

TIM TALK

"Christmas Journeys"

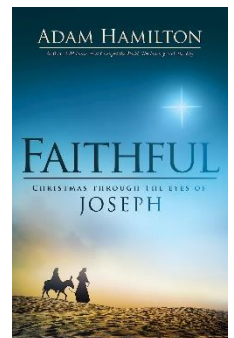


Our first Christmas as a married couple together was one of those classic text book Christmases where newlyweds feel obligated to visit both sides of the entire family. Christmas morning we left our seminary apartment located twenty miles north of Columbus, Ohio and drove to my wife's mother's house located about fifteen miles east of Columbus. Following breakfast at her mother's we then drove about thirty miles west to the other side of Columbus to exchange gifts with her father and his family.

We then returned to our apartment (twenty miles northeast) packed up our car and headed north for a two-hour drive to my wife's grandparents near Mansfield, Ohio. The next morning we awoke and drove to my parents' house in Buffalo, New York (a five-hour drive). Even though we both enjoyed our Christmas journey that year, when we returned to our seminary apartment just a couple of days later, we were both exhausted.

In his book, Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph Adam Hamilton reminds us that we are not the first ones to make journeys at Christmas. In spite of the inconveniences we may endure on our Christmas journeys Mary and Joseph endured a far more uncomfortable, unpleasant and frightening journey as they made their way from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Unlike my wife and I on that first Christmas together Mary and Joseph were on a journey they did not want to take; living under Roman occupation, it had been forced upon them.

This December we at Oaklette will be traveling alongside Joseph and Mary as they take that first Christmas journey to Bethlehem. It is my hope that as we travel down that old familiar road to Bethlehem we will be refreshed by the faithfulness of this young couple. Hamilton suggests their journey to Bethlehem will inspire us on our own journeys in life that we often times find difficult to take. Hamilton says of these journeys; *"they may be painful, and we may find ourselves brokenhearted or deeply discouraged along the way. We might even think that God is punishing us or has abandoned us. But God promises to sustain us, even though we may walk through the darkest valleys. God tells us to turn our burdens over to him, and he can make something beautiful of them."*



So whatever journey you will be taking this Christmas remember the road has already been well travelled by people like Mary and Joseph. May you take their example of faith to heart and journey faithfully this Christmas.

Merry Christmas,

Tim

Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett



**BECOMING A WARRIOR NOT A WORRIER BIBLE STUDY
BARNES & NOBLES STARBUCK'S CAFÉ AT GREENBRIER
WEDNESDAY'S AT 1:00 PM – We will not meet Dec. 26th.
(LOCATED NEXT TO THE HARRIS TEETER)**



FOLLOW, KNOW & BECOME LIKE JESUS

BREAKFAST AT DENNY'S

Oaklette is encouraging you and your friends to gather for a 'social breakfast' at the Battlefield Blvd. Denny's located in front of the Home Depot on the second Friday of every month. In December that's Friday, the 14th! This is an opportunity for the good folk of Oaklette to "get outside of the castle" and into the neighborhood of which we are a part.

No reservations are necessary! Just show up and eat breakfast (or a snack). Breakfast is on you. Debbie Rippard will be there to greet you at

9:00AM!





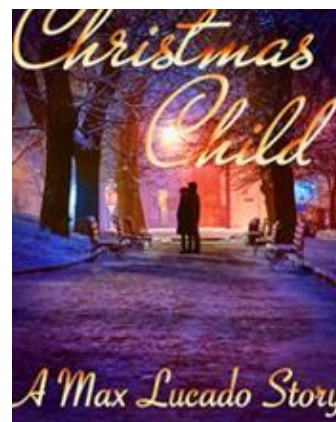
**ANGEL TREE FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF SOUTH
NORFOLK**

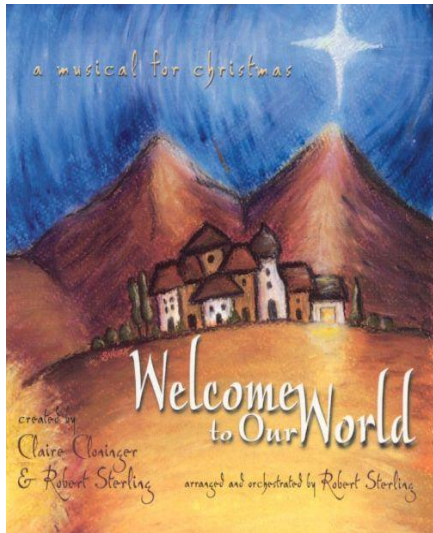
This year Oaklette will again be collecting winter mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for the children of South Norfolk. A tree has been placed in the hallway near the Choir Room for your donations. We will be collecting until Sunday, December 9th!

