

Sunday, December 2, 2018

**Fifteenth Avenue
Baptist Church**

First Sunday of Advent



Rev. Dr. David Latimore, Senior Pastor

WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader

OPENING SONG

Choir and Congregation

SCRIPTURE

Ministerial Staff

INVOCATION

Ministerial Staff

**CONGREGATIONAL
PRAISE**

Music Ministry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sis. LaDonna Tatum

**RECOGNITION OF
GUEST/ WELCOME SONG**

Sis. Mattie Danaby

**We welcome you.
Yes, we welcome you.
We welcome you into this
house of the Lord.
For His love is true
and we share it with you.
You are welcome in this
house of the Lord.**

WORSHIP

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

Pastor David Latimore

**MINISTRY THROUGH
MUSIC**

Music Ministry

ALTAR CALL

Ministerial Staff

OFFERING

Diakonos Ministry

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

Music Ministry

THE WORD

Pastor David Latimore

**INVITATION TO
DISCIPLESHIP**

HOLY COMMUNION

**CLOSING SONG & BENEDICTION
“Let The Church Say, Amen”**

WELCOME!

Welcome to **Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church**! We thank God for your presence with us on today. We know that with God, nothing is by happenstance and everything happens for a reason. God meant for you to be with us today and God has a blessing in store for you! We are excited to worship with you, and we eagerly anticipate a wondrous day of worship that will encourage your spirit and transform your life as we encounter the Holy Spirit together! We know that you will be blessed by your fellowship with this community of faith, the songs from our music ministry, and the preached word of God. No matter what brought you to **Fifteenth Avenue** today, God is here waiting to forever change your life!



**PASTOR AND FIRST LADY
LATIMORE**

Please know that First Lady Tammie Latimore and I join our church family in extending to you the warmest of welcomes. If you have not yet done so, please fill out a visitor's card. This will allow us to follow-up with you after today and to insure that we keep you informed of the many great things happening here at **Fifteenth Avenue**. If you need any assistance in worship, please feel free to ask the brother or sister sitting next to you, and they will be happy to help you in any way possible. If you do not have a church home, there is a place for you here at **Fifteenth Avenue**. This is a place where God is blessing his people.

FIFTEENTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Please submit approved ministry
announcements to the church office every
Wednesday by noon.**

**Email announcements to
announcements@fifteenthave.org**

New Members Class

Every Sunday
at 8:45 a.m.

If you became a member within the last year, you are also welcome to attend.

For more information, contact newmembers@fifteenthave.org



The Fifteenth Avenue Post Office is open and will close Sunday, Dec. 23. Place cards in folder by family's last name.

If names are missing, contact Sis. Thelma Norris, Post Office Ministry Coordinator at 615-473-4950.

**CD's and DVD's of today's service are available.
Visit the lobby to complete your form and
return it to the Ushers.**



CD's: \$5

DVD's: \$10

**The Nineveh Ministry will have
a Dove Tree for the children at
Cheatham Place.**

**Please pick a dove & return your
wrapped gifts with the attached
dove by Sunday, Dec. 2.**

**For more information, contact Vernita Smith
(615-228-1417) or Lolitha Scruggs (615-930-4738).**

Volunteers (18 yrs+) are needed immediately in the nursery Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., Sunday School at 8:30 a.m., and Morning Worship at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

We are asking for a minimum commitment of one Sunday or Service per month. However, volunteers are welcomed to serve additional services.



Contact Sis. Rachel Hardaway at childrenandyouth@fifteenthave.org or (615)710-2847.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



MEDIA 
MINISTRY

For more information, contact Bro. Gerald Scruggs at (615)930-4739.

— Everything is —
BETTER

WHEN YOU BRING YOUR FRIENDS

**DID YOU INVITE
SOMEONE TODAY?**



15@15th

**Fifteenth Avenue will observe this month
as a time to minister to and with our
families.**

December



**There will be no Bible Study and ministries
should minimize meetings during the month.**

Please join **Fifteenth Avenue's** Forever Young Ministry in **SEWING LOVE** to our homeless community with "blessing bags."



A blessing bag is a small assortment of basic toiletries and snacks in a plastic or cloth bag. The entire church can help in creating and handing out these blessing bags.

Currently in **Phase 2** of the process, the FABC family is donating travel-sized toiletries, which will go in the bags. Please drop off your donations in the church foyer each Sunday from **Nov. 11 to Dec. 4** for holiday distribution.

Donations needed include: deodorant, toilet paper, socks, tuna and crackers, granola or cereal bars, fruit snacks or applesauce cups, peanut butter or cheese crackers, fast food gift certificates, hand wipes, gloves, or bandages.

