

# The Sanctuary Apostolic Pentecostal Church Messenger



December  
2016

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY  
BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM,  
SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.  
JOHN 3:16

## Schedule

### Sundays:

9:00 am Pre-service prayer  
9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)  
10:30 am Worship service &  
Children's Church (ages 5-11)  
5:30 pm Pre-service prayer  
6:00 pm Praise Explosion

### Mondays:

7:00 pm Prayer

### Wednesdays:

6:30 pm Pre-service prayer  
7:00 pm Bible Study

### Fridays:

7:00 pm "Aftershock": (Youth ages 12-21)

### Saturdays:

Men's Prayer 8:00 am  
Outreach prayer/visitation 9:30 am

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Church



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## Ministries

Todd Bertram, Pastor

Bible Quizzing - Gary Smith

Children's Ministry (ages 3-11) - Ronnie Wead

Drama Ministry - Jasmine Corcoran

Home Bible Study - Roy Westbrook

Hospitality Ministry - Misty Baker

Ladies' Ministry - Mary Ann Jones

Maintenance—Matt Corcoran

Men's Ministry - Kerry Jones, Sr.

Music Ministry - Anson Alford

Outreach Ministry - Johnny & Mary Jackson

Promotions - Richard & Alliana Smith

Sound/Media - Darrell Baker

Refuge Student Ministries - (ages 12-21) - Kerry, Jr.  
& Tori Jones

# December Birthdays

1	7
Janelle Morse	Andrea Hood
3	9
Ryan Provost	Mary Ann Essary
4	13
John Passmore	Evan Hood
Thomas Clevenger	Arlene Smith
Jack Essary	16
Nya Provost	Zephariah Williams
5	19
Shirley Hannah	Trevor Kennedy
6	22
Brittanie Jones	Carlos Bevelle, Jr.
Nathan Nalley	

**It's really not until you  
give of yourself  
that you truly give.**

## The Gift—by our own Sis. Barbara Morse



It soon will be Christmas, a time when we turn our hearts and thoughts toward the Lord and how He came and gave the greatest gift of all—Himself. With His great example, this is something we all need to consider—giving of ourselves.

As children of the Kingdom of God, we try hard to give towards sowing the seeds God has given us to sew. Many times we give by words of encouragement or by witnessing to friends, family and neighbors. The Word of God tells us to sew seed and God will give the increase.

There is another part of that which is so important. After God gives the increase, we need to give by mentoring those that God saves. Love one another: Romans 13:8 & John 15:12 The pastor and his wife cannot do it all; we must help. When a child is born, there is a lot of hard work that goes into caring for that child, just as Mary and Joseph did when Jesus was born.

Loving and caring for others is a gift that God has given to us all; it is called mentoring. The same is true in the church. By mentoring, we love, encourage and are friendly towards one another, willing to go that second mile. It's not easy in this day and time, but if you really want to see God's church grow, you will help by mentoring—giving of your time with the new ones that come into the fold.

The Bible says, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. The fields are ripe; are you willing to work? Are you willing to give of yourselves? Don't put it off; start today. God so loved the world that he gave...how about you?

**G**od will give the increase

**I**ntercede with prayer

**V**ictory is yours

**E**ncourage by prayer & mentoring one another in God's Word.

God bless you this Christmas season.



This picture may not mean much to many, but to me it means a lot. These are mostly young people binding together believing God to do something. Not asked to, not begged to, but have a desire for MORE. There is a revival coming and it is going to start with this youth group. Refuge students, I am beyond excited to see what God has in store for us in the next year. Already God has opened doors for 4 bible studies and p7 club starting in one of the Tuscaloosa high schools. We have the best youth group by far.  
-Bro. Kerry Jones, Jr.

# the SANCTUARY

student ministries



## December Schedule:

Friday, December 2—The Refuge Student Ministries

Youth Service 7:00 PM—Bring a Friend!

Friday, December 9—Student Night 6:45 PM

Friday, December 16—Christmas Party 6:30 PM

Friday, December 30—Student Night 6:45 PM

JOIN US FOR OUR

FIRST →

DECEMBER 2ND

@ 7 PM!



INVITE  
SOMEONE!

When I first visited The Sanctuary, it was a

Wednesday. That morning I had made the biggest and scariest decision of my life. I had just turned 16 and I moved across the country away from my family, friends, and everything I had known. We almost didn't make it to the service, in fact, we were over 40 minutes late. As soon as I walked through the doors, I heard the preacher and knew that God was talking to me. Ever since then, everything I've been longing for in a church, I've found at the Sanctuary. What keeps me coming back is that I know when I'm at the Sanctuary, God is there; I have a family who took me in with no questions asked. -Joanna Pastrana



# From around the world...

**SPAIN:** Occupied as a settlement since pre-Roman

times and conquered by the Kingdom of Castille in 1085, Madrid has been the capital of the Kingdom of Spain since 1561.

Located in the heart of the Iberian Peninsula, it continues to be a strategic and important economic force as the third largest

economy and metropolitan area in the European Union. Madrid probably began in prehistoric times as a crossroad between various rural settlements in the area, and it continues to be the meeting point of many different cultures, as over 16% of the population of Madrid is of immigrant nationality. Our goal is to have twenty-five churches in the metropolitan area of Madrid.