★ MOVIE NIGHT ★
Admit One

**FREE MOVIE NIGHT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018
7:00 – 9:00 pm – FELLOWSHIP HALL
“Christmas Child”**

Hoping for a respite from his shaky marriage, a Chicago journalist travels on an assignment to a small town in Texas to investigate a mysterious nativity scene.





**OAKLETTE'S CHANCEL CHOIR
PRESENTS
"WELCOME TO OUR WORLD"
A CHRISTMAS CANTATA
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018**



**HAMPTON ROADS METRO BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018 – 6:30 – 8:30 PM
OAKLETTE FELLOWSHIP HALL
Please ring a dessert to share.**



**WORSHIP FOR OUR CURRENT TIMES
8:30 AM Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall
"Come to the river where you will thirst no more."
(The River will not gather on Sunday, December 16th on account of the Christmas
Cantata!)**



MAYBERRY CHURCH

Sunday at 6:30PM - Fellowship Hall

Come and join this exciting gathering of believers growing in their journey with Christ. Using the Bible and classic episodes of “The Andy Griffith Show” and “Mayberry RFD.” Oaklette is offering this unique and award-winning opportunity for south Hampton Roads. Our worship themes and episodes are as follows:

- **December 2 – Episode: “The Pet Shop”** – A new pet shop opens in Mayberry and Mike is all fired up to purchase a new Dog. Sam vetoes the idea based on previous experience with pets. Mike sets out to prove him wrong. Theme: Surviving Disappointments. Scripture: Proverbs 13:12 (MSG) – *“Unrelenting disappointment leaves you heartsick, but a sudden good break can turn life around.”*
- **December 9 – Episode: “Christmas Story”** – Crotchety old businessman Ben Weaver wants moonshiner Sam Muggins locked up for Christmas but, after seeing the holiday spirit in Andy’s jail, he tries to be arrested himself. Theme: Good News of Great Joy. Scripture: Luke 2:10–11 (NRSV) – *“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.’”*

MAYBERRY CHURCH WILL BE ON WINTER HIATUS STARTING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018.

IT WILL RETURN ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019 AT 6:30PM.



SERMONS FOR DECEMBER 2018

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

**ADVENT SERMON SERIES: Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph
“Whose Child Is This?”**

Luke 1:26–35 (CEB)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

ADVENT SERMON SERIES: Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph
"Raising A Child Not Your Own"
Matthew 1:18-21 (CEB)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

Christmas Cantata
"Welcome to Our World"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

ADVENT SERMON SERIES: Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph
"The Journey to Bethlehem"
Luke 2:1-5 (CEB)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



