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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- December 12**
WM Christmas Dinner
- December 13**
MS Christmas Party
- December 14**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting
Diaconate Meeting
Children's Choirs Christmas Program
- December 15**
Ladies' Night Owl Bible Study
- December 16**
Mothers' Encouragement Group
- December 17**
Caroling & Dessert Session Meeting
- December 18**
Memorial Hospital Lunch
- December 20**
HS Christmas Party
- December 21**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
- December 24**
Office Closed at Noon
Lessons & Carols
- December 25**
Merry Christmas
Office Closed
- December 26**
Merry Christmas
Office Closed
- December 28**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Shepherding Groups Meet
- December 31**
Office Closed at Noon
New Year's Eve
- January 1**
Happy New Year
Office Closed
- January 4**
Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School

Our sanctuary was packed Sunday evening for the adult choir's celebration of Advent.

By God's grace, many were not there as spectators. And, that's as it should be. Worship is not a spectator sport. Worship is work, glorious work, but, work, nonetheless. And, Sunday evening was a time of worship, led by singers (which often included the entire congregation), soloist, instrumentalists and reader.

If you weren't able to attend, I encourage you to get a recording of this time of celebration.

It always seems appropriate to thank Jeremy, the choir, Nickie, Alayne, Vangie and Bill, but I know their greatest thanks comes in knowing that what they offered up to the Lord was pleasing to Him and a blessing to those they ushered into His courts.

Those nominated, trained and approved by the Session for the office of Ruling Elder (Jason Brown and Jason Coffey) and Deacon (John Pearce) were overwhelmingly approved by the congregation. All those nominated to serve as Directors were also elected.

I want to thank Pastor Mullinax for his year-in-review presentation. Like the Psalmist, it is good for us to remember how the Lord has lead us in the past as we anticipate His purposes for us in the years to come.

And, speaking of the future, I hope you are remembering to pray for the Pastoral Search committee. Ruling Elder Sanders, chairman of the PSC, provided us with a comprehensive report of the progress the committee has made in attempting to assist us in identifying CPC's next senior pastor. Now that they have reached the stage of writing a few Teaching Elders to ascertain their interest in being considered for our pulpit, they need, more than ever, the Lord's wisdom and discernment. So, take a moment, perhaps even this very moment, to take them before the Throne of Grace.

Next Wednesday evening you will have the opportunity to join with others to go caroling. It's great fun, pleasing to the Lord, and a genuine delight and blessing to others. Even if you think you're not a good singer, join us, as we sing noels. ("Noel" is a French word that refers to songs sung in celebration of our Lord's birth.)

If you're reading this Newsletter on the 11th, Christmas is but two weeks away. So, I'm wondering, what should I get my wife...

~Pastor Caines

