

# Catawba

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# December 2017



## The Holidays

**Thanksgiving and Christmas can be a lot of fun. During Thanksgiving, we have special opportunity to focus on God's many blessings, such as salvation, family, friends, church, health, job, provision, etc. As December rolls around we shift from gratitude in general to the "good tidings of great joy" mentioned by the angel in Lk. 2. What a story!**

**The virgin birth of the promised Messiah was announced to Mary and Joseph by an angel. God made supernatural arrangements for them to be in Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus through a taxation decree by Caesar Augustus. Mary "brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Lk. 2:7) The angels celebrated the birth of the Christ child and the shepherds went to Bethlehem to check it out. They found "Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." (Lk. 2:16) The shepherds responded by sharing with others and praising God. Not a bad way for us to respond. Are we telling the good news about Jesus Christ to others? Are we glorifying and praising God for what He has done? Because the Lord Jesus Christ was born, died, was buried, and rose again, we can experience the gifts of eternal and abundant life! What a blessing!**

## Parking Lot News

**Because of the lateness in the year and the uncertainty of the weather, the Property and Space Ministry Team has postponed the repaving of the asphalt parking lot until March or April so the finished product will not be questionable. The cold and potentially damp weather can negatively affect the quality of asphalt. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving toward the parking lot project, and we look forward to getting it done as soon as possible.**

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**Weekly Events**

**Children's Ministry**

**Youth Group**

**Sunday**

- 8:00 Men's Prayer Time
- 9:15 Sunday School Life Groups
- 10:30 Morning Worship
- 6:00 Evening Service;  
RAs, GAs, & Mission  
Friends (Birth-Grade 5);  
Youth; & College Age

**Monday**

- 9:00 Staff Devotions
- 7:00 C.A.R.E.

**Tuesday**

- 9:00 Staff Devotions
- 9:30 Staff Meeting

**Wednesday**

- 9:00 Staff Devotions
- 12:30 Praying for Our Nation
- 6:15 Catawba Kids JAM & Youth
- 6:30 Bible Study and Prayer  
*Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies on  
First & Third Wednesday*
- 7:30 Celebration Choir

**Thursday**

- 9:00 Staff Devotions
- 6:30 Unchained Rehearsal

**Friday**

- 9:00 Staff Devotions

**December Special Events**

- 3 Angel Tree Gifts due
- 10 10:30 Adult Musical
- 12 7:00 WMU Christmas Dinner
- 14 6:00 Open Arms SS Fellowship/FH
- 17 10:30 Children's Musical
- 17 4:00 Christmas Caroling
- 24 6:00 Christmas Eve Service
- 25 & 26 *Merry Christmas Church Office Closed*

**CARE For December**

- 7:00 C Team **December 4**
- 7:00 A Team **December 11**
- 7:00 R & E Team **December 18**
- 1:00 Senior Adult **December 18**

**Family Night**

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
6pm until 8pm  
Cost is \$10 per family  
We will have Pizza and families will make a Ginger Bread Nativity Scene (One per family). It will be a great family activity!

**Children's Christmas Program**

Our Children in Kids Jam will present "The Christmas Dream Parade" **An Almost Canceled Christmas – Sunday Morning December 17, 2017 at 10:30.** The Carter Kids begin to lose sight of the true reason we Celebrate Christmas. But through a dream the kids are reminded and learn an important lesson about following Jesus.

Extra Rehearsals for the Children: **Sat. Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>** 9:30 am – 11:30am, **Sat. Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 – 11:30, **Friday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** 6 pm – 8 pm, **Sat. Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 – 11:30.

**Sunday morning December 17<sup>th</sup>** we will have the children come in early to be ready for the 10:30 service.

**Happy Birthday Jesus Party** will be **Wednesday evening, December 20, 2017** At Kids Jam from 6:15 – 7:30. Be sure to join us and invite a friend!!

**WMU Christmas Dinner**

Attention All Ladies: You are invited–Tuesday, December 12 @ 6:00pm to WMU Christmas Dinner. Cost \$10. See Brenda Palmer for you ticket.



Dear Church Family,

We send thanks again from Thailand for your gifts of money to our ministry. The money received in the last month we are using to purchase Christmas gifts for children and adults to be given during our annual Christmas celebrations. So you who have given are helping us to share the love of Christ as we explain the meaning of Christmas. Thanks for you generous hearts!

With love from Yasothon, Thailand,

Marty and Dena McAnally

**SummerSalt Youth Camp**

A life changing week of worship, Bible study, fun and excitement for all students!

**June 11-15**

Location: White Oak Conference Center, Winnsboro, SC

Cost: \$180 per student (siblings \$90)

Registration: Student must be registered with Jeromy by **December 3** with non-refundable \$50 deposit.

**Barbados Mission Trip 2018**

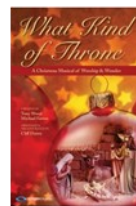
If you are interested in going on mission to Barbados in July 2018 please contact Jeromy, [youth@catawbabaptist.com](mailto:youth@catawbabaptist.com). We are trying to finalize the team by January.

**Catawba Sports Ministry Winter Basketball and Cheerleading Registration Open**

Ages 3-17 can be involved

Go to [www.catawbabaptist.com/sports](http://www.catawbabaptist.com/sports) or pick up a registration form in the Foyer. Contact Church Office for more information.

**Music & Senior Adult**



**What Kind of Throne**

**Sunday, December 10, 10:30am**  
Celebrate the highest King who chose to come to the lowest place!

**Christmas Caroling**

**Sunday, December 17 at 4:00pm**  
Join us as we brighten some of our homebound folks with singing and then share a fellowship meal together.

**Christmas Eve Service 2017 6:00pm**

Join us for a short time of celebration and worship on this very special evening as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

**Homebound Member For December**

Mrs. Joyce McConnell  
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