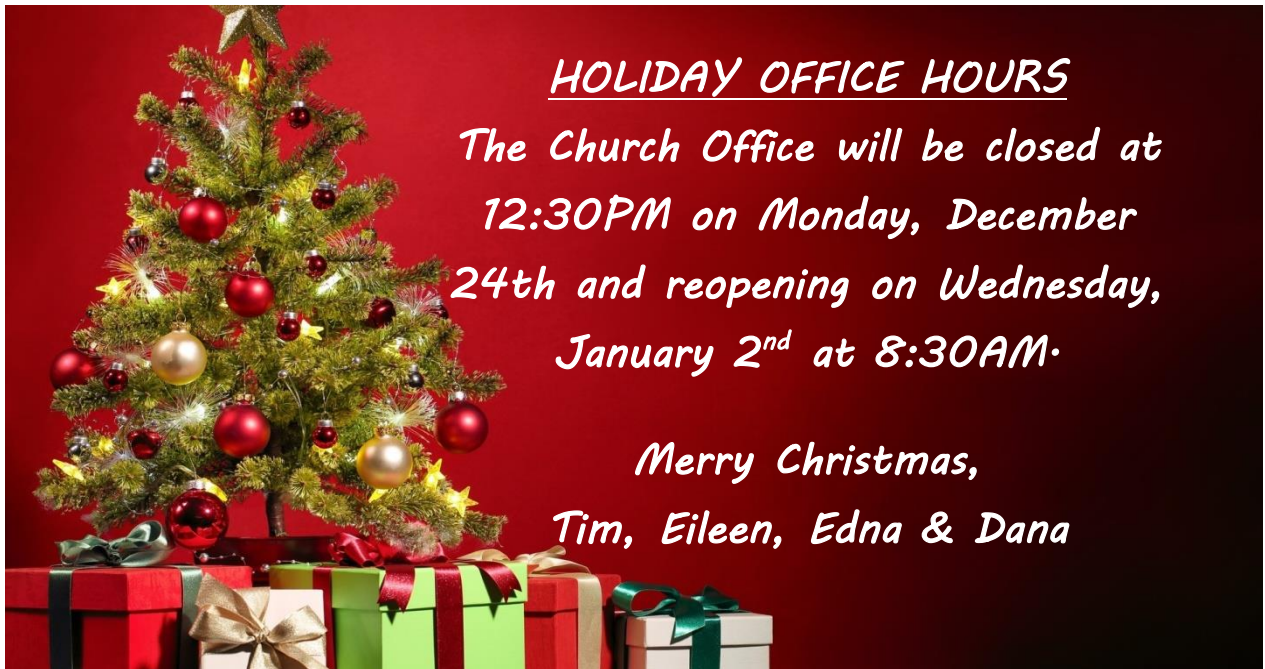
THANK YOU FOR PASTOR'S APPRECIATION

I would like to thank the Oaklette Faith Community for the lovely cards and gifts I received as a part of Pastor's Appreciation Sunday on October 27th! I appreciate not only the thoughtfulness behind your gifts but the kind words of support and love as well. I plan to be using the money towards my Spring trip to England and Ireland as I explore Wesley's England.

Sincerely,
Dr. Tim Hazlett



**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
CALM & BRIGHT: CELEBRATING THE
200TH ANNIVERSARY OF SILENT NIGHT
5:00 PM – DECEMBER 24**



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

*The Church Office will be closed at
12:30PM on Monday, December
24th and reopening on Wednesday,
January 2nd at 8:30AM.*

*Merry Christmas,
Tim, Eileen, Edna & Dana*

Pray for our Military (In order to protect the safety of our Troops and their families, we will no longer list their whereabouts or their branches of service.)

Micah Beasley - (Nephew of Verna Carroll)

Jordan Carter - (Grandson of Len & Carole Carter)

Justin Castellow - (Son of Buzz and Shellene Castellow)

Troy Hudgins - (Nephew of Jenny & Tommy Obenchain)

Jared Meharg (Son-in-law of Dana & Don Moody)

Brian Miller - (Grandson-in-law of Adel Denson)

Major Matt Springer - (Son of Wayne & Sharon Springer)

Scott W. Weifert

Capt. Paul Leon Wolfe III - (Grandson of Barbara & Jack Buchanan)



Remember our Shut-ins with Cards, Calls, Visits, & Prayers

Billy East

2701 Border Rd
Chesapeake, VA 23324

Nell Cucinotta

1249 Davis Avenue
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Adel Denson

Chesapeake Place
1508 Volvo Parkway
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Jackie Munden

3009 Mattox Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Marjorie Harrison

Chesapeake Place
1508 Volvo Parkway
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Thelma Peele

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1309 Kempsville Rd
Norfolk, VA 23502

Pat Grover

1726 Harvest Bend Ct.
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Sally Phillips

3031 Yakima Rd.
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Mamie Whitehurst

1033 Hobb Road.
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Howard Combs

Autumn Care
Room 302
715 Argyll Street
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Ann Earley 2A #36

Va Bch Health & Rehab Ctr
1801 Camelot Dr
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Fleda Humphries

Kempsville Health/Rehab
5520 Indian River Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Mable Lowrimore

1104 Nolan Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA 23435



Altar Flowers

December

- 2- Evelyn Yount
- 9- Len & Carole Carter
- 16- Virginia Hair
- 23- Poinsettias
- 30- Ann & Jimmy Lee



December

- 2- Ethel Hickman
 - 9- Doris Doughten
 - 16-
 - 23-
 - 30-
- Please sign up for altar flowers and Food Basket. There are many, many blank lines to fill!



December Food Pantry Workers

- 3- Linda Gallop & Peggy Johnson
- 6- Jenny Obenchain & Mary Guynn
- 10- Theresa Magner & Doris Doughten
- 13- Connie & Richard Tucker
- 17- Emma Beggs & Duane Johnstone
- 20- Barbara Malloy & Jane Basnight
- 24- PANTRY CLOSED
- 27- OFFICE & PANTRY CLOSED
- 31- OFFICE & PANTRY CLOSED

Volunteers are needed to work the Food Pantry on Mondays and Thursdays. It is only for



two hours per shift and usually only one shift per several months. Please contact Barbara Bennett if you are interested.



