

I worshiped and God healed me! Let me explain, on a recent Sunday I arrived at church with a heavy heart due to the trials of a family member and a two-week-old ankle injury. I was limping around emotionally and physically. Before service began, I grabbed the arm of an elder in the church, who is also a close friend, and asked for prayer. As he petitioned our Good Father on my behalf, I experienced my burdened heart refreshed and a resurgence of physical strength. Before the sunset on that Lord's Day, the strain to my ankle was gone and within a few days, the hurting family called me reaching out for help. Worship which includes prayer, praise, fellowship, and Bible study is essential for life.

The prophet Jeremiah struggled with extreme difficulties, including persecution and loneliness, yet he continually turned in praise to the Lord who can heal and save. He found contentment in trials through worship to our God that heals and saves.

If we give top priority to weekly worship, we will truly be healed and saved. Our healing experiences may not always be physical, remember Jeremiah left the outcome up to God, but God will answer. Don't try to fit worship into your busy life, place your life into worship before our Good Father, our Blessed Redeemer, and our Holy Counselor, and be healed!

Bob Paddock, Minister of the Gospel

*candlelight  
service*



**Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**6:30 to 7:30 pm**

**Hot chocolate & cookies to follow**

More info contact Bob Paddock at [paddockva@gmail.com](mailto:paddockva@gmail.com)

**CHRISTMAS-CARING, CELEBRATING & CONNECTING**

Normally, my monthly newsletter article is tied to whatever topic I'm doing for the month on Facebook. For December, I decided just to do Christmas songs telling the story of Jesus' birth. I hope you'll follow along at

<https://www.facebook.com/evidencetech/>

As we follow along with His story musically, I'll hope you'll join me in a couple activities to help us focus on this Most Amazing Gift. Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, read one chapter of the book of Luke each day (there's 24 chapters). On Christmas Eve, we'll have read an account of Jesus' life and know the "Who" and "Why" we celebrate!

Also beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, we'll be doing the "Reverse Advent" where each day we'll put a specific food item into a box, then bring the filled boxes to church and we'll get them delivered for those in need!

Tia Harmon, Administrative Assistant

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
BRING YOUR FILLED BOX TO CHURCH**

**BY THE LAST SUNDAY IN DECEMBER**

December 1 – box of cereal  
 December 2 – peanut butter  
 December 3 – stuffing mix  
 December 4 – boxed potatoes  
 December 5 – macaroni and cheese  
 December 6 – canned fruit  
 December 7 – canned tomatoes  
 December 8 – canned tuna  
 December 9 – dessert mix  
 December 10 – jar of applesauce  
 December 11 – canned sweet potatoes  
 December 12 – cranberry sauce  
 December 13 – canned beans  
 December 14 – box of crackers  
 December 15 – package of rice  
 December 16 – package of oatmeal  
 December 17 – package of pasta  
 December 18 – spaghetti sauce  
 December 19 – canned chicken noodle soup  
 December 20 – canned tomato soup  
 December 21 – canned corn  
 December 22 – canned mixed vegetables  
 December 23 – canned carrots  
 December 24 – canned green beans

# Chatham Christmas Parade

**Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**We will line up on Hurt Street at 5:30 pm**

**Sign up on sheet to participate.**

**More info contact Michelle Clinton at [michellelynndclinton@gmail.com](mailto:michellelynndclinton@gmail.com)**



## Climbing Higher - Day Camp – Outside Event

Want to help people with special needs?

Come to Cornerstone on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 am to help make bagged lunches and deliver to their vehicles.

Contact Evelyn Francis at 434-432-4300 if you can help!



*"Darkness covered the earth and God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." Genesis 1:3*

What is your favorite Christmas memory? One of mine has to be the year my boys and I got to experience a Living Nativity. We waited in line on a cold December night in Texas. Once inside, we were transported to a Jewish marketplace. We saw Roman Officials and a Jewish innkeeper who told us that there was no room. I will never forget the shepherds who ran through our group shouting, "Today our Savior has been born! He is Christ the Lord!" the message that had been told to them by the Angels. The most sobering moment was when we came to Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus. God's perfect gift to all humankind. *"In Him was the life; and the life was the light of men." John 1:4*

This Christmas, Cornerstone is going to put on our version of an outdoor Living Nativity. Please come and experience a little of the sights, sounds and smells of what it might have been like on that night over 2000 years ago when Jesus was born. There will be live animals, costumed actors, a true blacksmith, and fire! Saturday, December 11th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Groups of ten will be taken through one at a time by a guide. Invite your friends and family for a night you will remember. You might just make a new favorite Christmas memory! May the One who is the Light of the World shine brightly in your heart during this joyous season of celebration.

Because of Jesus, Michelle Clinton - Children's Minister. Proverbs 3:5-6



## Living Nativity

**Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**6 to 8pm**

For more information contact Michelle Clinton at [michellelynnclinton@gmail.com](mailto:michellelynnclinton@gmail.com)

## Purpose Driven Parenting Class

**Wednesdays, December 1, 8, & 15 at 6:30 pm**

**Class size is limited**

To participate or for more Info Contact Michelle Stallard at

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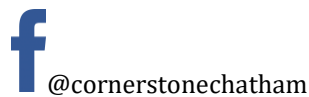
We're on the Web!  
See us at:  
[CornerstoneChatham.org](http://CornerstoneChatham.org)

### Wednesday Nights

Meal at 5:45 pm Small Groups for all ages  
from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

### Sunday

Worship Services – 9:15 and 10:45 am  
Adult Bible Fellowship – 9:15 am  
Kingdom Kids – 9:15 and 10:45 am  
Nursery – 9:15 and 10:45 am  
Middle & High School – 9:15 and 10:45am



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## Latest Prayer Requests

### Send Prayer Concerns to Evelyn Francis:

[evelynfrancis434@gmail.com](mailto:evelynfrancis434@gmail.com) or  
call 434-432-4300

### Prayer Concerns:

For Cornerstone to train next generation leaders, reach and equip 500 new believers, mentor 100 students, double financial support to missions, break chains of dysfunction to create healthy families and individuals

Climbing Higher Day Camp (Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>)

Chatham Christmas Parade (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>)

Living Nativity (Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>)

Candlelight Service (Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Cindy Daniels – praise at home now (Pattie Harmon's mother)

Stacy Reynolds – cancer treatments

Tim Gammon – health issues

Tina Cook – ongoing health issues

Tim & Erin MacSaveny (Bible translators for Tanzanian languages)

Cornerstone staff members

Mountain Mission School

Colleges and Universities

Students, teachers, and school faculty in our communities

Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center

Prayers for the persecuted church

Alys West (ministering to the disabled in Ukraine)

Making more disciples of Jesus Christ in our communities

Faithfulness in the churches of our communities

Divorced families going through difficulties

Chris Craddock – at VCU undergoing treatments for burns

### Sympathy to the families of:

Aubrey Henry (Jane Nichols' father)

Mary Belcher (Rhonda Owen's mother)