

SERMON NOTES

Date: _____ Preacher: _____

Sermon Scripture/Text: _____

Sermon Title: _____

Points to Remember:

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Conclusion:

What will I do as a result of this message?

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Pray and meditate on His word!



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Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve



1 Corinthians 10: 14-22 (NIV)

vs. 16 - Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

“WHAT IS THE LORD’S SUPPER TO US?”

“Come walk with us; we will do thee good!”



Word from our Pastor

Praise be unto God for all the Good things He hath done!

As we transition into the final month of the year we pause to express our sincere and profound thanks to our Heavenly Father, His Son and the Holy Spirit for leading and guiding us through this year.

Additionally, we express our sincere thanks to our members, volunteers and staff for their gifts, talents and many sacrifices given throughout the year.

In the midst of elections, sickness, deaths, and challenges we still have Joy!

During the past months we have witnessed the fruit of the spirit growing the midst of our awesome congregation. As we have matured we have seen in each of you the manifestation of His "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Recognizing that those who are in Christ are distinguished from unbelievers in that they have been gifted with the Holy Spirit, enabling them to bear these fruit (Gal.5:22-23).

In this final month of the year we are engaged in the preparation for the season of Advent.

The Advent season is a four week period before Christmas that celebrates the anticipation and coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. The origin of "advent" is from the Latin word adventus which simply translates "coming" or "arrival". Not only is the Christian meaning for preparation and celebration of the coming of Jesus Christ, his birth at Christmas, but also to celebrate the new life when someone accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior, and lastly, the anticipation of Jesus returning again.

There are beautiful and rich traditions behind the celebration of Advent. Join us as we take a deeper look and focus on the themes of each week of Advent and some of the traditions celebrated around the world during the Advent season. May each of us find time to slow down this Christmas season, say "no" to the things that distract you from Jesus and say "yes" to the gift that God wants you to experience. The four candles of the Advent wreath represent hope, peace, joy, salvation or love.

The hope candle is used to teach us about the prophecy of the Lord's first coming.

The Peace candle is used to teach us about how Christ is the Prince of Peace.

The Joy candle is for the joy the shepherds expressed because their prayers for the messianic age had been answered.

The candle of salvation or love is an expression of God's love for humankind.

The center candle is the Christ candle, and it is lit when all others have been lit. Therefore as Christ shines His light upon us let us, shine our light on others. We invite you to anticipate and prepare for the coming of Christ not only during this season but throughout the year. "Come walk with us for we will do you good!"

Blessings and Happy Holidays

Pastor Simmons

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JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:35 AM VIA RFBC APP, FACEBOOK LIVE, AND THE PRAYER LINE NUMBER (Call-In #: 267-807-9605, Access Code: 769-622) FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!!

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6. Mail to RFBC, 3115 Fork Shoals Road, Simpsonville, SC 29680

PLEASE NOTE: The Reedy Fork Center for Community Development's After-School Enrichment Initiative Program enrollment has started. To [register online](#) please scan the QR code below.



Days of operation: Monday – Friday from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM. For information and/or to register your child, please visit our website at <https://reedyforkccd.org/education/afterschool-initiative/> or contact our Director Ameco Hendrix @ 864-243-3495 ext. 22 or Ameco.Hendrix@reedyforkbaptist.org

REMINDER: Don't forget to sign the Attendance Card located on the clipboard on your pew.

Parent & Guardian, please be advised that RFBC has Capable, Competent and Committed persons in place to nurture ages infant to 5years old in our nursery, 1st grade to 5th grade in our children's church, and 6th grade to college in our youth Church, who are worshipping with us today. At this time, you may send your young people to their respective areas located downstairs and upstairs behind us. There are staff persons located there to receive them. Let us now proceed with our worship services.

The Salvation Army of Greenville Angel Tree program, in collaboration with Toys for Tots, helps provide Christmas gifts for thousands of children in our community each year. To register your child/children please see the application link is below:

https://www.cognitoforms.com/TheSalvationArmy46/_2024AngelTreeEligibilityApplication

The Ushers Ministry is sponsoring "Usher for A Sunday." Anyone interested in what it's like to be an Usher, we are seeking you. It will give you a chance to see if this ministry is for you. Please sign up @ The Admin. Office

Boy Scouts Troop 701 will meet December 14, 2024 @ 12:30 PM in Room #201.

