



# Seventh Notes

SEVENTH & JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

December 2009

## BETWIXT AND BETWEEN

“Advent” is a Latin word which means “something is coming,” “something is on the way.” Advent is a season of anticipation, of expectation, of preparation. The words of Isaiah, echoed in the message of John the Baptist, indicated that the long-awaited Promised One of Israel is about to be revealed. The Old Testament spoke of a “shoot which would grow from the tree of Jesse.” Often the symbol of the Jesse tree is used to show that Christ is the fulfillment of this hope. Advent, then, is the season in which we prepare to receive Christ into our hearts and into our world.

Advent is also the first season of the church year, and so, for Christians, it makes the real beginning of the new year. Time itself is divided by this event. The first coming of Christ foreshadows his second coming, his Second Advent. This means that in the end, time and history and indeed creation itself must be related to him who came in humility and lowliness at Bethlehem.

The color of Advent is purple. It is a season of hope, and peace, and joy, and love, which are the themes of the four Sundays of Advent. But the color of Advent reminds us that the gift of God’s Son was given amidst great suffering, that there is an integral link between the crib and the cross.

### **All-Church Christmas Caroling Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Meet in the back parking lot at 4:00 to catch the bus  
to carol to church members’ homes.**

**We will return to the church to share soup, grilled cheese  
sandwiches and s’mores! We will end around 7:30.**

**Please dress warmly! Please RSVP to Leslie.**

## ADVENT AT SEVENTH

NOVEMBER 29

The First Sunday of Advent  
Hanging of the Green, 10:50 a.m.

DECEMBER 5

All-Church Christmas Caroling, 4:00-7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 6

The Second Sunday of Advent  
Sanctuary Choir Presentation, 10:50 a.m.

DECEMBER 12

Youth Progressive Dinner and Christmas Party

DECEMBER 13

The Third Sunday of Advent  
All-Church Christmas Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 20

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 23

No Wednesday Activities

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:00 p.m.  
"Green Christmas" Food Collection

DECEMBER 30

No Wednesday Activities

**XYZ Christmas Potluck**  
**Thursday, December 17**  
**11:00ish**  
**Lu Treadwell's Home**  
**(3630 Chateau)**



## THE MESSIAH'S MISSION

The calling of every Christian is to do the work Christ has begun. During Advent and Lent, the seasons in which we most celebrate God's love expressed in Jesus, the Seventh & James Family of Faith receives expressions of love and adoration in the form of cash gifts for the healing and evangelizing work of God's kingdom.

The money received is divided as follows:

50% for Global Missions /

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

25% for Mary Hill Davis State Missions

[Baptist General Convention of Texas]

25% for 4 local hunger ministries

[6.25% each]

Caritas of Waco

Meals-on-Wheels

Seeds of Hope, Inc.

World Hunger Farm, Elm Mott

[World Hunger Relief, Inc.]

Of course, any gift especially designated for a particular mission effort is only used or passed through for that cause.

• Advent/Christmas Offering Goal • \$10,000 •

**Senior Adult Drop-In**

3:00 - 5:00

December 5

Lu Treadwell's Home  
(3630 Chateau)



## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
**8:30 AM**  
**HARPER HALL**  
**PLEASE INVITE A FRIEND!**  
**\$6.00**



*It's that time again!  
 In December we will  
 open the Melton  
 Building for students to  
 study for exams.  
 If you'd like to provide  
 homemade goodies (or  
 store-bought) please see  
**Matt Rosencrans. We will also need  
 volunteers to help with sign-in each night.***

### OFFERING COORDINATORS

DATE	NAME
December 6:	Ron Stanke
December 13:	COMMUNION
December 20:	Sylvia Stockton
December 27:	Lynn Tatum
January 3:	Janis Ward
January 10:	COMMUNION

**College Study Tables:**  
**December 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13**  
**8:00 pm - 3:00 am**

**Shifts run from 8:00-11:00, 11:00-1:00 and  
 1:00-3:00**

**Contact Matt ([matt@seventhandjames.org](mailto:matt@seventhandjames.org))**

### WORSHIP CARE VOLUNTEERS

DATE	NAME
December 6:	Becky Griffin
December 13:	Pat Bailey
December 20:	Mike Jones
December 27:	Pat & Sharon Hynan

**CROSSTIES**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH**  
**5:30 IN HARPER HALL**

We'll host the kids from CrossTies for our annual Christmas Party on December 17. We're looking for people to help make dinner, to shop for gifts and help with set-up/clean-up. Donations are being accepted to buy Christmas presents and dinner for the children. If you are interested in helping, please see Leslie Rosencrans.

### EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS

DATE	NAME
December 6:	David & Missy Kittner
December 13:	Ashley & Angela Cruseturner
December 20:	Marie Cleverley and Bill Cooper
December 27:	Donna Kennedy and Joy Marshall

## CHURCH CONFERENCE MINUTES—OCTOBER 21, 2009

**Moderator Ann McGlashan** called the church into conference. **A.A. Hyden** moved to accept the agenda, **Rita Purdy** seconded, and the motion passed. **Bill Hillis** moved to accept the Requests for Membership and Transfers of Letter, **Rosalie Beck** seconded, and the motion passed. **Bert Wilson** moved to accept the minutes as printed, **Rita Purdy** seconded, and the motion passed.

**Sherrie Dodson** reported on behalf of the Administrative Council. She noted that the church was negative for \$4,587 for September but still positive year-to-date. She also noted that the church has made significant improvements compared to this time last year, when we were negative \$23,000. One issue that has recently come up is what to do about the aging copier in the office. Currently, the service contract on the copier costs \$3,400 annually, and the fee is about to go up to \$3,900. **Ray Deaver** researched several options and found that we can lease a new IKON copier for \$3,837 for five years. Both the Administrative Council and the Cabinet approved making the change to the IKON copier and recommend leasing it for one year. Since this recommendation came from a council, a second was not required. The motion passed. Another recommendation presented by the Administrative Council was to authorize taking \$4,000 from the Livengood Fund to pay for repairs on the organ. The motion passed.

**Elinor Mazé** reported on behalf of the Missions Council about upcoming Advent activities. First, the church will participate in Caritas Food for Families. Church members will be needed to volunteer in pairs for two-hour shifts. Tentatively, November 20 is scheduled to be our day. **Elinor** also announced the upcoming Cross-Ties Christmas party for the children of the Kate Ross housing project and encouraged broader participation from the membership. Finally, the church will participate in the Mission Waco Toy Store collection drive. New, unwrapped toys for children ranging in age from infants to teenagers are needed. Price tags should be left on so the toys may be marked appropriately at the Mission Waco store. They will be sold for 20 percent of their marked value. The tentative deadline for bringing toys to the church is December 4.

There being no new or old business, **Raymond Bailey** presented the Staff Report. He reported that one family in the church has donated the money needed to fund next year's Sing-Along-Messiah. He also expressed appreciation to **Ray** and **Ellen Deaver** for providing new light fixtures for the drive-through at the side of the sanctuary. **Ray** reported on the progress being made on the ATM. First University Credit Union has been waiting for a module to be installed, and the details of indemnification still have to be worked out before the ATM can be functional. The church has been receiving payment of \$200 a month for the past several months.

No other reports were presented, so **David Pennington** moved that the meeting be adjourned, **David Sturgill** seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrolle Kamperman  
Church Clerk