

TIM TALK

“The Best Christmas Present Ever”



A child got everything he wanted on his Christmas Wish List for Christmas. Even though he seemed excited to unwrap his presents, by the end of the day, he had become disinterested in all his new stuff and was moping around the house. Concerned about his sudden change in behavior his mother approached him and inquired; “What’s wrong, Sweetie? “Aren’t you happy with

your gifts?”

To which he sadly replied “Yes,” but Mom, I got everything I wanted and now I don’t have anything to look forward to.”

It seems that the older I have become the less I desire at the Christmas season; yet when Christmas Day arrives, I find myself somewhat perplexed by the meager amount of presents that lie under the tree. If I desired less then why I am so concerned about the lack of presents that are under the tree? What is it about presents that make us feel so good? Why do we become so obsessed with finding the perfect gift for our loved ones when there is a strong likelihood the gift will either be discarded or returned to the store?

Mike Slaughter, in his compliment study to his book Christmas Is Not Your Birthday, says it all has to do with our understanding of who God is and how that understanding shapes; not only our faith, but our values as well. He writes, *“if your picture of God is distorted, your life perspective will be skewed.”* If our focus of Christmas is on shopping for the perfect gift then we might just miss out the real reason for the season; the true gift of Immanuel: God with us.

What type of adjustments do we need to make in our own lives in order not to miss out on this true gift of Immanuel? Alan Hirsch, writing for the back cover of Mike Slaughter’s book Christmas Is Not Your Birthday says; *“Every year, we say we’re going to cut back, simplify, and have a family Christmas that focuses on the real reason for the season — Jesus. But every year, advertisements beckon, the children plead, and it seems easier just to indulge our wants and whims. Overspending, overeating, materialism, and busyness rob us of our peace and joy and rob Jesus of his rightful role as the center of our celebration.”*

This December, Charles Owusu Ansah and I will be sharing the pulpit, as together we present the sermon series CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY: Experience the Joy of Living and Giving Like Jesus. It is our hope that the series will help us make Jesus more of a central focus of our holiday festivities; that instead of stressing over



finding the perfect gift, we will find perfect delight in knowing that God has already given us the perfect gift: Jesus.

In the words of the Apostle Paul:
 “Love from the center of who you are. Don’t Fake It!” (Romans 12:9)

Tim

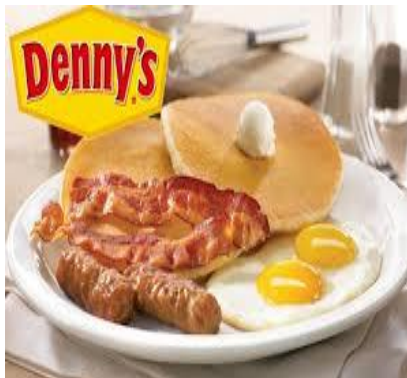
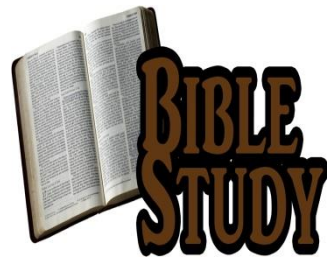
Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett



**BECOMING A WARRIOR NOT A WORRIER
 BIBLE STUDY
 BARNES & NOBLES STARBUCK’S CAFÉ AT GREENBRIER
 WEDNESDAY’S AT 1:00 PM
 (LOCATED NEXT TO THE HARRIS TEETER)**

THURSDAYS WITH TIM

Thursdays with Tim is a Bible Study that meets in the John Teter Classroom at 10 AM on Thursdays. The class is currently studying the books of the New Testament in a series called “Invitation to the New Testament.” Afterwards we usually go out to lunch at a favorite restaurant. You are welcome to join us anytime!



