



November 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 *8:30 Aerobics *9:30 Pebbles & Boulders 4:30 Tumbling 5:30 Tumbling **6:00 Weight Watchers *6:45 Bible Study *7:00 Glass Group	2 9:30 Dorcas Circle 2:00 Prayer Shawl *4:45 Jumping for Jesus *5:30 Yoga 6:30 Stephen Ministry *8:00 Alanon & AA	3 *9:00 Women of Praise *5:00 Youth Club *6:00 Wednesday Night Alive Dinner 6:30 Bible Studies 6:45 Choir Practice	4 2:00 Bridge *6:00 Praise Band Practice *7:00 Men's over 40 Basketball	5 *6:45 Men's Breakfast *8:30 Aerobics Youth to Nacome	6 8:45 Spiritual Gifts *10:00 Karate *8:30 Kindermusic 10:00 Scrapbooking
7 *9:00 & 11:00 *10:00 Sunday School *3:30 Confirmation Class 4:30 Huddle 4:30 Disciple	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 10:00 Small Group Expo 12:00 Small Group training	15	16 2:00 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Stephen Ministry	17 11:15 "Advent" users outing to Calvary concert	18 10:00 Book Club 2:00 Bridge	19	20 10:00 on Advent Calendar Tag Book
21 9:30-12:30 Missions and More 10:00 Taste of Holidays 12:30 Advent Listens Session	22	23 6:30 Session Meeting	24	25  Office and CLC closed	26 Office and CLC closed	27
28 1:30 Decorate Christmas Trees	29	30 9:00 "Advent" users to Pinecrest				

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Pastors' Letter

Dear Advent Family,

November is one of my favorite months of the year—and the reason has to do with Thanksgiving. Our children are now “out of the nest” and this year Kathy and I (Chris is writing this month) have to be apart Thanksgiving Day, each with their own parents. But, there was a time when every Thanksgiving our family was together. Even our parents came to be with us, and perhaps as many as twelve or fourteen Trammells and Scruggs met to thank God for the prosperity of the year past. The children played, the ladies cooked with some help from the men, and the men talked sports or business. Then, we sat down and shared a meal of thanks. The next morning, I got up early, went into the attic and brought down the Christmas tree decorations—Christmas would soon be here.

Thanksgiving is a harvest holiday. Harvest holidays are celebrated to thank God for crops just harvested and for God’s provision during the year past.

Why do you suppose we have Stewardship Season in the Fall? The answer is deep in a history we rarely consider: Most congregations have Fall fundraising, because in the distant past the farmers knew in the Fall what they might give, because they had harvested the crops and knew the price—so they could decide what

to give. In Brownsville, where our church was dependant upon the Harvest, I learned that lesson.

Farmers live by Faith and by Grace—faith that once they have bought the grain and planted it, there will be sufficient sun and rain to “make the crop” for harvesting. The provision by God of the sun, the rain and the good weather for the harvest is an act of grace—a gift from God.

We don't think of our paycheck or our income as a gift much these days, but it is. In many parts of the world, people live in grinding poverty from birth until death. We were all fortunate to be born in a nation with abundant resources, a history of hard work and savings and opportunity. However hard we work, we are still the inheritors of that grace.

In a few weeks, we will share our Thanksgiving meal. Perhaps we might all go around the table and share the mercies of God we have received in the past year. And, we hope Advent will be one of those graces.

Blessings.....

Chris, Don and Cindy

P.S. Please pledge if you have not.

**As disciples,
causing God great
joy by sharing the
love of God with
others as we have
seen it in Jesus
Christ.**



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Dear Advent Friends,

Since Oct. 3, time has gone by quickly & we're still stunned by the Schieber palooza. What a great retirement weekend! Thank you for being a part of all the palooza (a highly exaggerated event as described by some dictionaries). Most of all thank you for being a part of our lives. Your life with us at Advent has helped to make Advent the wonderful church it is today. As you continue to share your life with Advent I believe you will see some incredible works of the Holy Spirit. God has positioned Advent for a wonderful future under the leadership of Chris, Cindy, Don, Robert & the entire Advent staff. So get ready to be blessed over and over.

