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Camellia Baptist Church

HEARTBEAT

THURSDAYS

6:00pm Pickleball

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 21

Christmas Card Drop Off [Bookstore]

DECEMBER 2

6:00pm Women's Ministry Meeting

DECEMBER 5

1:00pm Margie Keene Celebration of Life

DECEMBER 6

10:00am Women's Christmas Tea

DECEMBER 9

9:00am Sewing for Missions

DECEMBER 12

5:30pm Young at Heart Christmas Social

DECEMBER 14

Mission Trip Application Deadline

5:00pm Christmas Choir Musical

DECEMBER 17

5:00pm Christmas Caroling

DECEMBER 21

5:00pm Christmas at Camellia

DECEMBER 24

4:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Pick Up Poinsettias After Service

DECEMBER 23 - 26

Church Office Closed for Christmas

DECEMBER 28

**Deadline to Submit 2024 Contributions
& Purchase Orders**

DECEMBER 2025 | VOLUME NO. 50

Camellia Family,

Christmas is here! For most of us, this is a joyful time. It's a time of rejoicing, thankfulness, and family. But for others, this is a time of sadness. This can be for various reasons, but this season is often one of sadness because of some loss. It could be from the death of a loved one, a loss of lifestyle because of a job change, a recent move, or maybe the fact that all of your children or grandchildren are now grown and out of your home. While the holiday season is a time for rejoicing, we acknowledge that it is also a time of struggle for others.

For those of you who might be fearing this holiday season, I would like to remind you of some truths found in Scripture.

In Psalm 16, David is facing some kind of trial. We do not know what that trial is, but he asks God to preserve him and to be his refuge. David needed preservation and a refuge from something. But then he goes on throughout the rest of the prayer to state truths about God and then to respond to those truths.

Here are some truths he mentions about God: You are my Lord. The Lord is my portion. The Lord gives me counsel. He is at my right hand. I dwell securely because of the Lord. You will not abandon my soul. You make known to me the path of life. In your presence, there is the fullness of joy. At your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

We do not know what trial David was facing, but he needed to be preserved and needed a refuge. That might be you this holiday season.

While these truths in Psalm 16 might not take away the trial or its pain, they are reminders of how we make it through trials. As a result of these truths, David says, "I will bless the Lord. My heart is glad. My whole being rejoices. I have fullness of joy. I have pleasures forevermore. I have no good apart from you."

Whatever you are facing this holiday season, these truths are true for you as well. Amidst pain and difficulty, you can still know blessing, gladness, joy, pleasure, and goodness. All those are found in Christ, who came for us at Christmas. It is in Him we find our refuge and portion.

May we all exalt Christ through these holidays! For those struggling, I love you and am praying for you.

- Bro. James

Sunday, December 28

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT 2024
CONTRIBUTIONS & PURCHASE ORDERS

DROP OFF
CHRISTMAS CARDS
AT THE BOOKSTORE

November 30 - December 21

Women's
CHRISTMAS
TEA

*All ladies are invited to a Christmas tea
hosted by the Camellia Baptist Women's Ministry*

