

# Arbor News

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## From the Pulpit to the Pew...



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The first Christmas story in the Bible is actually not found in Matthew chapter 1 or Luke chapter

2 but in Genesis 3:15 where God told the devil, "And I will put enmity between you and the

woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise

His heel." This prophecy was fulfilled in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Christ.

Bible commentators, theologians and early church fathers refer to Genesis 3:15 as

the protoevangelium. This is Latin for "first [proto] Gospel [evangelium]." So, Genesis 3:15 is

considered to be the first gospel (of Christ). Charles Simeon, the well know English preacher

called Genesis 3:15 "the sum and summary of the whole Bible." Because it tells the Good News

that Jesus Christ, the Seed of the woman, will defeat Satan.

The entire Bible is the story of Jesus Christ and how He would come into the world to pay the

price for the sin of all mankind and to redeem anyone who would trust Him as their Savior. As

John 1:14 says, "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the

glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

The mystery of the humanity of Christ, that He sunk Himself into our flesh, is beyond all human

understanding.

--- Martin Luther

Let's stay focused on the true meaning of Christmas. God loves us so much that He became

like us, to die for us and to save us so we could be with Him forever in Heaven.

Mary had the little Lamb, who lived before His birth;

Self-existent Son of God, from Heaven He came to Earth.

Mary had the little Lamb; see Him in yonder stall --

Virgin-born Son of God, to save man from the Fall.

Mary had the little Lamb, obedient Son of God;

Everywhere the Father led, His feet were sure to trod.

Mary had the little Lamb, crucified on the tree

The rejected Son of God, He died to set men free.

Mary had the little Lamb -- men placed Him in the grave,

Thinking they were done with Him; to death He was no slave!

Mary had the little Lamb, ascended now is He;

All work on Earth is ended, our Advocate to be.

Mary had the little Lamb -- mystery to behold!

From the Lamb of Calvary, a Lion will unfold.

When the Day Star comes again, of this be very sure:

It won't be Lamb-like silence, but with the Lion's roar. --- Marv & Marbeth Rosenthal

Merry Christmas & God Bless,

David

# DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5:30 Wed Night Meal Sub Sandwiches 6:45 Adult/Youth/Kids Bible Study	4	5	6  Christmas Parade
7 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service Baptism Christmas Play Practice	8	9	10 5:30 Wed Night Meal Chicken Sandwiches 6:45 Adult/Youth/Kids Bible Study	11	12	13
14 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Christmas Music Special 6:00 Christmas Play	15	16	17 5:30 Wed Night Meal TBA 6:45 Adult/Youth/Kids Bible Study	18	19	20
21 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service Communion	22	23	24 No Wednesday Servies	25 	26	27
28 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service	29	30	31 No Wednesday Services  <i>New Years Eve!</i>			



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Angie Anderson Nick Curry	4 Metashia Sparks	5 Megan Smith Mason Stanley	6 Natalie Forbes Kathy Kennedy Deegan Shew
7	8 Morgan Adams Mike Sloop	9 Matt Gragg	10	11 Wendy Glass	12	13
14	15 Bud Bowlin	16	17 Lance Miller Gary Moore	18 Laurie Call	19	20 Helen Ladd Jonathan Smith
21 Shirley Bowlin	22 Ryleigh Forbes	23	24	25 Christine Greene	26 Andy Phillips	27
28	29 Ronald Brookshire Montana Jarvis	30 Laken Blackburn Julie Call Brandon Rutledge MaKenzie Thompson	31 Layla Brown			

## Celebrating

*An Anniversary This Month*

### December 1

Gabe & Madison Knox

### December 2

Cody & Michelle Brown

### December 3

Danny & Becky Johnson  
Roland & Donna Souther

### December 5

Mike & Marsha Stanley

### December 9

Lance & Darlene Miller

### December 12

Drew & McKenna Brown  
Alvin & Linda Huffman

### December 14

Brian & Connie Curry  
Ian & Tristan Parsons

### December 16

Arvil & Sally Anderson

### December 18

Michael & Harlee Thompson

### December 22

Steve & Thricia Walter

### December 25

Scott & Paula Curry

### December 27

Tommy & Kathy Gray

### December 31

Larry & Kim Johnson



If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please inform Shannon Lowe so we can update our records.

