

December 2022

Volume 44

CAMELLIA

CHRISTMAS

DEC 11
SUNDAY

Choir presents "Prepare Him Room"
5:00PM

Christmas at Camellia
5:00PM

DEC 18
SUNDAY

DEC 21
WEDNESDAY

Christmas Caroling & Supper
5:00PM

Christmas Eve Service
4:00PM

DEC 24
SATURDAY

Sunday Mornings
8:45am Sunday School
10:00am Morning Worship
 Children's Church,
 Nursery Provided

Sunday Evenings:
**All Sunday evening classes will
 resume on January 8.**

Mondays & Thursdays
6:00pm: Pickleball

Wednesday Evenings
5:00pm: Fellowship Supper
5:45pm: Mission Friends,
Children in Action, &
Children's Choir

6:00pm: CBSM The Well,
Adult Bible Study &
Prayer Meeting

7:10pm

Celebration Choir Rehearsal



Saturday, December 3

- 11:30am Women's Ministry Tea

Tuesday, December 6

- 6:00pm Women's Ministry Mtg.
- 6:30pm Y@H Game Night at Andy Pond's office

Thursday, December 8

- 6:30pm Deacons/Pastors Christmas Party

Friday, December 9

- 5:30pm Young at Heart Social
Be sure to sign up.

Sunday, December 11

- 5:00pm Adult & Children's
Choirs-Christmas Musical

Tuesday, December 13

- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 14

- 6:00pm Children's Christmas Party
- 6:00pm CMSM Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18

- 5:00pm Christmas at Camellia

Wednesday, December 21

- 5:00pm Supper &
Christmas Caroling
No other evening services

Saturday, December 24

- 4:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25

- Christmas Day
10:00am Morning Worship
No Sunday School &
No evening services



My Dear Church Family,
 As the end of 2022 is fast approaching, my days as Financial Secretary of Camellia are also coming to an end. I will forever feel blessed to have been called to serve as a part of the church office staff for the past 45+ years. Thank you, Bro. James, Peyton, Blake, Hilary, and Charlotte for making it a pleasure to come to work each day. Thank you, church for your love and support throughout the years. I love you! B J

Thank you so much for allowing me to be your Church Secretary for almost 21 years. I have been blessed to visit with so many of you in person and on the phone! Please pray for me as I go into the next chapter of my life. I won't be working in the office every day, but I will be praying for you and your family and our Camellia family. I will see you on Sundays and at other church events. With love, Charlotte



It's a Boy!

Lucas Michael Carter
Born November 17, 2022
7 lb. 15 oz.

son of

Brandon & Becca Carter

Proud grandparents:

Mike & Lisa Carter

Uncle: Brian Carter

Great grandmother:

Charlotte McGuire



by Letter:

Jeff & Sabrina Donaldson
Kirk & Christine Johnson
Heath Ezelle

Profession of Faith & Baptism:
Tyler & Kara Skinner



Look for the signs leading to our Christmas Cards Exchange Boxes (in the hall) for sharing Christmas cards with those who attend Camellia.

A shut in list is available so you may send them a card, too.

There is a Lottie Moon Offering box near the card boxes. You may contribute to Lottie Moon what you would normally spend for postage.



**Women's Ministry
 Christmas Tea**

**Saturday, December 3
 11:30am in the CLC**

All ladies and girls are invited. Please sign up on the list in your Sunday School Class letting us know what you will bring (a salad, dip, or dessert) or how you will help. Also, please sign up if you would like to be a table hostess.

Questions? Contact
 Leslie Morgan (201-8219).



Remember to sign up for our Prayer Chain Text!

To sign up for urgent prayer requests for church members and immediate family, send a text to **81010** with the message **@201cbc**. If you need help signing up, call the Church Office, (365-0231, press "1").

Livestream

Go to cbcprattville.org & click on "Watch Live" or go to youtube.com/camelliabaptistchurchprattville to watch our Sunday Morning Worship Service and/or Wednesday Night Bible Study.



**Young at Heart
Christmas Fellowship**
Friday, Dec. 9, 5:30pm, CSFH
Meet for a Christmas meal and a
time of fellowship. Be sure and
sign up or call Becky, 365-4860,
or text Andy, 324-4883.

**Message from our
Associate Pastor of Music & Ministries**
"God Is With Us"

In our culture, Christmas means a lot of different things to a lot of different people. To some, Christmas is a time to receive presents that you've had your eye on for a long time. Others may see it as a time to give gifts or bless others, and some may see Christmas as a time to spend time with family and the ones we cherish the most.