Currently we are pastoring Tabernáculo de Vida (Life Tabernacle), a thriving Spanish speaking church, along with a growing English-speaking congregation, and a new Romanian church, but with a population of over 6.3 million, it is not enough! Our goal is to evangelize and establish churches in this beautiful metropolitan area. Just in the last few months, we have been instrumental in launching our first two new churches, and in helping our current daughter work move into a new,



**BANGLADESH:** We thank the Lord for the mighty moving of His Spirit during the Day of Pentecost. All over Bangladesh, **205 received the Holy Ghost and eighty-eight were baptized in Jesus' name.** On July 31, nine students graduated from Bible school and have returned to their fields of labor to work for the Lord. We thank the Lord for this first ever co-ed class, which was a huge success.—**James and Elizabeth Corbin**



**MADAGASCAR:** Every year, the National Evangelism team partners with the national church to target a major city with a Holy Ghost crusade. This year the crusade was held in the mid-south city of Antsirabe. There were pastors and church members from across the island who came together to support the five local churches of the city of Antsirabe by conducting street services and passing out invitations to the crusade. Each



evening a crusade service was held with singing and preaching. At the close of the three day crusade, a total of **173 people had been filled with the Holy Ghost!** Hallelujah!—**Chris and Paula Richardson**

**DENMARK:** We appreciate the vision of the **Bretts** to host the IMPACT conference and value the ministry of **Brother and Sister Mangun and Brother and Sister Payne** during this meeting. **Ten were filled with the Holy Ghost and several were healed** as **Brother Nathan Harrod** preached. Two were baptized. During our street services several hundred people listened and received invitations.



—**Bernhard and Shelley Suppan**

**Continue to be in prayer for our missionaries.**



# Some Christmas Fun!



After being away on business for a week before Christmas, Tom thought it would be nice to bring his wife a little gift. "How about some perfume?" he asked the cosmetics clerk. She showed him a bottle costing \$50. "That's a bit much," said Tom, so she returned with a smaller bottle for \$30. "That's still quite a bit," Tom grouched. Growing disgusted, the clerk brought out a tiny \$15 bottle. Tom grew agitated, "What I mean," he said, "is I'd like to see something real cheap." So the clerk handed him a mirror.

Three Wise Women (as opposed to Three Wise Men) Do you know what would have happened if there had been Three Wise WOMEN instead of Three Wise MEN? The WOMEN would have: - Asked directions, - Arrived on time, - Helped deliver the baby, - Cleaned the stable, - Made a casserole, and - Brought practical gifts (like diapers!)

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

It was Christmas and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner, "What are you charged with?" "Doing my Christmas shopping early", replied the defendant. "That's no offense", said the judge. "How early were you doing this shopping?" "Before the store opened."

## Work of Christmas Begins -Howard Thurman, adapted

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the clocks, then the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to hear those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart...And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say. Then the work of Christmas begins.



## Twas The Night Before Christmas—Dieter's Version

Twas the night before Christmas and all round my hips  
Were Fannie May candies that sneaked past my lips  
Fudge brownies were stored in the freezer with care  
In hopes that my thighs would forget they were there.

While Mama in her girdle and I in chin straps  
Had just settled down to sugar-borne naps.



When out in the pantry there arose such a clatter  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the kitchen I flew like a flash  
Tore open the icebox then threw up the sash.  
The marshmallow look of the new-fallen snow  
Sent thoughts of a binge to my body below.

When what to my wandering eyes should appear:  
A marzipan Santa with eight chocolate reindeer!  
That huge chunk of candy so luscious and slick  
I knew in a second that I'd wind up sick.

The sweet-coated santa, those sugared reindeer  
I closed my eyes tightly but still I

could hear;  
On Pritzker, on Stillman, on weak one, on TOPS

A Weight Watcher drop-out from sugar detox.



From the top of the scales to the top of the hall  
Now dash away pounds now dash away all.  
Dressed up in Lane Bryant from my head to nightdress  
My clothes were all bulging from too much excess.

My droll little mouth and my round little belly  
They shook when I laughed like a bowl full of jelly.

I spoke not a word but went straight to my work  
Ate all of the candy then turned with a jerk.



And laying a finger beside my heartburn  
I gave a quick nod toward the bedroom I turned.  
I eased into bed, to the heavens I cry  
If temptation's removed I'll get thin by and by.

And I mumbled again as I turned for the night  
In the morning I'll starve... 'til I take that first bite!



# The Sanctuary Events Calendar - December 2016

SUN.

MON.

TUES.

WED.

THURS.

FRI.

SAT.

		Prayer for Pastor & family	Bible Study 7 pm	1	2 Student Night 6:45 pm	3 Men's Prayer 8:00 am Outreach Prayer & Visitation 9:30 am Spanish Service 6:00 pm <b>Ladies' Christmas Party</b>
4 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Praise Explosion 6:00 pm	5 Prayer 7 pm Ladies' Prayer	6 Prayer for Pastor & family	7 Bible Study 7 pm	8	9 Student Night 6:45 pm	10 Men's Prayer 8:00 am Outreach Prayer & Visitation 9:30 am Spanish Service 6:00 pm <b>Men's Christmas Dinner</b>
11 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Praise Explosion 6:00 pm	12 Prayer 7 pm	13 Prayer for Pastor & family	14 Bible Study 7 pm	15	16 Student Night 6:45 pm	17 Men's Prayer 8:00 am Outreach Prayer & Visitation 9:30 am Spanish Service 6:00 pm
18 Sunday School 9:30 am Christmas Program 10:30 am <b>Christmas Banquet 5 pm</b>	19 Prayer 7 pm	20 Prayer for Pastor & family	21 Bible Study 7 pm	22	23 Student Night 6:45 pm	24 Men's Prayer 8:00 am Outreach Prayer & Visitation 9:30 am Spanish Service 6:00 pm
25 Christmas Day Service 10:30	26 Prayer 7 pm	27 Prayer for Pastor & family	28 Bible Study 7 pm	29	30	31 Men's Prayer 8:00 am Outreach Prayer & Visitation 9:30 am Spanish Service 6:00 pm