

## Prayer Concerns

Please contact the church office with any additional prayer requests. Requests remain on our listing for two weeks unless our office is notified with up-dated information. We want to keep our church family well informed.

### Stuarts Draft Church Family

The Grant Family in the death of Jimmy Grant; Brenda Johnson (River Edge Rehabilitation); Lenora Swecker; Evelyn Howell; Bob Harvey; Our Staff; Our Community, Nation, and World

### Homebound

Isabelle Baldwin; Roy Brooks; Larry Edwards (Cancer, Stage 4); Paulette Furr; Connie Snider; Barbara Trumbo

### Relatives and Friends

Connie Campbell, pancreatic cancer, friend of Jesyka Rowzie; Nancy Jackson (broken hip, Judy Wagner's sister); Josh, Taylor and Johanna Heizer in Jordan (Gary Eaver's nephew and family); Paul McGartland and Josh Turner (friends of Janet Sorrell, cancer); Carol Fox (cancer, friend of Danny and Della Cork); Sam Robb (ALS, friend of Burritt's)

### Our Servicemen

Logan Perry (Will Coffey's friend, Marines); Brandon Neel (Florence McCoy's grandson, Air Force); Michael Robinson (Diane Lockridge's grandson, Navy); Connor Cline (Twila Deese's grandson, Marines)

#### Stuarts Draft Baptist Church

2517 Stuarts Draft Highway

PO Box 1054, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477

#### Church Office Hours (Twila Deese, Secretary):

Monday—Wednesday—8:30 am-3:00 pm

Thursday—8:30 am -2:00 pm

#### Billy Coffey, Pastor:

8:30 am—1:30 pm (Monday-Thursday)

#### Sue Haberlein, Minister of Music & Senior Adults:

Monday—Thursday—8:30 am-1:30 pm

#### Jesyka Rowzie, Certified Christian Counselor & Family Ministries Coordinator

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—8:30 am -6:00 pm

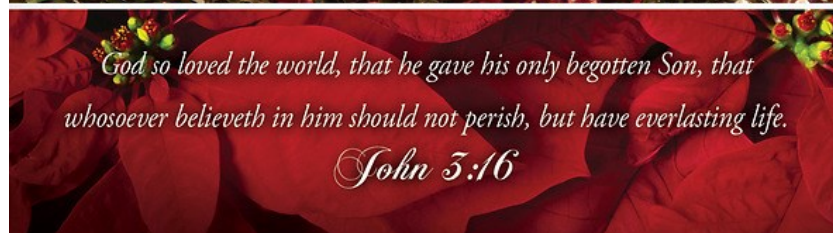
Confidential Number: 540-457-8810

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## Stuarts Draft Baptist Church



*Sunday, December 24, 2023*

*10:30 a.m.*

## Stuarts Draft Baptist Mission Statement

*It is our God-inspired desire to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the unsaved, to help our brothers and sisters in Christ grow in relationship with the Lord, and to love others as God loves us.*

Ringling of the Church Bell

Call to Worship    *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*    Worship Ensemble

Life of the Church

Prelude

Invocation

Christmas Hymn, No. 89 (1,2,3)                      *O Come All Ye Faithful*

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath—The Candle of Love

Praise and Worship                      *King of Kings*                      Praise Team

Focus on Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions

Christmas Meditation                      *The Joy of Christmas*                      Worship Ensemble

Responsive Reading

**Pastor:** Hear the Good News. God is about to do something new. A new King is coming. He will establish a new Kingdom. He will rule over His people and establish justice. He will be great to the ends of the earth.

**Worshippers:** We long for His coming. We are anxious about the future. We are threatened by enemies. We are uncertain about leaders. We need strength and power to change the world.

**Pastor:** This King does not come from the centers of power. He comes from an insignificant place. He does not come with conquering armies. He comes as a Shepherd to care for His people. He does not come with riches and influence. He comes as One who became poor.

**Worshippers:** We wait upon the Lord. We wait for Him to crush our enemies. We wait for a future secured by strength. We welcome a conquering King.

**Pastor:** The powers of this world are not the powers that matter most. This King is not that kind of king. He subverts the power structures of the world. He brings justice, unity, and peace. The world will never be the same after He comes.

## Music Ministry

**Praise Team Rehearsals** are held each Wednesday at 5:15 p.m., but will not rehearse this coming Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Next rehearsal will be Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Worship Choir Rehearsals** are held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., but will not rehearse this coming Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals will resume in the new year.

**Celebration Ringers** will be on break until the new year. Special thanks to those who participated during the Advent Season: Judy Burritt, Guinevere Sakshaug, Nicole Sakshaug, Beth Sakshaug, Cindy Sakshaug, Christi Almarode, Bev Winter, Jennifer Kennedy, Rick Sakshaug, Sue Haberlein, Steve Corbin and Glen Burtner, Director.