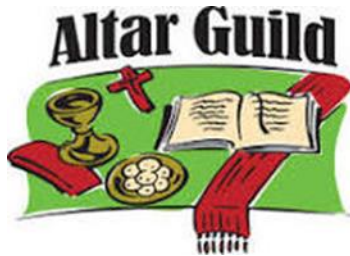
December

- 2- Jessica Weifert
- 9- Jerome Dickinson
- 16- Barbara Bennett
- 23- Arte Jones
- 30- Jessica Weifert



Please use the following email address when communicating with the church:
oaklette@oakletteumc.org

Wi-fi is available throughout the building. The password is blessing4u.



December

**Judy Carter
&
Mildred Walling**



-3-
Jeremy Riddick
-4-
Loraye Jones
-7-
Mamie Whitehurst
Claude Blanchard
-8-
Elizabeth Reichling
-9-
Shellene Castellow
Brandon Walsh
-10-
Patricia Johnson
Connie Tucker
Jessica Hicks
-13-
Jerome Perry
Norman Dewey Holcomb IV
-14
David Miles, Jr.

-16-
Alisa Williams
-17-
Tom Henry
-18-
Evelyn Yount
Walter Nebrotskie, Jr.
-20-
Bud Stephens, Jr.
Beth Carroll
-22-
Jerry Doughten
-24-
Lillian Everett
Daniel Rudis
-25-
Todd Bennett
-28-
Francis Kirby
-29-
Ann Lee
-30-
Emily Weifert
-31-
Doris Doughten

Q



-3-
Tracie & Rocky Holcomb III
-9-
Carole & Len Carter
Carole & Michael Carter
-18-
Ericka & Chuck Litten
-27-
Paige & Scott Weifert



A special thanks to the TOPS group for a number of bags of canned goods they provided for the Food Pantry!



Connie Jones would like to thank the congregation for their cards, calls, visits, flowers, thoughts and prayers during her recent surgery and hospital stay. She can be reached at 100 E. Avalon Drive, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948.



If you would like to place a poinsettia on the altar December 23rd, please advise the office by Monday morning, December 17. Cost is \$7.25. Order forms are on the bulletin board across from the office.



Joy to the WORLD

In Luke 2:10, the angels share good news that continues to bring great joy today.

Directions: Circle all the complete small "joy" words — forward only. Count the total. Bonus: See if you can find "Jesus" amid all the joy!



TOTAL JOY = _____

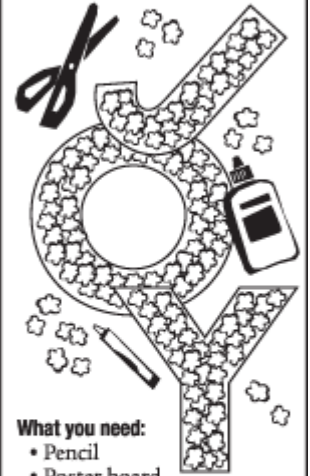
Answer: 36 (10 in the J, 15 in the O, 11 in the Y); Jesus is at the bottom of the large O

*And they went with haste
and found **Mary**
and **Joseph,**
and **the baby**
lying in a manger.*



CHRISTMAS joy

Make this fun decoration as a reminder of the joy Jesus brings.



- What you need:**
- Pencil
 - Poster board
 - Scissors
 - Craft pompoms (red, white, green, silver, gold)
 - Glue

- What you do:**
1. Trace large capital block letters J, O and Y on the poster board.
 2. Cut out the letters.
 3. Glue pompoms on one side of each letter, completely covering it.
 4. Share JOY by displaying the letters in your home.



January 9-16, 2019

Our 25th Year!

NEST Planning Committee

Debbie Rippard, Chairperson

Helene Haluska- Corporate Contact

Brenda Swoope- Activities

Barbara Bennett- Food

Rachel Swoope- Communications

Arte Jones/Len Carter/David Rippard- Procurement

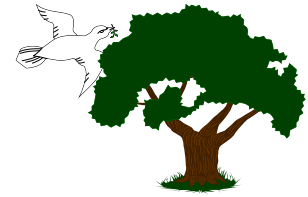
Bill Henry- Church Contact

Chris Carroll/David Rippard-Security

NEST At Oaklette

JANUARY 9-16, 2019

OUR 25TH YEAR!



