

Be the Light of the World this Christmas

This December, our church members are leading a number of missional initiatives, in which all are invited to participate. As members of the West Main family, we have incredible opportunities to share *Emmanuel* (God with us) with the world.

School Supply Drive for Danville City Schools

Led by Donna Helton

Sunday, Dec. 15th is the last day to bring in school supplies. We are collecting: dry erase markers, ear buds, tissues, lysol wipes, glue sticks, copy paper, and backpacks. Items may be dropped off in the collection boxes located in the main church hallway or in the little red wagon at the front of the sanctuary.

Coat Drive and Community Meal

Led by Stetson Franklin

We are collaborating with True Holiness Church to share Christ's love on Christmas Day with those in need. Please drop off lightly used jackets and coats in the large box in the main hallway.

We need volunteers to help set up and come "neighbor" on Christmas Day. You may volunteer for as little as one hour and children are welcome to help. *Please sign up on the sheet in the main church hallway.*

Dec. 23rd, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.: Pick up food, chairs, and coats from church and setup at the Community Market.

Christmas Day 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.: Help cook, serve and sit at the table with folks in our community who may feel isolated on Christmas Day; **12:00-2:00 p.m.:** Clean Up

CBF Gift Catalogue <https://cbf.net/giftcatalog>

Led by church staff

If someone you love "already has everything," consider making a gift in their honor through the CBF gift catalogue. You can buy a crochet kit for a survivor of domestic violence, a backpack for a refugee child or art supplies for prisoners in Bali... and much more. All of these are connected to day-in, day-out Baptist field personnel who will use these gifts to share Christ's hope in the most meaningful ways possible.

Jesus said, "You are the Light of the World."
Matthew 5: 14

WMBC Hi-Lites December 11, 2019

West Main Baptist Church
450 West Main Street
Danville, VA 24541
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E-mail: westmainbaptist@comcast.net
Sunday Bible Study @ 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Worship @ 11:00 A.M.

West Main Baptist Staff

Drew Herring- Senior Pastor
Skyler Daniel - Associate Pastor for Youth and Families
Jennifer Clatterback - Associate Pastor for Children and Families
Mark Gourley- Min. of Music & Worship
Billie Jo Reynolds - Church Administrator
Sherry Price - Communications Sec. and Director, WEE Center
Daryl Edwards - Custodian
Ann Beyer - Coordinator of Church Life

December 15

Deacons Greeters

Kristi Gilliam, Jerry Shaver,
Vickie Jones

Extended Session Workers

Babies: Sally Burton, Jennifer Doggett,
2's & 3's: Billie Jo Reynolds, Eric Ellis
4's & 5's: Ashlyn & Ella Payne,
Sherry Price

Emmaus Cafe
Resumes January 8, 2020
Menu: Tacos w/ fixins, Rice,
Fruit and Dessert

Nonprofit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 8
Danville, VA 24541

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

West Main Baptist Church
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Danville, VA 24541



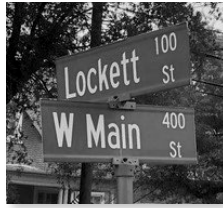
Faithful Past, Hopeful Future Pledge Update

Budget: \$538,129

Pledged so far: \$353,556 (65.7%)

Number of pledges: 92

We will continue to collect pledges for our 2020
Ministry Action Budget through December 31, 2019.



Joy is not something we can earn, or purchase, or really even understand. Joy is a gift we're invited to receive from God.

Many of us feel Advent joy in the blooms of the poinsettia, the excitement of our children, and our gatherings with friends and family. For others, joy is elusive or absent altogether, this season reminding us painfully of those we have lost or the family struggles that make our holidays anything but happy. God's gift of joy is sweet, but it's also fleeting and fragile. Like the baby being born again to us, we must nurture it and protect it.