## Verse of the month:

[Moses] considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

**Hebrews 11:26**

### Updates

- Don't forget that you have free access to thousands of bible study videos through **RightNow Media!** If you haven't already, set your account up today! (If you have any questions, see Rev Trev)
- **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!** Check out our new page on our website for more details ([www.fishingcreekabor.org/service-opportunities](http://www.fishingcreekabor.org/service-opportunities))
- Ever been interested in attending, hosting, or leading a **life group** at FCABC? Come to our interest meeting on Sun. Dec. 7th @ 6:15pm

### Upcoming Events

- **Trip to OCC Processing Center (Boone, NC)** - Sat. Dec. 13th (meeting at church at 3:30pm, eating in Boone, serving from 6-10pm)
- **Christmas Parade** - Sat. Dec. 6th
- **Christmas Play** - Sun. Dec. 14th @ 6pm (Practices will be after church each Sunday leading up to the play)
- **Caswell Interest Meeting** - Wed. Jan. 14th @ 7:30pm (Youth Room)



Thanks to everyone who helped pack shoeboxes!

## Thoughts for December

There are a lot of things that compete for our attention and our devotion. And that is especially true as we draw near to Christmas. There is a lot of temptation to focus on the wrong things during the Christmas season. We can easily place too much emphasis on having the perfect looking house, the perfect meal, the perfect Christmas "experience." But the reality is, even if we cultivate what feels like the perfect Christmas experience, the moment is temporary, fleeting, and won't truly fulfill our souls.

I saw a video of a mom asking her kids what they got for Christmas the previous year and all three children struggled to recall the gifts they received. This is not to say that the exchanging of gifts is bad or wrong, but once again to emphasize that gifts - how much we use them and how much we enjoy them - are also a temporary, fleeting thing. What if we focused on more eternal things this Christmas. What if we focused on worship. What if we focused on quality time and relationships, even if the house isn't perfectly clean and the meal isn't perfectly cooked.

What if we exchange our gifts and appreciate them for what they are, but don't lose sight of the ultimate gift of Christmas - the gift of our God coming down to us so that we could be saved from our sins. I believe if we focus our hearts on the true gift of Christmas, we can better enjoy this Christmas season for what it is meant to be.

Sincerely,

*Rev Trev*



# OCC Shoebox Night 2025



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Welcome to the Arbor News. The Arbor News is published monthly and will be left on the table in the vestibule at Fishing Creek Arbor Baptist Church. The Arbor News will be published the last Sunday of the month. Don't miss an issue. You may also find the Arbor News on the church web page and app each month along with the church bulletin and teaching schedules each week.

Please pray for the newsletter and pray that it will be a blessing to someone. Your help and suggestions are needed in order to make the newsletter a success. To comment on the newsletter or to make suggestions about what you'd like to see in future issues contact Shannon Lowe at 336/984-4155 or email to [secretary@fishingcreekarbor.org](mailto:secretary@fishingcreekarbor.org).

*Your Place to Call Home*

We encourage you to forward this newsletter on to family and friends.

*We're on the web!*

<http://www.fishingcreekarbor.org>

**December Newsletter Deadline: November 20th**

**Mission Project**

For the month of December we will be collecting monetary donations to help provide Christmas for 6 kids at CC Wright Elementary. If you would like to make a donation, please write check to FCABC with "CC Wright Christmas" in the memo line. Thank you for supporting our monthly mission project.



**Saturday, December 6th**

**Fishing Creek Arbor will have a  
float in this years Christmas Parade**