If you are looking for a place to cultivate your child's educational development, behavior, attendance, grades, and test scores improvement. Look no further than the Reedy Fork CCD, where your child will be nurtured in a safe environment. The RFCCD services consist of homework help, tutoring, engaging enrichment activities, and Field Trips. We are the bridge between you and the schools. We are strong believers in "It takes a village to raise a child in the way they should go". Let us become a part of your child's village and help them achieve the goals in their life. Contact: RFCCD Director Ameco Hendrix, @t (864)243-3495 ext.22 or Ameco.Hendrix@reedyforkbaptist.org

Save the Date for a Servant of God. On Sunday 12/8/24, RFBC will honor and recognize Pastor T. E. Simmons, Lady Angela Simmons and the Simmons Family for 41 Years of service to our church family and community. Each member is asked to join us for worship and to make a sacrificial gift of \$41 representing a dollar for each year. (Or give what you can).

Christmas Fellowship Dinner

Greetings RFBC Family you are invited to our 2024, Christmas fellowship dinner that will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2024, 11:30 AM in the Family Life Center. To secure a space(s) for you and your family please register via the RFBC app or signup outside the Admin Assistant office. Deadline for signups is Monday, December 9, 2025. In addition, volunteers from middles school up, are needed to assist in supporting our 2024 Christmas fellowship dinner. Please sign up outside the admin office to participate. Finally, persons that want to share their culinary skills may sign-up to bring their favorite Christmas desert. Deadline for signup is Wednesday, 12/11/2024.

Set up of the FLC is schedule for Thursday 12/12/24 @ 9:00AM.

Mission Statement**Our Vision****"Reaching The Unchurched for Christ"**

"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." Acts 2:41 (NIV)

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Our Values**Together we Serve through:**

† Worshiping God alone	† Sharing in Generosity through Time, Talent, and Money
† Loving God and One another	† Being Non-Hypocritical
† Respecting ALL People	† Being Non-Judgmental
† Remaining Humble	† Not Holding Grudges
† Practicing Honesty and Integrity	† Forgiving Others
† Living Morally	† Striving for Excellence in everything we do!

The Church Gathers for Worship

The Lord's Day: December 1, 2024 @ 9:35 AM
Order of Worship

The Prelude	Musicians
The Prayer for Faithfulness	Dea. Wade Garrett & Dea. Jimmy Cecil
The Call to Worship	Min. Albert Sanders
Praise & Adoration:	
The Invocation/Prayer of Confession	Min. Albert Sanders
The Prayer Response	“The Lord’s Prayer”
The Praise Period	Praise Team
The Greetings	Min. Albert Sanders
Confession & Forgiveness:	
The Scripture in Response <i>1 Corinthians 10: 14-22 NIV</i>	Min. Albert Sanders
Thanksgiving:	
The Offertory Prayer & Period of Giving	Pastor Simmons
The Recognition of December Birthdays & Anniversaries	Pastor Simmons
Hearing from God:	
The Musical Selection	Praise Team
The Spoken Word <i>“What Is The Lord’s Supper To Us?”</i>	Pastor Simmons
The Call to Discipleship	Pastor Simmons
The Hymn of Invitation	“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”
The Call to Prayer	Min. MacArthur Black
The Church Covenant in Response	Min. MacArthur Black
The Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper	Pastor & Deacons
The Hymn of Benediction/Benediction	Pastor Simmons