That is why we observe the tradition of "Lessons and Carols", a service that proclaims the good news of incarnation through scriptures and songs. There will be no words from the preacher, because the joy of the gospel is greater than any words we can add to it. Instead, we will take a deep breath and listen to the story of God's love revealed through patriarchs, prophets, virgins, shepherds, and wisemen. Instead, we will experience God's love lifting our souls to a height only attainable through music.

My prayer is that our worship will amplify the joy of those who hold it and will be a source of hope and healing for those who long for it. Until we meet on Sunday, I invite you to pray with me this petition from the Book of Common Prayer:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen

Shield the joyous, Oh Lord! For we need their joy, we need your joy now more than ever.

Drew

Coming to West Main!

December 22, at 5:30 P.M.

Charlotte (NC) Bronze Handbell Ensemble in Concert.
No cost. A freewill offering will be accepted.
See bulletin board for more details.



Christmas Eve Service

Children on Christmas Eve

Your entire family is invited to worship together during our Christmas Eve candlelight communion service. Childcare is provided for infants - two-year-olds only. Battery-operated candles will be available for little ones who cannot hold real ones safely. Feel free to bring something to color or other quiet activities if your child needs help sitting through the service.

New Insurance Requirements for Volunteers Who Work With Minors

As of January 2020, our insurance policy will require us to perform background and reference checks on all employees and volunteers who work with minors. While this change means more effort, both for church staff as well as our fantastic volunteers, we welcome the opportunity to be more diligent in our responsibility to make West Main a safe place for children and youth and to protect the adults who teach and care for them.

All West Mainers who currently volunteer with youth and children should have received a letter regarding this change and a form to fill out. Please help us by completing and returning your form as quickly as possible. If you did not receive a letter and believe you should have, please let us know!

We're so grateful for the many, many volunteers who help us share God's love and the teachings of our faith with children and youth.



WEST MAIN MEMBERS

Jerry Shaver - home
Lee Wayland
Raymond Elliott
Nancy Buchanan -
Roman Eagle Rehab

ASSISTED CARE

Virginia Powell - Roman Eagle
Mercer Motley - Riverside
Goldie Keese - Roman Eagle
Russell Hines - Atlanta

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Judy Gourley's sister in law,
Brenda Hunt
Julia Gatewood's sister, Nina
Paige Swanson's friend, Lili
Tracey Smith's mother
Raymond & Iva Newman's
friend, Nina Bailey
Sallie Minter's friend, Judy
Nolan's grandson
Tiffany Franks' mother
Becky Barker's brother
Rena Vaughn's brother
Barbara Pleasant's mother
Rachel Martin's mother
Chris Hill - tests

Our deepest sympathies to our WEE Center teacher, Sue Irby, on the death of her husband, Siggy.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 15 (Advent 3)

9:45 A.M. Bible Study
11:00 A.M. *Morning Worship: Lessons and Carols*
3:00-6:30 P.M. Youth Christmas Caroling

Tuesday, December 17

Staff Christmas Outing, office closed 10 - 4

Saturday, December 21

6:00 P.M. Longest Night Compline Service

Sunday, December 22 (Advent 4)

9:45 A.M. Bible Study
11:00 A.M. *Morning Worship: Children's Christmas Pageant*
5:30 P.M. Charlotte Bronze Handbell Ensemble Concert

Children's Spontaneous Christmas Pageant

Four year olds - 4th graders are invited to participate. We'll practice in the Sanctuary at 9:45 on the morning of the 22nd and then go upstairs for a snack until the service begins.

Tuesday, December 24

Church Office Closes at Noon

5:30 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 25 - Thursday, Dec. 26

Church Office closed

Sunday, December 29

11:00 Worship Service Only, No Sunday School

The church office will close at noon on Dec. 31 - Jan. 1.

Wednesday night supper and activities will resume on January 8th.



Compline Service
Saturday, Dec. 21st
6:00 P.M.
Led by Skyler Daniel

Many of us have experienced long and dark times this year and we can feel especially lonely during the Christmas season. Join us on Saturday, Dec. 21st (the longest night of the year) for a time of contemplative prayer and reflection and to receive again Christ's light of hope.