In the meantime, Linda & I will be near, & in & out of various church activities. Grandchildren will be a convenient excuse for our appearances. In mid-Oct. we traveled to see my mother in Atlanta, & then went to North Carolina to see the fall leaves (we are "leaf peepers!"). In November we'll be taking a few side trips to the beach & a trip to see Linda's mother in Ohio. Then I'll be open to doing some volunteer work & to possibly help on Sundays in a small church that needs a pastor. That is the plan so far.

Linda & I can't even begin to thank you enough for our generous money gift with which we will be using some of for our trip to Israel, the beautiful quilt some of the ladies spent months making, Dave's golf bag & cart, & Linda's special diamond necklace. Our lives have been richly blessed in many ways. However, relationships with friends like you, by far, are the greatest blessing! I thank God every day for our life with you at Advent. So, together let's continue to "cause God great joy" with every breath that is given to each of us.

In His Love,

Dave and Linda

MIHN

MIHN wants to help you prepare some of your best tasting recipes ever this season AND help some less fortunate in our community at the same time.

We are pre-selling fresh, fancy pecan halves, just off the trees in southern Alabama. The quality is unmistakable! The taste of fresh pecans far outweighs last year's pecans available at most grocery stores and will certainly make your recipes taste better. These fancy pecans halves are just \$9.00 per one pound bag; chocolate covered pecans and praline pecans will be sold for \$10.00 per one pound bag. All pecans will be available the second week in Nov. from Teresa Waters (691-7072) and Laura Griffith (262-1719). A table will also be available on Sunday for pre-orders in both hallways.

Spiritual Gifts Workshop

Have you ever...Wondered what God's will is for your life? Wanted to become more involved in meaningful ministry but weren't sure what you would excel at or enjoy? Wished there were more opportunities for personal and spiritual growth? If you have, Then we have the course for you!

On Sat., Nov. 6, 2010, from 8:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m., in the Cordova campus library, you will receive a renewed understanding of who God created you to be, God's will for your life, and how spiritual gifts are central in God's design for Christian community. The cost is \$10 & you can register by calling the church office at 755-6290 or Amy Barnes at 336-4646.



Coffee Baskets

Make perfect gifts for teachers, friends, etc.

Many varieties to choose from

Sunday, November 21st
Advent Presbyterian

Sweet Holidays

\$10 buys you 10 delicious desserts

Benefitting the Women's Retreat



Christmas for Memphis Missions

Honor a loved one by supporting a mission in their honor



December Dates

Dec. 1st LAST YOUTH CLUB Christmas Celebration

Dec. 5th 5pm

Hanging of the Greens

Program

Potluck Supper



It is almost time for Nacome!!!

Nacome Fall Youth Retreat

November 5-7, Cost \$100

Sign-up forms available in the youth department or at www.adventhuddle.com

November Youth Club Themes

3rd-Backwards Night

10th-Red, White & Blue Night

17th-Thanksgiving Night

***bring canned foods**

"Advent"uers Events

2010 Calvary & the Arts Concert Series:

Now through December 8

Great musicians & great chefs are a Memphis tradition. Calvary & the Arts celebrates this tradition with free concerts each Wednesday at noon now through December 8. Join us on Nov. 17 for a unique musical experience by the Rhodes Singers offered in loving memory of Dottie Jones. Concerts last approximately 45-50 minutes & are followed by lunch (\$7.00) cooked by some of downtown Memphis' greatest chefs. Leave the Cordova campus at 11:15 p.m.

Great Day at Pinecrest

Goldsworthy Creche Collection Tues., Nov. 30

Lunch & learn with Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy, an elder at Germantown Presbyterian Church. Sharon has agreed to bring her creche collection to Pinecrest! She will discuss the origins & stories behind her collection, then you'll have time to study them before lunch. Pinecrest's famous cinnamon rolls & coffee start the day. We will leave the Cordova campus at 9:00 a.m.