

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

December Lunch

Delivery:

Trustees

"Advent"

Prayer Leaders

Ushers

Scriptures

Friday, December 7th

John 1:9 - 18

Saturday, December 8th

Isaiah 40:9 - 11

Sunday, December 9th

Luke 1:39 - 45

Monday, December 10th

Isaiah 52:7- 9

Tuesday, December 11th

Matthew 1:18 - 25

Wednesday, December 12th

Psalms 89:1 - 4

Thursday, December 13th

Romans 8:18 - 25

First African Baptist Church
23 Montgomery Street
Savannah, GA 31401
Sacrificial Solitary Prayer
Wednesdays @ 6:00AM

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 Church office
 @ 912.233.6597

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. LUKE 2:4-5



The ADVENTure of Christmas

What Is Advent? Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning arrival or coming. The Hebrews looked forward to the coming of a Savior or Messiah—the First Advent. Now, we are waiting expectantly for His return to sweep His bride off of our feet—the Second Advent. The Church has been waiting for Him to come back from the moment He left the first time.

Why should I participate in Advent? So, what does Advent have to do with celebrating the arrival of Jesus? Traditionally, Advent counts down to the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Practically, Advent reminds us to look forward to His return every day. This season is about resetting Jesus Christ at the center of our lives. After all, when He comes to take us home forever, we want to be ready. Expect to be inspired, challenged, refocused, broken, motivated, unified, encouraged, and most of all, expectant.

Advent is observed with various traditions and rituals by Catholics and other liturgical groups such as Lutherans, Anglicans, and Methodists. In recent years, Advent celebrations of one type or another have been added to many Protestant Worship experiences as well.

The Eastern Orthodox Church does not observe Advent per se, but they do keep a long fast before Christmas. In the West, Advent has developed a more festive tone, although many churches also keep a fast and focus on prayer and penitence akin to what takes place during the Lenten season (sometimes, Advent is even called “Little Lent”). Advent is seen as a time to prepare one’s heart for Christmas and for the eventual return of Christ (and the judgment He will bring to the world).

Churches that observe Advent usually decorate their sanctuaries in the liturgical color of Advent, purple (or in some cases royal blue). Some churches change the color to rose on the third or fourth Sunday of Advent to signify a greater emphasis on the joy of the season.

Homebound Disciples

Ward 1:

Sis. Marion Dobson
Dr. Ethel P. Stokes

Ward 2:

Bro. Rubin Butler
Sis. Elizabeth Butler
Sis. Mattie Rouse
Sis. Thelma Tharpe
Sis. Elizabeth Williams
Bro. Jerome Williams
Sis. Joanne Mouzon
Sis. Natasha Garvin-Holmes

Ward 3:

Sis. Carolyn Mars
Sis. Sara Herring

Ward 4:

Sis. Helen Braxton
Sis. Pearl Holmes
Bro. Gene Morris
Dea. Lawrence Reynolds
Bro. Earl Thornton

Ward 5:

Sis. Julia Rhaney

Join us on the prayer
line each day at 6:33
AM!
Dial (218) 632-1707.
The passcode is
345184#.

Welcome to all of
our **F.R.AN.s**
(*Friends, Relatives,*
Associates &
Neighbors) **and all**
other Guests

On **Sunday, December 9, 2018** during our regular 10:00 AM Worship Experience, we will culminate our 241st Anniversary Celebration. Dr. Bertice Berry will be our Guest Speaker. Dr. Berry, a best-selling author, has published 11 best-selling books in both fiction and non-fiction and has won numerous awards and accolades for both her writing and presentations.



Dr. Berry has used her unique gifts and talents as a writer on a wide range of topics including race and gender issues, humor, spirituality, slavery and the abolitionist movement, relationships, leadership, diversity and love.

On Thursday, December 13, 2018 @ 6:00 PM, FAB Church will host a **One Night Revival** featuring Guest Evangelist, Min. Malcolm Seals. Min. Seals is an Associate at Beulah Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA.

Calling ALL Young People and Parents! There will be an information meeting concerning a Youth Missions Trip to Puerto Rico immediately following worship on Sunday, December 9, 2018. The trip will occur July 13 - 20, 2019. If you are interested in experiencing another way to serve while meeting young people from another culture, this is the service opportunity for you! For more information, please contact Sis. Antoinette Ellis Ward at 912-224-2717.

The **Mission Ministry of FAB Church** will be ministering to the Residents of Stillwell Towers. The congregation is being asked to donate gift cards to support this Christmas Outreach. Please see Sis. Willie Williams for more information.

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Please be advised that the Church Office will close on Monday, December 24, 2018 and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.
We extend a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!