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Ward #	Deacons	Phone #
1 & 3	Wade C. Garrett	967-3634
	Jimmy Cecil	277-2750
	Kenneth Robinson	243-3098
4 & 6	Cleveland Beaufort	371-9293
	Casper Posley	438-1428
	Anthony Hill, 1 st Vice Chairman	277-6463
5 & 8	Jackson Bruce, Secretary	947-7919
	Jeffrey Sligh	967-3998
	Eugene Williams	906-8305
7 & 9	Bradley Robinson, 2 nd Vice Chairman	252-8528
	Gary Cook, Asst. Secretary	421-5116
	Lonnie Hawthorne, 3 rd Vice Chairman	906-5644
10 & 11	John Harris	553-3591
	Kelvin Young, Chairman	757-9887
Deacons Emeriti <i>We give honor to those who have served us over the years.</i>		
		Rodger Burton, Sr. 963-5173
		Roy C. Cook 243-3651
		Ray Dennis 277-3662
		Jerry Earl 414-1852
		Joe G. Hawthorne 243-2704
		David Lewers, Sr. 243-4077
		Beattie Robinson 269-7667



Charles & Doralee Evans (47 Years)	12/14
Ronnie & Victoria McCray (41 Years)	12/17
Freddie & Elisabeth Robertson (60 Years)	12/20
Billy & Carolyn Booker (51 Years)	12/21
Kenneth & Vanessa Robinson (26 Years)	12/22
Paul & Angela Grant (13 Years)	12/24
Rodger & Carrie Burton (64 Years)	12/25
Henry & Sundra Byrd (47 Years)	12/31



Johnny Clark	12/1	AviYonce Glenn	12/16
Debra Harris	12/2	Jim Pyles	12/16
Kyna Brown	12/3	Madisyn Polk	12/17
Cheryle Renee Brown	12/3	Jackson Bruce	12/22
Nuyon Cook	12/4	Weston Sullivan	12/22
Anthony Clark	12/7	Kristi DeVonne Young	12/22
Keesha Thomas	12/8	Pressley Johnson	12/23
Chaz L. Bruce	12/10	Myles Thompson	12/23
Willie Ruth Lewers	12/12	Le'Land Henderson	12/25
Linda Robertson	12/12	Thomasina Sweeney	12/25
Ranata Choice	12/13	Josiah Grady	12/26
Leslie Cook	12/15	Tonya Robinson	12/28
Toney Madden	12/15	Ryan Bratton	12/29

Leader:

Congregation:

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Leader:

All

The Call to Worship:**As we journey through the Sundays of Advent, listen to the promise of God:**

A righteous branch springs forth,

A promise of justice and righteousness

A promise of safety.

Listen to the promise of Jesus,

The kingdom of God draws near.

Keep alert; watch for the signs of hope*Our Advent journey begins.***Scripture in Response: 1 Corinthians 10: 14-22 (NIV)**Leader: **¹⁴Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.**Congregation: **¹⁵I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say.**Leader: **¹⁶Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?**Congregation: **¹⁷Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.**Leader: **¹⁸Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar?**Congregation: **¹⁹Do I mean then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything?**Leader: **²⁰No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.**Congregation: **²¹You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons.**All: **²²Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than He?**



The Lord's Supper Servers

Piano Side

Deacon Wade Garrett

Organ Side

Deacon Jimmy Cecil

365 Intercessory Prayer Group Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Member/Household Assigned	Call-In
Sunday	12/1/24	6:33 AM	Janie Talley	267-807-9605 Code: 769-622
Monday	12/2/24	6:33 AM	Gladys Sherman	267-807-9605 Code: 769-622
Tuesday	12/3/24	6:33 AM	Anna Hawthorne	267-807-9605 Code: 769-622
Wednesday	12/4/24	6:33 AM	Albert & Peggy Sanders	267-807-9605 Code: 769-622
Thursday	12/5/24	6:33 AM	Maurice & Kimberly Grady	267-807-9605 Code: 769-622
Friday	12/6/24	6:33 AM	Anthony & LaWanda Tate	267-807-9605 Code: 769-622
Saturday	12/7/24	6:33 AM	Teresa Evans	267-807-9605 Code: 769-622

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Kenneth Robinson		
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Convalescent Center/Hospital

Mary Dennis	N.H.C. Mauldin
Deacon Eric Robinson	Brushy Creek Rehab. (Home – 114 Village Vista Dr., Fountain Inn 29644)

Page 10 - Church Covenant in Response Service

"And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their Fathers with all their heart and soul." (II Chronicles 15:12)

Minister: What common experience leads us into spiritual fellowship and covenant relations with God and one another?

Congregation: Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

Minister: By what pledge do we turn from the ways of the world?