**A Special Thank-You to Our Worship Ensemble Members:** Nicole Sakshaug, Connor Sakshaug, Richard Sakshaug, Brynn Kennedy, Glen Burtner, Molly Coffey, Will Coffey, Joanne Coffey, and Cathy Bond, Pianist. The ensemble will be on break until the new year.

**Organ Fund Donations**—Please notate “Organ Fund” on your envelope or check. Total to Date: \$3,660.00.

## Adults 50+ Ministry

**Friend of the Week: Brenda Johnson; 1221 Rosser Avenue; Room 106A; Waynesboro, VA 22980.** Please make a special effort to reach out to our homebound and other friends with special needs!

**Tuesday at the Table** will not meet during the month of December but will resume in January.

## Ladies IMPACT Ministry

**Winter Bible Study Sessions** will resume early in 2024. Watch for details.

## Men's Ministry

**Men's Group** will not meet in December, but will resume in January.

## Family Ministry

**Family Sunday School** Fusion (ages 12-19) and for L.O.L. (ages 5-11).

**Sunday Night Youth Group** will meet this evening at 5 p.m. Please let Jesyka Rowzie know if you plan to attend so enough food can be provided.

**Adult Sunday School Class** *Romans* by Tim Keller meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Feel free to join the study anytime. Let Joanne Coffey know if you need a copy of the study guide.

**Young Adult Meet-up** First Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. We will meet at the Starbucks in Draft.. Just coffee/tea and conversation!

### **\*\*Volunteers NEEDED! \*\***

**NEEDS are 1/21, and 2/18.** Please consider volunteering to help with Sunday School or even being a last minute substitute. Pray that someone feels called to fill this NEED completely but if you are available on one or more of these day(s), please see Jesyka.\*\*

## Young Adult/College and Career Ministry

**College/Career Friend of the Week: Please pray for our college and career students as some will be traveling home and back to college during the Christmas Season.** Each week you will see the name and address of one of our young folks enabling you to reach out to them and let them know they are thought of and prayed for. Please call the church office if you know of someone who should be on our list.

## Revived Ministry Counseling Services Available

Are you or someone you know struggling with something? All ages are welcome. Walk-ins welcome! Even if prayer is all you need, reach out. You are never alone.

This ministry allows everyone, no matter their financial situation, to have access to Christian Counseling services. This is made possible through donations from those who feel led to do so. Thank you!

**Confidential Counseling Number: 540-457-8810**

**Worshippers:** O Lord, forgive us for wanting You to work in the ways we think best. We long for Your newness. But it cannot be on our terms. We trust and hope in You. Bring Your newness into our midst. Reorient us to Your priorities. Help us to respond faithfully.

**Pastor:** A new future is being born. It is God's way, the way of God's kingdom that leads to life. The old has passed away. All things have become new.

**Worshippers:** We rejoice in the Coming One who cast aside the old ways that lead to death. The old ways cannot save us. God's way and His kingdom lead to life and peace. O Lord, transform our hearts that we may live fully in His New Kingdom.

**Pastor:** He will stand and feed His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God.

And we will live secure. For He shall be the One of peace.

**All:** O Lord, help us lie as if this New Kingdom is present reality. May we not just long for Justice, unity, and peace.

May we *practice* them each day as You give of your strength. We rejoice for the Lord is near. Surely He is coming soon. Come, Lord Jesus!

The Lord's Supper

Offertory Hymn, No. 88 (1,2,3)      *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Offertory Prayer

\*Receiving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Message in Music

*In the First Light*

Worship Choir

Message

"Mary's Labor Pains"

Rev. Billy Coffey

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7/ 16-19

Hymn of Response, No. 87 (1,2,3,4)

*Joy to the World*

Benediction

\*Children's Worship is available.

**The Week Ahead**

**Sunday 12/24** 5:00 pm Candlelight Service  
**Monday 12/25** *Merry Christmas!* Church Office Closed  
**Wednesday 12/27** 6:30 pm Prayer Group  
**Sunday 12/31** 9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Morning Worship

## Missions

**International Missions December Lottie Moon Offering.** We have received \$2,430 toward our goal of \$4,000 to help the lost for Christ. We will be accepting offerings through December.

## Prayer Focus

*From 3-Minute Devotions*

Father, fill my heart with peace and give me a spirit of acceptance, that I might know happiness even when things don't happen fast enough to suit me. Amen.

Amen. Join us Wednesday evening at 6:30 for a time of prayer.

## December Events

**Sunday 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent (LOVE)**  
**5:00 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Service**  
 Make plans to join our church family for this special time of worship and praise for the Baby Jesus who was born to save us!

**Monday 25 Merry Christmas!**

**Sunday 31 New Year's Eve**

**Monday 1 New Year's Day/Church Office Closed**

## Sermon Notes

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scripture Focus:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Points:**

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**How Can I Apply God's Word to My Life?**

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## ***Christmas Poinsettias***

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***Lenora Swecker***

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***Twila Deese***

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