2019 N.E.S.T. Supplies Needed **Hygiene Kit Items— Individual (travel) sizes**

THESE ITEMS ONLY! WE HAVE PLENTY OF THE OTHER ITEMS.

1. Men's Deodorant
2. Shave Cream (Men & Women)
3. Quart bags
4. Gallon Bags
5. 1/2 Gallon Bags

Medicines

- ✓ Tylenol or Ibuprofen
- ✓ Aspirin
- ✓ Cold Medicine (i.e., Alka Seltzer Plus)
- ✓ Cough Drops
- ✓ Antacids
- ✓ Beano
- ✓ Feminine hygiene items
- ✓ Depends

Misc Items for Activities

- a) Insulated gloves (men's and women's)
- b) Belts
- c) Anything that can be used as a prize, male, female or non-gender, including \$5.00 gift cards to McDonalds, or Dollar Tree.
- d) Bus tickets
- e) Playing cards
- f) Games

Trash bags, cleansers, other cleaning supplies are always appreciated!

NO CLOTHING! WE DO NOT HAVE A CLOTHES CLOSET

OAKLETTE'S



CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE DEC 1 - 24

**USE OUR MAILBOX TO SEND
CHRISTMAS CARDS TO CHURCH MEMBERS***



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FUNDS USED FOR APPORTIONMENTS

SAVE MONEY ON POSTAGE

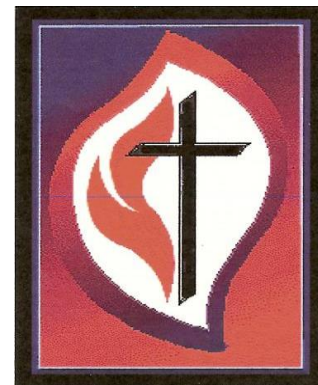
***CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY,
WE CANNOT DELIVER**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 8:30 AM The River 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship 6:30 PM Mayberry Church 7 PM AA</p>	<p>3 10 AM Food Pantry 10:30 AM Golden Girls Circle of Love 6 PM Strategic Planning 6:30 PM SOTM Youth Heritage 7 PM Church Council 7 PM HRM Band</p>	<p>4 Bulletin articles due 6:30 PM Circle of Joy 7 PM NA 7 PM SOTM Men's Ministry 7 PM SOTM Women's Ministry</p>	<p>5 9 AM TOPS 1 PM Bible Study @ Barnes & Noble 7 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>6 10 AM Food Pantry 10 AM Thursday w/Tim 7 PM SOTM Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group 7 PM Family Movie</p> <hr/> <p>8 2-3:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group</p>
<p>9 8:30 AM The River 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship & Royal Kids 6:30 PM Mayberry Church 7 PM AA</p>	<p>10 10 AM Food Pantry 6:30:PM SOTM Youth Heritage 7 PM HRM Band</p>	<p>11 Bulletin Articles Due Newsletter Articles Due 7 PM NA</p>	<p>12 9 AM TOPS 1 PM Bible Study Barnes & Noble 7 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>13 10 AM Food Pantry 10 AM Thursday w/Tim 7 PM SOTM Bible Study 7 PM Model A Club</p>	<p>14 9 AM Breakfast at Denny's</p>	<p>15 9-11 AM SOTM 6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group</p>
<p>16 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship 6:30 PM Band Concert & Desserts 7 PM AA</p>	<p>17 10 AM Food Pantry 6:30 PM SOTM Youth Heritage 7 PM HRM Band</p>	<p>18 Bulletin Articles Due 8:30 AM Newsletter Assembly 7 PM NA 7 PM SOTM Men's Ministry 7 PM SOTM Women's Ministry</p>	<p>19 9 AM TOPS 1 PM Bible Study @ Barnes & Noble 7 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>20 10 AM Food Pantry 10 AM Thursdays w/Tim 7 PM SOTM Bible Study 7 PM Friends of Indian River</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 2-3:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group</p>
<p>23 8:30 AM The River 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship & Royal Kids 7 PM AA</p>	<p>24 OFFICE CLOSING 12:30 PM 5 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service</p> 	<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>26 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 8:30 AM The River 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship & Royal Kids 7 PM AA</p>	<p>31 OFFICE & FOOD PANTRY CLOSED</p>					

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