



Celebrate The Christmas Season at Lookout Valley

New Sermon Series Begins Sunday, December 3

The celebration of the Christmas season has a way of softening even the hardest of hearts. As believers, it is a great opportunity to reach out to those who are without Christ. On Sunday, December 3, we will begin a 4-week message series entitled *Christmas Hits*. During the month of December, we will explore the path of the Christmas story, from the prophecy of the coming Messiah to the promise of eternal life. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ – together!

12/3 — A Song of Prophecy **12/17 — A Song of Purpose**

12/10 — A Song of Praise **12/24 — A Song of Promise**

Christmas Celebration Service

Sunday, December 17 @ 10:45 am

Join us this Christmas season for a special service on Sunday, December 17, at 10:45 am. During this service, our celebration choir will lead us in a time of praise and worship as we focus on the incarnation of Christ and God's gift to us. We hope to see you there! If you are interested in joining our Celebration choir, contact Brice Green (brice@lookoutvalley.org).

Holiday Schedule

THANKSGIVING

November 22
No Evening Activities

November 23-24
Church Office Closed

CHRISTMAS

December 24
Christmas Eve Service
No Small Groups

December 25
Christmas Day
Church Office Closed

December 27
No Evening Activities

December 31
New Year's Eve
No Small Groups
Family Worship

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

5	Time Change Jersey Sunday Food Truck Fellowship Children's Ministry Christmas Performance Practice Begins
8	Member's Meeting Kingdom Kids Thanksgiving Crafting for Nursing Homes
14	Wise & Wonderful Meeting
15	Student Ministry's Friendsgiving
19	Church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner
22	No Evening Activities
23	Thanksgiving Day
23-24	Church Office Closed

DECEMBER

6	Children's Ministry Cookie Decorating Party Choir Rehearsal
10	Children's Ministry Special Christmas Performance
12	Wise & Wonderful Meeting
13	Chili & Caroling Choir Rehearsal
16	Choir Rehearsal
24	No Small Groups Christmas Eve Service
25	Christmas Day Church Office Closed
27	No Evening Activities
31	New Year's Eve No Small Groups Family Worship



*"O holy night! the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope- the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!"*

These familiar words have an interesting history. In 1843, a Parish priest in Roquemaure, France convinced a young poet to write a Christmas Poem for a celebration event of a recently renovated church organ. A year later the words were set to music, and by 1847 it was premiered to the adoration of the town. In 1855 an American minister wrote the English version, which soon became popular among the abolitionist and those enslaved. Specifically, among the slaves themselves. Some of the first voices to sing these lyrics were those bound by chains, and fighting to free those in bondage. Hear them sing; *sweet thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices!*

*"Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease."*

We invite you and your family to join us for our candle-light Christmas Eve Service, on Sunday, December 24, at 6:00 pm. During this special service, we will sing carols together, read scripture, and focus on the importance of the birth of Christ, as we light each symbolic candle around the advent wreath.

A Letter From Pastor Troy

On June 28, 1914 the world was thrust into World War I. By December the Germans had made a strong advance into France, but the French, Belgian, and British forces were able to halt them. However, since they were not able to push the Germans out of France, there was a stalemate and both sides dug into the earth creating a large network of trenches.

On Christmas Eve, many German soldiers put up their Christmas trees, decorated with candles, on the tops of their trenches. Hundreds of Christmas trees lighted the German trenches. As the British soldiers saw them, they thought this could be some kind of trick. Instead of trickery, they heard many of the Germans celebrating.

Soon, the Germans could be heard singing as one voice some of their favorite Christmas carols. The Germans then called out to their allied counterparts in the opposite trenches to sing a favorite carol back to them. Before long, those who were hours before seeking to kill one another, were now bellowing out familiar tunes in an exchange of Christmas cheer. Then the British soldiers began to sing 'O Come All Ye Faithful,' a tune familiar to the Germans who joined in singing the Latin version, '*Adeste Fideles*.' These sworn enemies were now lifting up praises to God – together!

The amazing events which transpired the next day eventually became known as the "Christmas Day Truce." Soon soldiers from each side could be seen talking, exchanging handshakes and hugs in the middle of "No Man's Land," that area between the opposing trenches. Many began to exchange gifts of chocolates, candies, and other goodies sent to the front from loved ones back home.

