



# THE WBC CHRONICLES

DECEMBER 2023

*"And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising." Isaiah 60:3*

## *Good for Heaven's Sake*

BY PASTOR CHRIS HILLIARD

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." Ephesians 2:10 (NASB)

Let me be one of the first to wish you a Merry Christmas! The time of year when we stress to the young to watch out, don't pout, and be good for goodness' sake. Isn't that an interesting phrase in the holiday song "Santa Claus is Coming to Town"? It literally means to be good for the sake of being good. It means to be good to get the benefit of being good. The phrase is actually what is called a "minced oath" which is an expression where a portion or a word is replaced because of it being taboo



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or profane in some way. In this case, the phrase use to be “for God’s sake”. But that phrase became more of a swear than a faith declaration. Both phrases are still used often in our day, but for some goodness became a more acceptable term than using the Lord’s name in vain. I can appreciate that. And yet, doing good for goodness’ sake lacks something. The truth is that you and I not only fall short of doing good, but also our motivation for seeking to do good is for God’s sake. Not just for the sake of doing good. We do it for the glory of God. We do it because it is His will. We do it because it brings blessing to us and to those we do good to.

The Christmas season is a season where doing good is the topic of the day. It can also be a time to point people to the only One who is good and came that we might be declared good when we put our faith in Him. The Apostle Paul wrote, “There is none righteous, not even one” (Romans 3:10). Those words came from King David in Psalms 14 and 53. Jesus was born and placed in a manger, crucified on a tree, buried in a tomb, and rose from the grave, “that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus came to make us righteous...good. We can’t do it ourselves. Jesus makes us good for heaven’s sake.

Once we are made good in the eyes of God, then we can seek to actually live good daily by the power of God’s Spirit. “If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:25) This Christmas season do good for the sake of heaven, for the sake of God’s glory, for the sake of righteousness. And give the Lord all the credit for your goodness. You can be it or do it without Him.

Good for heaven’s sake,  
Pastor Chris

# *Weekly Calendar of Events*

## **SUNDAYS**

- 8:30 a.m. -Prayer Time in the Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. -Life Groups
- 10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. -Livestream English Worship Service (to watch this service live, go to [www.wendellbaptist.com](http://www.wendellbaptist.com) or Facebook)
- 11:00 a.m. -Hispanic Worship Service, Large Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. -Livestream Hispanic Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m. -Kid's Holiday Choir Practice
- 5:00 p.m. -David Hodges's Study on Genesis, Classroom 106
- 5:00 p.m. -Youth Band Practice, Youth Room

## **MONDAYS**

- 9:30-10:30 a.m.- Kristy Todd's Bible Study, Small Fellowship Hall
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. -Food Pantry open in Small Fellowship Hall

## **WEDNESDAYS**

- 6:30 p.m. -GA's/RA's/Youth/Preschool Activities
- 6:30 p.m. -David Hodges's Study, Classroom 106
- 6:30 p.m. -Women's Bible Study, Classroom 213
- 6:30 p.m. -Hernan Salazar's Study, Classroom 201
- 6:30 p.m. -Pastor Chris's Study, Large Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. -Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 8:45 p.m. -Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

## **THURSDAYS**

- 7:00 p.m. -Road to Recovery, Large Fellowship Hall

## **FRIDAYS**

- 6:30 a.m. -Men's Bible Study, Small Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. -Edwin Euceda's Bible Study, Large Fellowship Hall

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# DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 Hanging of the Green 7:00 PM Sanctuary	4 Food Pantry Open, 3:30-5:30 pm Small Fellowship Hall	5	6	7	8	9 Men's Monthly Breakfast 8:00 AM Large Fellowship Hall  Christmas Comes to Life 9:00-11:00 AM Pace Family Farms
10  Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM Room 106	11 Food Pantry Open, 3:30-5:30 pm Small Fellowship Hall  Budget & Finance Team Meeting 6:00 PM	12  JOY Group Meeting	13  Family Meal 5:20-6:20 Large Fellowship Hall	14	15	16  Christmas By a Stable & Live Nativity  6:00-9:30 PM
17  Admin Team Meeting 5:00 PM Small Fellowship Hall	18 Food Pantry Open, 3:30-5:30 pm Small Fellowship Hall	19  WMU Group Meeting	20  Family Night Large Fellow Hall Gingerbread House Decorating	21	22	23  Food Pantry Open, 10:00-12:00 pm Small Fellowship Hall
24 Breakfast before LIFE Groups Large Fellowship Hall	25  * MERRY * CHRISTMAS	26	27  NO WED. NIGHT ACTIVITIES	28	29	30
31  Communion Sunday						



# Offering



AN ACT OF CELEBRATION

## OFFERING

Week of Nov 19 - Nov 25, 2023

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Contributions Year to Date	428,725.91	432,692.33
Expenses Year to Date	425,558.26	421,607.32
Weekly Donations	7,424.11	9,319.53

Funding the Future Funds to date: \$91,269.38

Sunday, November 26: Life Group Attendance - 157

Sunday, November 26: Worship Attendance - 167





OCC Trip to Charlotte  
November 24



*Ladie's Fellowship Tea  
Sunday, November 4*



# WBC ANNUAL **CHILI** Competition



We had a great crowd!  
**Thank you to everyone who  
brought chili!**

Winning Team of Trivia:  
**The Habeneros**



Winners of Chili:  
**Marian, Fallen,  
and Jerry!**



# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

1. AMY SETZER
8. DAWN CUNNINGHAM
9. CARSON HAIRR\*
10. DIANE CHESTER
14. ERROL BRIGGERMAN, JO ANN BYRD\*\*, ELLAGRACE LEONARD\*,  
CAROL RAMSEY
15. RUBY BOYETTE
18. AMELIA HILLIARD
21. SONYJA HOLT, DILLON SPAIN
22. TAMI BLACKWELL\*\*, ELI KELLUM
24. JONATHAN WALKER
25. EDIE NOWELL, WENDY YORK
27. JERRY RICHARDSON, EDITH ROWE
28. MARK UTLEY, SR.
31. PHIL SNUGGS



**WE WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE WENDELL BAPTIST CHURCH  
MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH!**

**\*CHILDREN OF MEMBERS; \*\*NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS**

**Thursdays @ 7 p.m.  
Large Fellowship Hall**

# Road to Recovery

**"Therefore, if the Son sets you free, you really will be free." John 8:36**

**Struggling with anger, codependency, any addiction, or have suffered from traumatic abuse?  
This group will help you turn your hurts, habits and hang-ups into healing and restoration.**



## **FOOD PANTRY** *Advent Calendar Collection*

December 1: Box of Cereal  
December 2: Peanut Butter  
December 3: Stuffing Mix  
December 4: Canned Potatoes  
December 5: Mac & Cheese  
December 6: Canned Fruit  
December 7: Canned Tomatoes  
December 8: Canned Tuna  
December 9: Dessert Mix  
December 10: Jar of Applesauce  
December 11: Canned Sweetpotatoes  
December 12: Cranberry Sauce

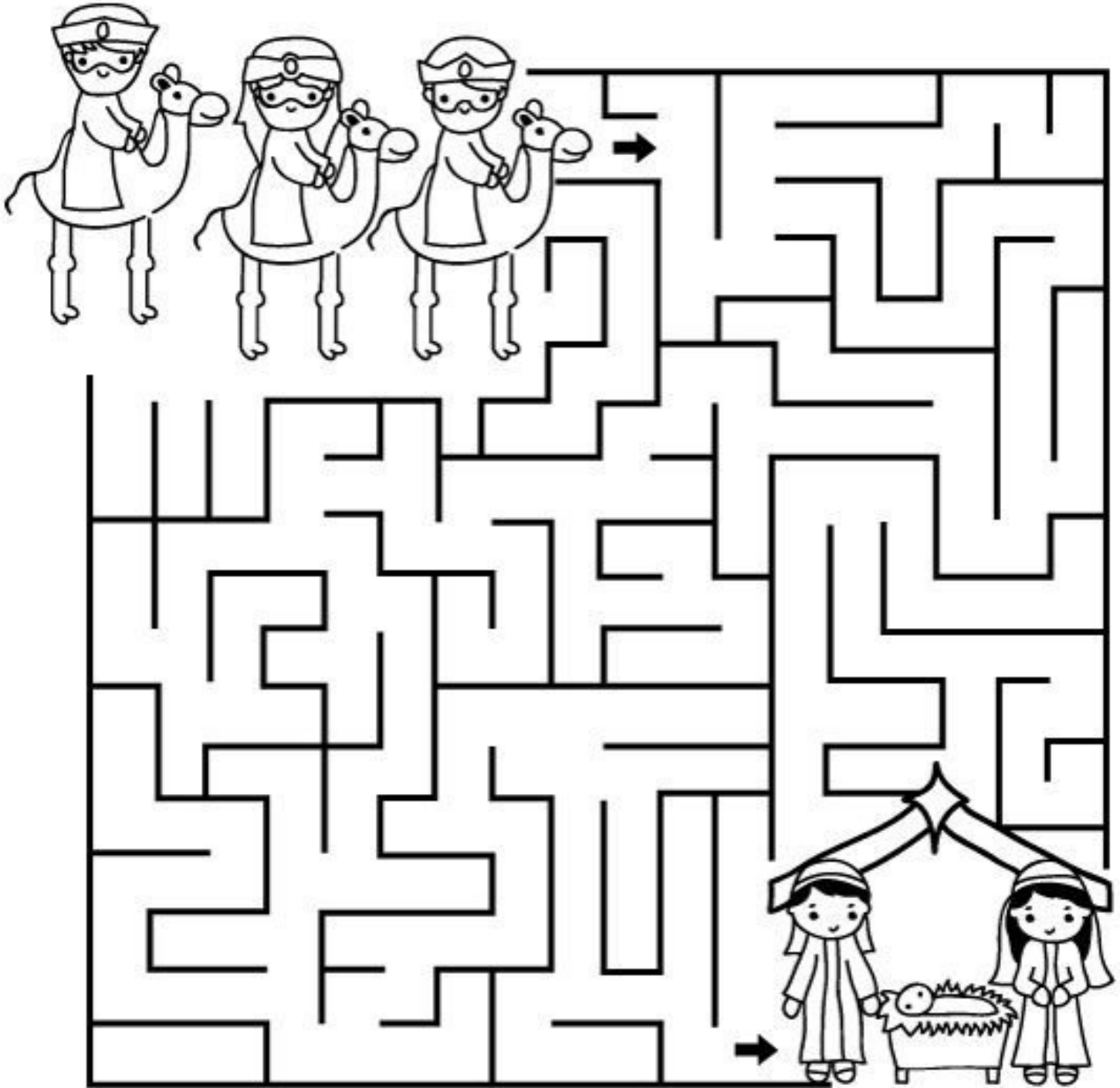
December 13: Canned Beans  
December 14: Box of Crackers  
December 15: Package of Rice  
December 16: Package of Oatmeal  
December 17: Box of Pasta  
December 18: Spaghetti Sauce  
December 19: Chicken Noodle Soup  
December 20: Tomato Soup  
December 21: Can of Corn  
December 22: Can of Mixed  
Vegetables  
December 23: Can of Carrots  
December 24: Can of Green Beans



# Away in a Manger

# Nativity Maze

Help the Three Wise Men find the manger.



*Merry Christmas!*

# SUMMER CAMP INFO

CONTACT JENNIFER SPENCER IF ANY QUESTIONS

## CENTRIKID CAMP 2024

JUNE 17 - 21  
EAGLE EYRIE CONFERENCE CENTER  
LYNCHBURG, VA

CAMP AREA

Open to 2nd-6th graders. Leave the morning of June 17 and return the afternoon of June 21. Non-refundable deposit of \$75 due by January 31 to secure your spot.

Register at [www.wendellbaptistnc.com](http://www.wendellbaptistnc.com)

# Youth summer camp

Fun & Creative Outdoor Activities

rising 7th through 12th graders

June 24 - June 28

Registration:  
**\$225**  
Total Cost: \$363

Activities:  
Sports | Quiet Time | Pool Time | Games  
Beach Time | Devotions | Church Group  
Meals & Lodging | Swimming | & More |

Register Online Today

For more information:  
Contact Gary Ring at 919-333-5734 or <https://bit.ly/wbeyouthcamp>

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