Congregation: With this view, we engage to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality, to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines.

Minister: What vows do we gladly make as stewards of that which God has entrusted to us?

Congregation: To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel to foster Christian education and missions throughout all nations.

Minister: For the sake of our home and loved one, what tasks do we humbly assume?

Congregation: We engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; and to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances.

Minister: For the sake of the unsaved for whom Christ died to what manner of life and conversation are we solemnly pledged?

Congregation: To walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our effort to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

Minister: Since One is our Master, even Christ and all we are brethren, by what fraternal ministries are we to strengthen each other and adorn the teachings of our Lord?

Congregation: We further engage to watch over each other in brotherly love and watchfulness; giving and receiving admonition with meekness and affection; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rule of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

Minister: For the good of our own Spiritual development, and for the best interest of the Master's kingdom, what do we promise to do if we move beyond the reach of this church?

Congregation: We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church of this faith, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and the principles of God's Word.

All: *Humbly confessing our past sins, we pray for grace and strength to keep these, our holy vows, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

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December 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 -8:30 AM Sunday School -9:35 AM Worship Service	2 -11:00 AM Staff Meeting -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative -6:15 PM UCAA Basketball Practice -6:30 PM Advisory Meeting	3 -11:00 AM Jared Jackson's Homegoing Services -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative -6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	4 -10:05 AM Bible Study -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative -6:00 PM S.S. Teachers Mtg -7:05 PM Mid-Week Svc.	5 -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative -6:00 PM South Greenville Fire Dept. Event -6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	6 Administration Office Closed -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative	7 Pulpit Aide Event -9:00 AM Deacons & Deacon Wives Meetings -12:00 PM Golden Age Ministry Meeting
8 -8:30 AM Sunday School -9:35 AM 41st Pastoral Anniversary & Worship Service -11:30 AM Pulpit Aide Event	9 -11:00 AM Staff Meeting -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative	10 -9:00 AM Prisma Health Mobile Clinic -11:00 AM RFCCD Board Meeting -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative	11 -10:05 AM Bible Study -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative -6:00 PM S.S. Teachers Mtg -7:05 PM Mid-Week Svc.	12 -9:00 AM Prisma Health Mobile Clinic -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative	13 Administration Office Closed -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative	14 -9:00 AM South Georgia Fellowship -9:00 AM Ushers Ministry Meeting -12:30 PM Boy Scouts -1:00 PM Healthy & Wellness - Off Campus Lucheon
15 -8:30 AM Sunday School -9:35 AM Worship Service -11:30 AM Christmas Fellowship	16 -11:00 AM Staff Meeting -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative -7:00 PM Usher's Ministry Meeting @ Martin Webb	17 -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative -6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	18 -10:05 AM Bible Study -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative -6:00 PM S.S. Teachers Mtg -7:05 PM Mid-Week Svc.	19 -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative -6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	20 Administration Office Closed -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative -4:00 PM Children's Ministry Lock - In - Pending -5:30 PM RFCCD Christmas Dinner	21
22 -8:30 AM Sunday School -9:35 AM Worship Service	23 -11:00 AM Staff Meeting -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative	24 -12:00 AM Christmas Break -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative -6:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service	25 -12:00 AM Christmas Break -6:00 AM Cook's Christmas Event -10:05 AM Bible Study -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative -6:00 PM S.S. Teachers Mtg -7:05 PM Mid-Week Svc.	26 -12:00 AM Christmas Break -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative -6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	27 Administration Office Closed -12:00 AM Christmas Break -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative	28 -12:00 AM Christmas Break -10:00 AM RRBA Meeting @ Reedy River
29 -12:00 AM Christmas Break -8:30 AM Sunday School -9:00 AM Children's & Youth Ministry 5th Sunday -9:35 AM Worship Service -5:00 PM 5th Sunday Fellowship @ Old Shady Grove	30 -12:00 AM Christmas Break -11:00 AM Staff Meeting -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative	31 -12:00 AM Christmas Break -3:00 PM After School Enrichment Initiative -6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	1	2	3	4