As this impromptu truce continued the revelry they enjoyed turned sad and somber. Each side used this as an opportunity to bury their fallen comrades, those whose bodies previously could not be retrieved. And there, on Christmas day, they held memorial services together for those who had died.

The celebration of the Christmas season has a way of softening even the hardest of hearts. As believers, it is a great opportunity to reach out to those who are without Christ. I will begin a message series through December entitled "Christmas Hits." There are several other opportunities mentioned in this newsletter where we can celebrate the birth of Christ – together!

Grace & peace,

Pastor Troy

LOOKOUT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

FOOD TRUCK

• FELLOWSHIP •



FEATURED VENDORS:

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HOTDOG HEAVEN
KOSHA HIBACHI

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BROKEN HEART
CHEESECAKES

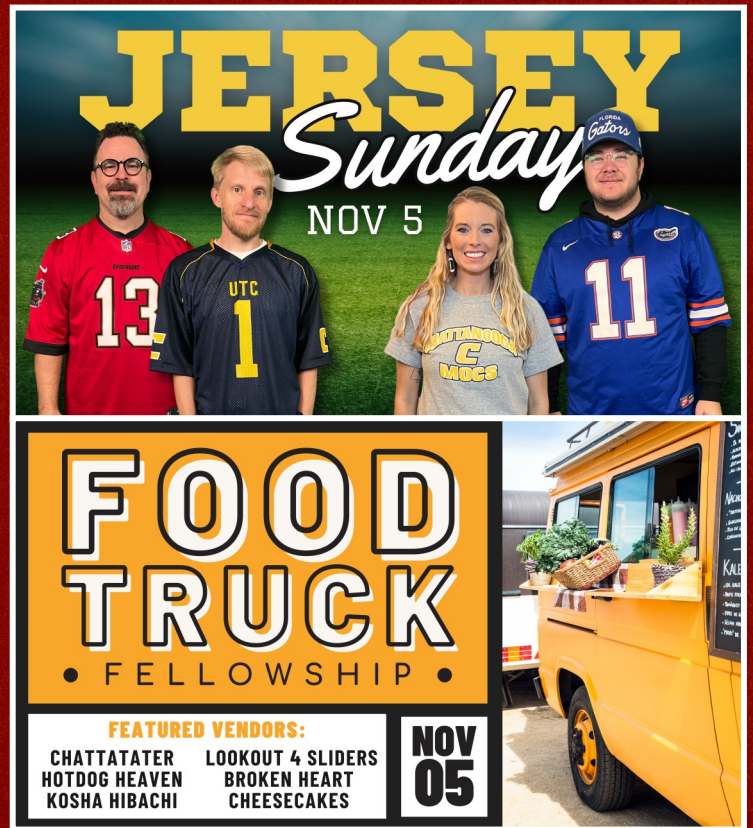
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Jersey Sunday & Food Truck Fellowship

Join us on Sunday, November 5, for our Fall Food Truck Fellowship! After the worship service, we will gather together at the Fellowship Hall to enjoy lunch from our wonderful vendors. There will be tables and chairs set up in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is the price of food purchased.

This will also be Team Jersey Sunday, so be sure wear your favorite jersey and represent your team.

To view our vendor's menus, visit lookoutvalley.org/food-truck-fellowship or scan the QR Code.



Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 19 at 6:00 PM

As the season of thanksgiving is upon us, we invite you and your family to join us on Sunday, November 19, at 6:00 pm, for our church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner. This will be an exciting evening of great food and good fellowship.

Dressing, rolls, and drinks will be provided by the church. We ask that you please bring a meat, side dish, and/or dessert to share.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Allison or Wade Casey.

Chili & Caroling

Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 PM

Join us on Wednesday, December 13, for our annual night of Chili and Caroling! Bring your favorite pot of chili or soup to share before we load up and go out caroling to our fellow church members and shut-ins. We will then return to the Fellowship Hall for dessert, coffee, and hot chocolate. Dinner will start at 6:00 pm with caroling to follow shortly after that. For more information, contact Pastor Wade Casey (wade@lookoutvalley.org).



Children's Ministry

Thanksgiving Craft Making

We invite your children, both preschool and elementary aged, to join us on Wednesday, November 8, at 6:30 pm, as we make Turkey Cards and celebrate the season of Thanksgiving by showing those in nursing homes that we are thankful for them.



Kingdom Kids Special Performance



Join us on Sunday, December 10, at 10:45 am, as the Kingdom Kids help us celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by performing during our worship service. Practices for this special service will be held during our Kingdom Kids services, beginning Sunday, November 5.

If your child will be singing, please have them here no later than 9:30 am, on Sunday, December 10, for our final practice.

Christmas Pajamas & Cookie Decorating Party

What better way to celebrate the birth of our Savior than in your pajamas? All children are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 8, at 6:30 pm, for a Christmas Pajama & Cookie Decorating Party. This will be an exciting and cozy evening where children will enjoy a cookie decorating competition and hot coco—all while in their favorite pajamas!

Please contact our Director of Children's Ministry, Chantelle Bedrin for more details.



We have a lot of exciting opportunities for you get involved in our Children's Ministry! If you would like more information about how you can help serve and minister to children here at LVBC, please contact our Children's Director, Chantelle Bedrin (chantelle@lookoutvalley.org).

Members Meeting

Our next Fellowship Meal and Member's Meeting is Wednesday, November 8. The meal starts at 5:30 pm, and the meeting begins at 6:30 pm. There are two important items on our meeting agenda. First, we will vote to appoint a new Church Elder. John Lively has been nominated to serve as our next lay elder. Second, we will vote on the upcoming 2024 General Church Budget. Copies of the budget are available today. Any questions regarding the budget or John's nomination should be addressed to the elders or finance team before our Member's Meeting. Please make plans to join us for this essential meeting in the life of our church body.

Our menu for the Fellowship Meal will be Soup, Salad & Dessert. Cost is \$2.00.

Welcome New Members

During our September Member's Meeting, our congregation voted to receive new members, Mark & Dana Hayes, into our church family! If you see one of our newest church members, please take a few moments to introduce yourself and welcome them to LVBC!



Women's PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 4



Women's Prayer Breakfast

Ladies, college age and up, we invite you to join us Saturday, November 4, at 8:00 am, for a prayer breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather for fellowship over breakfast, followed by a communal prayer for one another, our church, community, leadership, and the world. We hope to see you there! Contact Kim Casey for more info.

2023 Contributions

As we finish out the year, our Elders and Staff want to say how grateful we are for your continued financial sacrifices and gifts. God is doing great things through your efforts. Be sure to have all contributions to the church office by December 31 to receive 2023 tax deductible contribution credit.





Wise & Wonderful Senior Adult News



October News:

Our Chili Cook Off & Dueling Dessert Contest was a huge success! In the Chili contest, John Lively took first place, followed by Christina Ancheta, and Donna Schuman. For Desserts, Diana Shubert took first place, with Linda Manning coming in second place, and Marie Robertson in third.

We want to say a special thank you to Amanda Hale for keeping up with all the voting/tallying for the contest; and to Jim & Kimberly Creasman for bringing a beautiful program on "Praying the Lord's Prayer." Kimberly has a BEAUTIFUL singing voice and was such a joy to sing along with! (You did good too Jim!) And lastly, thank you Charlsie Jones, we couldn't do it without you there to accompany our voices, you make us all sound better!

Upcoming Meetings:

Join the Wise & Wonderful Senior Adult group as they meet on the second Tuesday of every month, at 10:30 am, for a time of good fellowship and good food.

Thanksgiving Meal — November 14

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, as we celebrate the Lord's bountiful blessings in our lives with music by Paul & Charlsie Jones, followed by a message from Garrett Reagan, Pastor of Riverside Baptist Church. Our entire meal will be prepared for us, so there is no need for you to bring a dish. The cost of the meal is \$5.00 per person. To reserve your spot or make arrangements for a "To-Go" plate, please contact Jennifer Smiley (931-224-6392). We will gladly send and/or deliver meals to shut-ins at no cost!

Christmas Meal— December 12

Come celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with the singing of Christmas Hymns led by Paul & Charlsie Jones, and a special Christmas program by Jim & Kimberly Creasman. Ham, rolls, and drinks will be provided for lunch. Please bring your favorite Christmas side dish and/or dessert to share!

Student Ministry

Friendsgiving • Wednesday, November 15

All students, grades 6-12, are invited to join us for a Friendsgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 15, at 6:30 pm, in the Student Building. Meat, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish/dessert to share. Contact Brice Green (brice@lookoutvalley.org) for more details.