Phase 3 will be sandwich making, toiletry packing, and distribution of the blessing bags on **Dec. 5 at noon** and **Dec. 8 at 10 a.m.**

Sign up and be blessed!

SMILE
FOR THE
CAMERA

NEW CHURCH
DIRECTORY



If you are a **New Member** or a **Member** who didn't have your photo taken for the 2019 Resource Guide, please see Sis. Diana Poe in the lobby following morning worship. Photos will be taken on **Dec. 18 from 2:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.**



15th Health Ministry: Self-Management Programs

We want to offer the congregation a **free** program and resource book to help you manage chronic health conditions and improve the quality of your lives. The topics cover managing stress, improving physical conditioning, healthy eating, goal setting and problem-solving. **Programs are research based** and will be taught by TSU professors.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR SURVEY TODAY IN THE LOBBY.

PRAYER LIST

Health Care Facility

Sis. Lennie Williams

Bro. Charles Robinson

Home Bound

Sis. Angela Garner

Bro. James Harris

Sis. Lenora Pettus

Sis. Lillie Phillips

Bro. Sanford Harper

Sis. Susie McClure

Sis. Thedrika Sawyers

Prayer Request

Bro. Adrian Washington

Sis. Anita L Bailey

Sis. Anne Groves

Sis. Annette Thompson

Sis. Annie Parker

Sis. Barbara Baker

Sis. Barbara Jones

Bro. Bob Packard

Sis. Carmen Townsend

Sis. Catherine Elaine Majors

Sis. Catherine Johnson

Bro. Chris Coleman

Bro. Curtis Lyle

Sis. Darlene Watson

Sis. Emma Lyons

Sis. Ernestine Majors

Sis. Frenchie Newkirk

Bro. Gary Leach

Bro. James Boone

Bro. Joshua Mays

Sis. Julia Howard

Sis. Lisa Lawrence

Sis. Lorene West

Sis. Nellie Norton

Sis. Miricole Thompson

Bro. Richard Hopkins

Bro. Ron Dykes

Sis. Terray B. Tuck

Bro. Travis Plummer

Sis. Vera Watts

Sis. Verline Young

Bro. William Mills

Bro. William Cross

Sis. Zettie Rice

Understanding Advent

The season of Advent has been with us since the fourth century, although it has not been a part of the religious observance of all denominations and churches. With Christmas and Advent occurring during the same time



of the year, there is often confusion of the two religious events. Many people often think these two holidays are the same religious event. Here are some things you should know about Advent:

When. Advent marks the beginning of the church year. Advent begins with the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends Christmas Eve. It is part of the cycle of seasons that includes Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, all related in some fashion to the coming of Jesus. That cycle is followed by Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and the long Pentecost season.



What. Advent comes from the Latin word, **adventus**, meaning “coming.” It is a season to prepare for the coming of Christ and this can mean many different

things: the promised coming of the Messiah to the Jews, the coming of Jesus being born in Bethlehem, the promised return of the risen Christ in final victory, and the continual coming of Christ into the lives and hearts of believers. The Advent season is a time of penitence and fasting, austerity, seriousness, reading of Scripture, hearing and proclaiming the Word in sermon and song; waiting and longing for the Messiah’s coming.

Color. The color for Advent has traditionally been purple. Some churches have adopted blue for Advent. The traditional color of purple for Advent signifies penitence and royalty; and the blue represents the color of hope.

Advent is a season rich in tradition, symbolism, art, music, and liturgical practice. It has its own unique themes as well as those that point the way to Christmas.



And yet, we annually confront the pressures and questions of “Why can’t we put up the Christmas tree in the sanctuary on the first Sunday of Advent?” and “Why can’t we sing Christmas carols in early December?” The answer, of course, is that to do so allows Christmas to intrude. It allows the themes, practices, spirituality, history, traditions, symbols, art, and music of one season to displace those of another. We lose the richness and the benefit of experiencing the promise, longing, hope, and expectation of Advent. The world, television, and shopping malls have done all they can to convince us that Advent does not matter; it has no place in our culture; and many of us have come to accept that for our church, as well. Our faith teaches us something very different.

Article written by Dean McIntyre for the United Methodist Church (<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/all-about-advent>) and edited by Pastor Latimore for Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church.

WORSHIP AND MEETING TIMES

Sunday

Church at Study - 8:45 a.m.
New Members Class - 8:45 a.m.
Children's Church - 9:45 a.m.
(Sept. - May: 2nd and 4th Sunday)
Church at Worship - 10 a.m.

Tuesday

Forever Young - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Love Kitchen - 12 p.m.
Morning Bible Study - 10 a.m.
Evening Bible Study - 7 p.m.

Thursday

Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Ministry - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Liturgical Dance - 11 a.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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