Saturday, December 6th
10:00AM-12:00PM

Camellia Baptist Church | 201 Woodvale Road
CLC Fellowship Hall

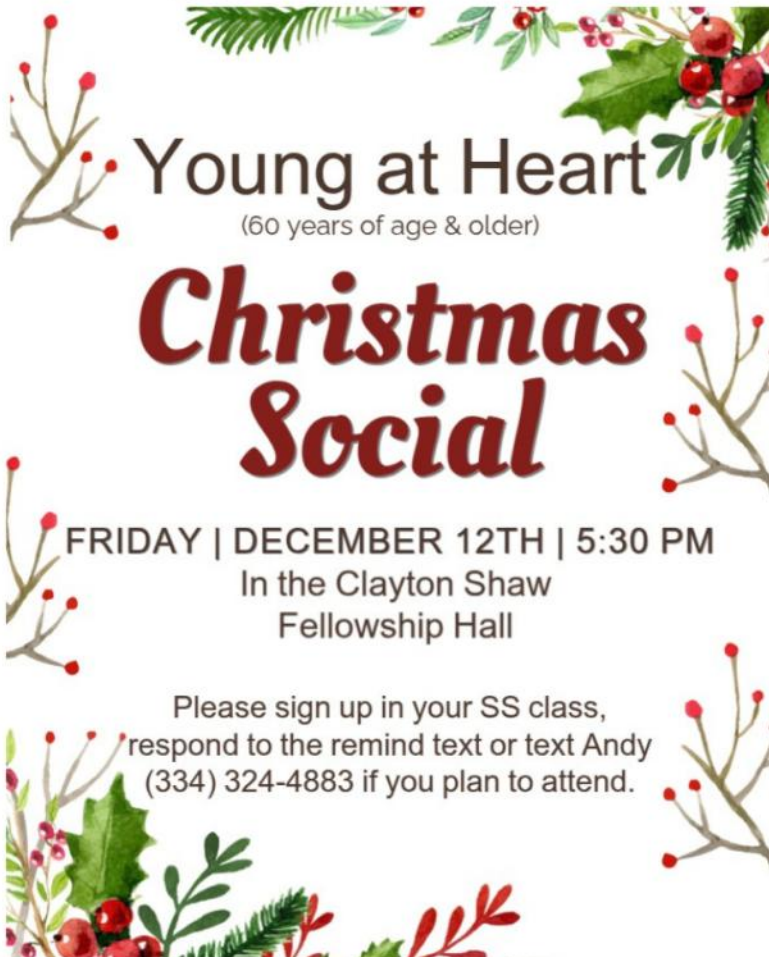


GUEST SPEAKER: BARBARA K. EDWARDS
Director of "Well Worn Path" Women's Ministry for Elmore County
SPECIAL GUEST: MELISSA AMOS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

**SEWING
FOR MISSIONS**

CLAYTON SHAW FELLOWSHIP HALL
9:00AM-2:00PM



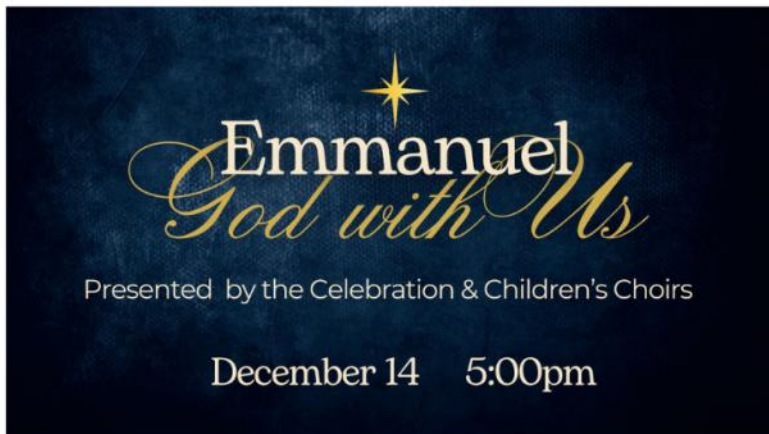
Young at Heart

(60 years of age & older)

Christmas Social

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 12TH | 5:30 PM
In the Clayton Shaw Fellowship Hall

Please sign up in your SS class, respond to the remind text or text Andy (334) 324-4883 if you plan to attend.



Emmanuel

God with Us

Presented by the Celebration & Children's Choirs

December 14 5:00pm



Christmas Caroling

Wed. December 17 at 5:00pm
Dinner before with Christmas Treats after

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

IMB INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

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GOAL: \$25,000
GIVEN TO DATE: \$7,725

"Emmanuel, God with Us"

The decorations are up. Various gatherings and parties are on the calendar. The Christmas season is upon us! For us as Christians, Christmas is a reminder of the faithfulness of God. Galatians 4:4-5 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."

We get to celebrate what the Israelites anticipated for centuries, that our Deliverer, our Messiah has come! I encourage you to join us this Christmas season as we celebrate the Incarnation. Our Celebration and Children's Choir will be presenting "Emmanuel, God With Us" on Sunday, December 14 at 5:00pm. Make plans to come here this wonderful musical presentation. I love you church family and MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In Christ,



APPLY TO SERVE ON A MISSION TRIP

BY DECEMBER 14

Ecuador | Panama | Georgia



CAMELLIA
BAPTIST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

RSVP BY 12:00PM TUESDAYS



Adults - \$5
Children - \$3
cbcprattville.org

December 3
Salisbury Steaks, Mashed Potatoes,
Carrots, & Dessert

December 10
Breakfast for Supper

December 17
Broccoli & Cheese Soup, Chili,
& Grilled Cheese
*Christmas Treats after Caroling

December 24 & 31
No Meal Served

Printable Resources

to help your family celebrate
Jesus this season!



Visit cbcprattville.org/children

Christmas Party December 10

Join us in the Student Center
for a Christmas Party!

CBSM Snowbird Conference

December 27-29

Young Adult Snowbird Conference January 9-11

Young Adult Bible Study

Our Young Adults meet on the
first and third Monday night of
each month at 6:00pm at the
Turner's home for Bible Study
and fellowship. For more
information about how to get
involved, please reach out to
Pastor Blake Turner.

CBSM
COUNCIL OF BAPTIST
STUDENT MINISTERS

CAMELLIA CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

DEC 14 SUNDAY 5:00 PM "EMMANUEL: GOD WITH US"
PRESENTED BY THE CELEBRATION & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

DEC 17 WEDNES. 5:00 PM CHRISTMAS CAROLING
MEAL SERVED BEFORE, DESSERT SERVED AFTER

DEC 21 SUNDAY 5:00 PM CHRISTMAS AT CAMELLIA

DEC 24 WEDNES. 4:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE