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African Methodist Episcopal Church

T.C.B.

TAKING CARE OF (OUR FATHER’S) GOD’S BUSINESS

2020 VISION

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2020 FOCUS: (TCB)
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Scripture:
And he said to them, Why did you seek Me? Did not you know that I must be about My Father’s business?
Luke 2:49 (NKJV)

INTRODUCTION
The Lord Jesus Christ who destroys strongholds, demolishes yokes, and empowers us to cross over into new seasons of living, also expects and enables us to have a significant kingdom focus. When he was twelve years old, he began to discern the call and move of God in his own life. He defined that call and move as being about His Father’s business. When his parents discovered him in the temple after he had stayed behind in Jerusalem, instead of traveling back to his home in Nazareth with his family, they were perplexed and irritated. However, he told them, “Why did you seek Me? Did not you know that I must be about my Father’s business?” This year we will continue to explore the vision God has for our lives, as a church and as individuals, that is greater than any vision we can have for ourselves or others can have for us, in terms of kingdom business. Our theme is T.C.B. or Taking Care of Business.

FAITH FIRST
When Jesus spoke about his Father’s business he was in the temple having discussions with religious leadership. Thus, he came to introduce believers to God in new and dynamic ways. He was a bridge builder who sought to carry or transport us from one degree of faith and grace to a more complete, wholesome, dynamic and intimate relationship with God. Since he is the key who unlocks the door to a more loving and powerful relationship with God, the mission of our church is “Exalting Christ and Empowering People.” This mission statement should not only be the focus of our church, it should also be the focus and purpose of our own individual lives. In all of our relationships (whether personal, familial, professional, or business), everywhere we go, in all that we do and say, we should strive to exalt Christ and empower others.
Our church this year will seek, first and foremost to help build our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ who is the author and perfecter of our faith. One of the pillars of our ministry will continue to be Matthew 6:33 (NKJV), “But seek first the kingdom [or reign] of God and His righteousness, and all other these things [that are important but secondary] will be added to you.” As a church, our main business is **FAITH FIRST**! We shall continue to build our faith through the practice of the spiritual disciplines such as prayer and fasting, and worship experiences that are spiritually powerful, timely in their discharge, and orderly in their execution. In other words our worship will seek first to glorify God who is creative, orderly, instructive, inspirational and transformational. When God is glorified, worshippers are edified, enlightened, encouraged, and empowered. When God is glorified, worshippers are filled and fulfilled. When God is glorified, worshippers are saved, sanctified, and strengthened.

Taking care of **FAITH FIRST** as we joyfully take care of our Father’s business has a number of constituent elements.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

When the Lord spoke about taking care of his Father’s business, he was in the temple with the religious leaders and scholars of his day. They marveled at his insights into the scriptures. As followers, we are empowered not only by the inspiration we receive in worship, we are also empowered and enlightened by our knowledge of the faith. Revelation not only comes from prayer, meditation and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, revelation also comes from studying and understanding the Bible and the doctrines of our faith. In a religiously pluralistic society, we not only need to have fire in our hearts, we also need knowledge in our heads. We not only need to know in whom we have believed, we also need to know what we believe and why. I Peter 3:15b-16 (NRSV), admonishes us “Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.”

The Lord Jesus told his disciples, “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all I have said to you.” When the Lord’s first reference to the Holy Spirit highlighted the role of the Holy Spirit as a teacher. Education in the faith is necessary, not ancillary, for a victorious, fulfilling and dynamic Christian life. There are many opportunities for Christian Education here at Saint Philip, that include but are not limited to:

1 John 14:26
Church School on Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.

Pastor’s Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The Pastor’s Bible Study is streamed online and on Facebook.

Bible Study on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Victorious Women for Christ Bible Study on the 4th Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m.

Crusaders’ for Christ Men’s Bible Study on the 3rd Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.

Youth Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

During the year there are also special seminars on selected topics relating to subjects that assist us in living out the full implications of our faith. Too many of our members do not participate in any of the Bible Studies and other opportunities to learn about our faith.

So, this year we are encouraging every member of the church to study, know and understand the Bible as a requirement for living a Christian life. We are encouraging every member to attend one of the Bible Studies either in person or online on a regular basis.

NEXT GENERATION DISCIPLES

Let us never forget that when Jesus said that he must be about his Father’s business, he was not only in the temple enlightening the religious scholars, he was also a boy of twelve years old. We should never forget that when our Lord accepted the call upon his life at thirty, and that when he was around thirty-three when he was crucified and resurrected. His disciples and many of those who were close to him were of his demographic. In other words, Christianity began as a young adult movement. In our day, in too many places, the Christian faith has become a religion, resting place, and a baby-sitting service for old, retired, tired, and dying senior citizens.

As a seventy-two-year-old believer and pastor, who will be retiring from my professional career in “a few more risings and settings of the sun,” if the Lord says so, I praise God for seasoned saints and elder statespersons “who have borne the burden in the heat of the day” and who are still active and vibrant participants in the life of the church. I pray to God that we will all have long, fruitful and blessed lives and that our latter days will be greater than our past.
Saint Philip is a great congregation which I am pleased to serve as pastor during this season of my life. I have made this statement to you before. However, we are also an aging congregation. Most of our established leadership is 60 years of age and over. Most of our participating membership is 60 years of age and over. I have been encouraged to witness the growth of new and younger members in the life of our church in recent years. However, meaningful transitions in leadership and the emergence of a new vibrant congregation do not occur automatically. Meaningful transitions that can pick up the mantle of leadership and significant participation by a new generation of believers occur with intentionality. A committed and competent youth and young adult ministry can only do so much in terms of birthing new disciples who will one day replace dying Moses’ and aging Sarahs with properly mentored Joshuas and dynamic Esthers.

Since the clock cannot be turned back we must plan to turn leadership over to the next generation of disciples; therefore, transition will be a major focus of our vision for this year. Those of us who are in leadership should begin looking for those whom we can mentor and prepare to take our places. If we have young people in our family or if we know young people, we should be proactive in trying to get them involved in the life of the church. Through our investment in Youth and Young Adult Ministries, we remain committed to growing the scope, impact, and spiritual depth of our programs while building stronger relationships with youth and their parents/guardians/families. Church is still the best place to build relationships and marriages, to hold families together, and to discover the true joy of living.

Further, each organization, ministry, board or auxiliary is asked to be intentional about recruiting new and younger members. Each organization, ministry, board or auxiliary is asked to recruit one younger person a quarter to join and participate in its life and responsibilities. At the end of the calendar year, each organization, ministry, board or auxiliary that has shown the most growth will receive a special award. On March 15th, June 15th, September 15th and November 15th, each organization, ministry, board or auxiliary is to turn in the names and contact information of their new members to the Pastor’s Executive Assistants (Rev. Leigha Birt or Ms. Whittley Mendez). As a reminder---new and younger person will only be drawn to organizations, ministries, boards or auxiliaries which have a welcoming spirit.
**GROWTH AND EVANGELISM**

The Lord Jesus defined his mission as seeking and saving the lost (Luke 19:10). He came to restore our broken and fractured relationships with God. The words concerning our soul saving and life transforming mandate found in Matthew 28:19-20, have been taken seriously since they were first uttered by our Lord over two thousand years ago. Our evangelical mandate appears again in Acts 1:8. One of my favorite expressions and reminders of the function as the church of God, came from the late and sainted Bishop Vernon R. Byrd, whom I followed as pastor of St. James A.M.E. Church in the city of Newark, NJ. Bishop Byrd used to often say, “Unless souls are saved, nothing is saved.”

The saving of souls and church growth are not automatic. A recent startling statistic has asserted that every year 4,000 new churches are started, and every year 7,000 established churches close their doors for the last time. Even though our church is still vibrant and growing, we should still heed the words of the prophet Amos who said to established long standing believers in his time, “Woe to you who are at ease in Zion...Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives...”

The age of Christendom as we have generally defined it is past and the church of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God face new and unexpected challenges. In times like these the words of the old nineteenth century hymn has special meaning,

*My soul, be on thy guard*
*Ten thousand foes arise,*
*And hosts of sin are pressing hard*
*To draw thee from the skies.*

Therefore, everything we do from radical hospitality to feeding the hungry, from Jazz Under the Stars to Voter Education, from the Sunday School Fall Festival to the Chefs Galore, should be driven by a soul saving and life transforming perspective. Everything we do from the Joyful Noise for Toys Concert to our athletic programs, from scholarship efforts to all of our community involvement and outreach, should be driven by our desire to win souls to Jesus who has promised abundance of life to all who receive him as Savior and Lord. Bishop Byrd was right, “Unless souls are saved, nothing is saved.”
The church and the kingdom grew not simply because of the Lord’s vision or organized institutional efforts. The church and the kingdom grew in the past because individual members invited those whom they met, knew, socialized with, were related to, and did business with, to come to church and meet Jesus. One of the scathing indictments against the religion and long tenured membership of many of us is how few, if any persons, we have won for Jesus. This year each of us is challenged to ask ourselves, “When was the last time I helped lead someone to Christ?” This year each of us is admonished, encouraged, instructed and charged by the Lord Jesus to lead one soul to Christ.

Our faith and individual believers have always had to battle “the principalities and powers” as we have striven to seek and to save those who were lost. And the Lord has always given us the victory when we have been earnest, faithful and diligent in our soul saving, life changing and community transforming efforts. In our church growth and kingdom building efforts, we would do well to remember that “In the name of Jesus, we [still] have the victory.”

CHANGE, EXPERIMENTATION, AND INNOVATION

The kingdom of God and the church of the Lord Jesus Christ will not grow without change, innovation, and experimentation. A new generation of disciples will not be birthed without change, innovation, and experimentation. The old ways are the best ways for the old days, but not for new times and a new generation. Tradition is fine for a foundation, but traditionalism is a strait jacket that impedes growth and stifles movement. Someone has said that the seven last words of a dying church are, “We have always done it like this.” Someone else has said that the seven last words of a dying church are, “We’ve never done it that way before.”

The Lord Jesus Christ understood the necessity of change, experimentation and innovation when he said, “No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

*The Message Bible* paraphrases the Lord’s words by saying, “No one cuts up a fine silk scarf to patch old work clothes; you want fabrics that match. And you don’t put your wine in cracked bottles.”

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2 Matthew 9:16-17

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Growing churches that disciple a new generation of believers must be willing to change, experiment, and innovate. Church organizations, ministries, boards and auxiliaries who are serious about growth and life beyond the present generation of their members must be flexible and even willing to allow some things to die, so that newness which “serves the present age; our calling to fulfill” can live.

Saint Philip must be known for its willingness to change, experiment, and innovate in terms of programming and methodology on behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God, lest we end up sewing fine silk on to old work clothes and putting new wine into cracked bottles.

**BUSINESS RESOURCES**

People are empowered through an understanding of business. This next element of our 2020 vision was included in last year’s vision statement. We were unable to implement it however, I feel that it is worth proposing again. This year we will have an entrepreneur of the month in which we will highlight certain businesses and professionals (i.e. physicians, attorneys, entrepreneurs etc.) in our congregation. We will organize a Ministry of Business and Professionals, that will be responsible for setting standards for persons to be highlighted, as well as other concerns.

**FITNESS**

We are empowered when we are in good health. Therefore, this year as we have done every year, we will continue our emphasis on health and physical fitness that honors the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit. This year our members will again be given free gym memberships. The fourth Sunday of every month will be Fitness and Witness Sunday. At this time sweat suits will not be necessary, however casual attire, if one is comfortable in wearing such, may facilitate our exercise period. We are recommending members to wear Saint Philip shirts on the fourth Sundays to encourage witnessing as we go throughout the day. We will ask our Health Ministry, for their professional expertise regarding programming. We also expect our Children’s and Youth and Young Adult Ministry to start emphasizing Health and Physical Fitness as core values of their programming.
The foundation of our faith is based upon love that gives generously. John 3:16 has become the standard bearer of our faith----“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (NRSV)

What are our standards for giving? In all that we do, our standard should be the Bible.

**The Tithe**

Leviticus 27:30-33; Deuteronomy 14:22-29; Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 23:23

The Bible teaches **the tithe** (10% of all that we have or the first dime out of every dollar) as the minimum expression of worship and praise to our Almighty and Gracious God. Therefore we shall continue to emphasize the tithe as the minimum foundation gift for followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Offerings**


The Bible also teaches and commends **offerings beyond the tithe** as appropriate expressions of worship and praise to our Gracious and Almighty God. Therefore we shall continue to receive various offerings beyond the tithe, such as Sow-a-Seed benevolent contributions, as expressions of generosity.

**The Firstfruits**

Genesis 4:1-7

This year we are also commending for your prayerful consideration and commitment, **firstfruit offerings**. The first offering mentioned in the Bible is found in Genesis 4:1-7. God’s creation of heaven and earth is narrated in Genesis 1-2. Genesis 3 informs us of the first human sins and their consequences. The account in Genesis 4 details the first offering given by human beings as an act of worship and gratitude for God’s goodness. Within the first four chapters of the 1,189 chapters found in the Bible (929 in Hebrew Bible or Old Testament; 260 in the New Testament), humans give their first offering as an act of worship and gratitude for God’s goodness.
In the Genesis account, Cain and Abel, the first two sons of Adam and Eve, without being asked, brought offerings of worship to God. Cain as a farmer brought an offering from the fruit of the ground to God. Abel as a shepherd brought an offering that consisted of the firstlings of the flock. According to the Bible, God had greater regard and respect for the offering of Abel than he did for the offering of Cain. Why? The firstlings of the flock represented his regard for God as deserving the first of what he had. The firstlings of the flock meant that God was Abel’s first love and that God occupied first place in his heart.

Firstfruit offerings then represent at least four truths:

1) Firstfruit offerings represent the faithful provision of God. We cannot give anything unless God has first provided and given to us.

2) Firstfruit offerings represent our love and regard for God as our highest love and first choice. We give our highest and best to those who have first claim upon and first place in our hearts and lives.

3) Firstfruit offerings are acts of faith. When we give God the first, we express our faith that God will continue to take care of us. When we give God the first, we express our faith that God will not let us suffer any shortfalls, and that God will continue to supply what we need to meet our obligations.

4) Firstfruit offerings also indicate that God can trust us with more. We can never beat God giving. We can never out give God. When we give God the firstfruits, we indicate to God that we can be trusted with abundance because firstfruit offerings demonstrate that we will always keep God as our first love.

This year as an demonstration of our spiritual growth and trust, as a sign that God has first claim on our lives, and as an enhanced means of Taking care of our Father’s Business, we are asking every member to contribute a firstfruit offering on January 19, 2020. Our firstfruit offering is to consist of one week’s income. Persons who only receive one check per month, are asked to divide that check by four and contribute one week’s income.
On firstfruits Sunday, those who contribute a week’s income will only be expected to give in the main offering, unless they are led by the Holy Spirit to contribute to the Sow-a-Seed offering as well. Those who will be giving a firstfruits offering will be asked to bring those offerings and lay them on the altar. Firstfruits Sunday will come toward the end of our 21-day Daniel Fast. Hopefully, the Daniel Fast will strengthen our resolve to participate on firstfruits Sunday. Before and after firstfruits Sunday on January 19, 2020, we will follow our usual procedure of giving tithes and offerings. Hopefully this advance notice about firstfruits Sunday, will help us prepare for the expression of love we will show and the venture of faith we will exemplify, on that day.

TCT (Taking Care of the Temple)
Scriptural Foundation: II Chronicles 24:1-14

A number of us are aware that the magnificent edifice, where we gather as the people of God called church, is beginning to reflect the realities of time, wear and tear on a regular basis. For the past several years we have made various appeals for roof repair, furnace replacements, HVAC systems, as well as updated acoustical, sound and lighting treatments, etc. Taking care of our Father’s Business means being proactive, rather than reactive; therefore, our leadership is proposing that we establish a TCT (Taking Care of the Temple) Fund.

We are asking every member to commit him or herself to giving above and beyond regular tithes and offerings, a contribution of $36.00 per month for thirty-six months. If 1,000 of us contribute $36.00 a month the total amount will be $432,000 for one year. Over a three-year period, the total amount will be $1,008,000. The TCT Fund will be a restricted account, used only for capital expenses and repairs. Since we will be contributing Firstfruits Sunday in January, donations to the TCT Fund will begin in February.

Sufficient cooperation with this generosity vision Firstfruits Sunday for Taking Care of Our Father’s Business will mean the elimination of the End of the Year Thank Offering, Loyalty Day or the Midyear Thank Offering, and the Lenten Sacrifice.
Sufficient cooperation with this generosity vision for *Taking Care of Our Father’s Business* will mean that our contributions to the church will consist of:

- The Tithe
- Firstfruits
- TCT (Taking Care of the Temple)

Individual auxiliaries and ministries that already have established fund raisers may or may not continue to have them, as they desire. However, no new fundraisers will be approved by this pastor. Our Father’s business should be funded by giving, not by tickets, fundraisers and other money raising efforts.

As we pray over and commit ourselves to this giving and generosity vision, we ask that each of us will be guided by words of the Apostle Paul found in II Corinthians 9:8-12, “And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.’ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” *GIVE. SAVE. LIVE!*

**CONCLUSION**

Those who are familiar with the life, words and work of Sir Winston Churchill will remember his famous words that were expressed in a speech that he delivered to House of Common of the Parliament of the United Kingdom on May 13, 1940. In his speech he declared that he had nothing to offer but “blood, toil, sweat and tears.” To accomplish this vision that the Lord has given to me will take “blood, toil, sweat and tears” on our part. However we have more than our own “blood, toil, sweat and tears” to rely upon. We have the name of Jesus which is “high over all, in hell or earth or sky, angels and men before it fall, and devils fear and fly.”
We have the abiding presence of Jesus who is with us even to the end of the world. We have the sufficient grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have the word of Christ which will stand even if heaven and earth pass away. We have the power of our risen and exalted Christ which covers all things in heaven and in earth.

We plan and prepare to begin another year’s work with the faith of the Apostle Paul who said, “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.”

William D. Watley, Ph.D.,

Under Shepherd

3 Philippians 1: 6
January

01  Happy New Year
02-22 21 Day Daniel Fast
12  MLK Oratorical Contest
18  Victorious Women for Christ Bible Study 7:30 a.m.
18  ML King Day of Service 10:00 a.m.
19  First Fruits Sunday
20  Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
24  Victorious Women for Christ Monthly Activity 7:00 p.m.
26  Fitness and Witness Sunday
26  Baptism Service 1:45 p.m.
29  Mid-Week Communion Service 11:30 a.m.
01/31- 2/1  SPC Church Leader’s Retreat

February

02  Family Communion Sunday
03-05  Turner Theological Seminary Founder’s Day
07-09  6th District Founders Day Observance –Macon, GA
09  A.M.E. Founder’s Day
09  Red Attire-Heart Awareness
14  Richard Allen’s Birthday Day-AME Founder
15  Victorious Women for Christ Bible Study 7:30 a.m.
15  Crusaders for Christ Men’s Bible Study 8:00 a.m.
15  New Life Ministries Intensive Course
16  Church School Open House 9:45 a.m.
16  Afrocentric Sunday
23  Negro Spiritual Concert 5:00 p.m.
26  Mid-Week Communion Service 11:30 a.m.
26  Ash Wednesday
28  Victorious Women for Christ Monthly Activity 7:00 p.m.

March (All forms of Cancer Awareness)

04  Seniors/Retirees Anniversary-30th
05-07  Trip to Inspiring Body of Christ Church, Dallas, TX
08  Daylight Saving Time Begins
15  Orange Attire-Multiple Sclerosis Awareness
15  New Life Ministries Graduation Reception
16  Crusaders for Christ Men’s Bible Study 8:00 a.m.
21  Victorious Women for Christ Bible Study 7:30 a.m.
22  Blue-Cancer Aware Month any form
22  Fitness and Witness Sunday
27  Victorious Women for Christ Monthly Activity 7:00 p.m.
29  Generation Sunday
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2020 Calendar

July

03 Church Office Closed
04 Independence Day
08-15 General Conference – Orlando, FL
12 Annual Blood Drive 8:00 a.m.
18 Crusaders for Christ Men’s Bible Study 8:00 a.m.
19 Biker Blessing
21-24 SED Christian Education and Leadership Congress
                 Augusta, GA
24 SPYC Senior’s and Retirees Prom 6:00 p.m.
25 Victorious Women for Christ Bible Study 7:30 a.m.
26 Church School @ Stone Mountain Park 9:45 a.m.

August

07 Jazz Under The Stars 7:00 p.m.
08 Family Fun Day/Hour of Power
09 Homecoming Day
11 Church School-Back to School Prayer Assembly 9:00 a.m.
15 Crusaders for Christ Men’s Bible Study 8:00 a.m.
15 Victorious Women for Christ Bible Study 7:30 a.m.
16 Educators’ Sunday
22 S.T.E.M.S FAIR 8:30 a.m.
23 Fitness and Witness Sunday
30 Children and Youth Emphasis Sunday
30 New Life Ministries Graduation Reception

September (Toes & Ties Month-Ovarian and Prostate Cancer Awareness)

7/31-06 7 Day Daniel Fast
02 Mid-Week Communion Service 11:30 a.m.
07 Labor Day
08 Light Blue Attire-Prostate Cancer
8-10 Fall Revival
                Rev. Sir Walter Mack, Jr. (Teaching) 6:30 p.m.
                Rev. William Curtis (Preaching) 7:30 p.m.
12 Stroke Walk/Wellness Festival
20 Teal Attire-Ovarian & Cervical Cancer Awareness
26 Victorious Women for Christ Bible Study 7:30 a.m.
27 Fitness and Witness Sunday
27 Baptism Sunday 2:30 p.m.
30 Mid-Week Communion Service 11:30 a.m.
2020 CALENDAR

October  (Breast Cancer and Pregnancy/Infant Loss and Domestic Violence Awareness)

10  Mother Daughter Affair
11  Purple Attire-Pregnancy/Infant Loss & Domestic Violence Awareness
12-18  Men’s Week
17  8:00 a.m.
17  Crusaders for Christ Men’s Bible Study
17  New Life Ministries Intensive Course
18  Men’ Week Service
18  Pink Attire- Breast Cancer Awareness
24  7:30 a.m.
24  Victorious Women for Christ Bible Study
24  Church School Fall Festival
25  Fitness and Witness Sunday
28  Mid-Week Communion Service  11:30 a.m.

November

03  VOTING DAY
03  Daylight Saving Time Ends
08  Veteran’s Day Awareness Sunday Breakfast
10  Purple Attire- Alzheimer Awareness
10  Pancreatic Cancer Awareness
10  New Life Ministries Graduation
15  Singles Celebration Sunday
15  Gray Attire - Diabetes Awareness
15  New Life Ministries Graduation Reception
21  8:00 a.m.
21  Crusaders for Christ Men’s Bible Study
22  Fitness and Witness Sunday
22  Zebra Attire - Carcinoid Awareness
26  10:00 a.m.
26  Thanksgiving Day Service
29  Advent Begins

December

02  Mid-Week Communion Service
04  Living Legacy Awards  7:00 p.m.
06  Red Attire-HIV Awareness Day Sunday
13  Church School Program  9:45 a.m.
13  Joyful Noise for Toys Concert  5:00 p.m.
15  Night of Consecration and Prayer  7:00 p.m.
19  Crusaders for Christ Bible Study  8:00 a.m.
20  Red Attire-Holiday Service
24  Christmas Eve/Candlelight Service  7:00 p.m.
24  Advent Ends
25  Merry Christmas
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