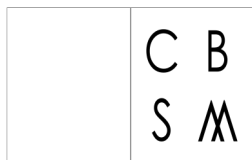
Galatians 4:4-7 says, "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."

Christmas is ultimately the celebration of God becoming man. We are blessed to live in this time in history, looking back at the promise fulfilled in the birth of Christ. As you give and receive this Christmas, remember the greatest gift, the Lord Jesus and the precious gift of salvation!

In His Service, Peyton

Memory Verse-December: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.



camellia baptist student ministry

**Camellia Baptist Student Ministry/
College & Career**
bturner@cbcprattville.org
334-730-3968 (call or text)

Sundays: Connect at 5:00pm
Wednesdays: The Well at 6:00pm

CBSM Christmas Party
December 14th at 6:00pm in the Student Center

CBSM Winter Conference
December 28th-30th in Andrews, North Carolina

CBSM Announcements/Reminders:
To receive announcements, reminders, & updates for the CBSM, simply text one of the following:

Students - Text @cbsm1 to 81010
Parents - Text @cbsmparent to 81010



**The Deacons/ Pastors
Christmas Party**

Thurs., Dec. 8th at 6:30 pm in CLC

All Camellia Deacons active and in-active are invited. Cost will be \$10 per person. Women bring a woman's gift, men bring a man's gift. Child care will be provided.

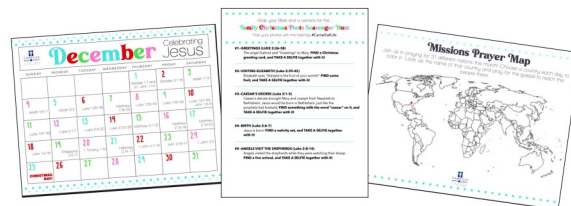
Need to RSVP no later than December 2nd. Contact Robert Autrey, Bill Plummer, or the Church Office



Hilary Taylor
Interim Children's Ministry Director
Email: children@cbcprattville.org

Printable
Resources

to help your family celebrate
Jesus this season!



cbcprattville.org/children

CHRISTMAS

Shopping?

Check out the bookstore for
Christ-centered children's
books and daily devotionals
for kids and teens!



Return Service Requested

Ministerial Staff

Senior Pastor

Rev. James Taylor 270-213-0536

Assoc. Pastor of Music & Ministries

Rev. Peyton Kelly 334-730-2822

Student Ministries Director

Blake Turner 334-730-3968

Interim Children's Director

Hilary Taylor 270-213-0561

Camellia School Administrator

Jessica Senn 334-365-5693

Support Staff

Church Secretary: Charlotte McGuire

Financial Secretary: B.J. Lazenby



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GREAT GIFT: "Heavenly Delights" Cookbook

The book contains 575 recipes in a three ring binder. It is professionally done & is a fundraiser for Camellia Baptist Women's Ministry. ON SALE: \$15 each. Check with Leslie Morgan or the church office to get yours. Published in 2015.

A word from our Pastor

Camellia Family,

As most of you know, our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$25,000. That is \$5,000 more than last year's goal, but only around \$1,000 more than what you actually gave! As of November 29th, you have already given \$3,058. We are well on our way of surpassing our goal. If each family in our church averages giving \$168, we will give beyond \$25,000.

I do want to remind you that our goal is never a number. Our goal is faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 9:7 says, "Each one must give what he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." That's our goal: to please God by how we cheerfully give. I truly believe that if each and every one of us took that verse to heart, and we made our goal to be pleasing to God by cheerfully giving, then we would give well beyond \$25,000. You have done this before, and I have the greatest confidence that you will do so again.

I am excited about all of our Christmas events in the month of December. I hope that you and your family can join us for *Prepare Him Room* on December 11th, Christmas at Camellia on December 18th, our Christmas Eve Service on December 24th, and our Sunday morning service on Christmas Day. These will be sweet times celebrating Jesus together as a family. Invite friends, family, neighbors, and whoever you come into contact with so that they can celebrate Jesus as well.

Camellia family, I want to end by thanking all of you, on behalf of our staff, for your generosity during Pastors Appreciation Month! You are more of a blessing than you will ever know. For all of us, we want to thank you for making our jobs so easy and joyful. I am so grateful that the Lord has brought me to such a loving, supportive, and faithful church.

May God Bless you, Bro. James