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 November that’s Friday, December 13th! 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 CHILDREN OF NORVIEW ELEMENTARY

This year Oaklette will again be collecting winter mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for the children of Norview Elementary. A tree has been placed in the hallway near the Choir Room for your donations. We will be collecting until Sunday, December 8th!



WORSHIP FOR OUR CURRENT TIMES

**"Come to the river where you will thirst no more."
Sundays at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall!**



MAYBERRY CHURCH

**MAYBERRY CHURCH IS ON WINTER HIATUS BEGINNING
DECEMBER 1, 2019.
IT WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020.**



DECEMBER 1, 2019

ADVENT SERMON SERIES: CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY

Experience the Joy of Living and Giving Like Jesus

Guest Preacher: Charles Osuwu Ansah

“Giving Up on Perfect”

Luke 1:26–38

DECEMBER 8, 2019

ADVENT SERMON SERIES: CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY

Experience the Joy of Living and Giving Like Jesus

“Scandalous Love”

Hosea 3:1–5

DECEMBER 15, 2019

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Max Lucado’s “One Incredible Moment”

DECEMBER 22, 2019

ADVENT SERMON SERIES: CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY

Experience the Joy of Living and Giving Like Jesus

“Jesus’ Wish List”

Matthew 25:31–45

DECEMBER 24, 2019

CHRISTMAS EVE – 5:00 PM

ADVENT SERMON SERIES: CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY

Experience the Joy of Living and Giving Like Jesus

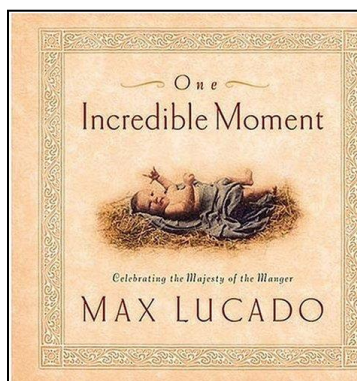
“By A Different Road”

Matthew 2:1–12

DECEMBER 29, 2019

First Sunday after Christmas


Guest Preacher: Debbie Rippard



**OAKLETTE'S CHANCEL
CHOIR PRESENTS
“One Incredible Moment”
A CHRISTMAS CANTATA BY
MAX LUCADO
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15,**



HAMPTON ROADS METRO BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018 – 6:30 – 8:30 PM
OAKLETTE FELLOWSHIP HALL
Bring a dessert to share.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS
*The Church Office will be closed at
12:30PM on Tuesday, December
24th and reopening on Thursday,
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)

Marcus Hincks - (Husband of Samantha McDonald and
Ann & Jimmy Lee's grandson-in-law)

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

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



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

Billy East

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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

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1033 Hobb Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Pat Grover

1726 Harvest Bend Ct.
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Fleda Humphries

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

Doris Doughten

Chesapeake Place
1508 Volvo Parkway
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Howard Combs

Autumn Care
Room 306
715 Argyll Street
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Evelyn Yount

4110 McNeal Avenue
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Mary Guynn

Chesapeake Place
1508 Volvo Parkway
Chesapeake, Va 23320

Lucille Payette

1408 Elder Avenue
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Joyce Richwine

2105 Johnstown Road
Chesapeake, VA 23322



Altar Flowers

December

- 1-
Len & Carole Carter
- 8-
Evelyn Yount
- 15-
Golden Girls
- 22-
Poinsettias
- 29-
Ann & Jimmy Lee



December

- 1-
Mildred Walling
- 8-
Pat Newbern
- 15-
Ann & Jimmy Lee
- 22-
Ann & Jimmy Lee
- 29-
Ann & Jimmy Lee

Please sign up for altar flowers and Food Basket. There are many, many blank lines to fill!



December Food Pantry Workers

- 2-
Paige Weifert
&
Joyce Gaston
- 9-
Ann & Jimmy Lee
- 16-
Theresa Magner
&
Peggy Johnson
- 23-
Connie & Richard
Tucker

Volunteers are needed to work the Food Pantry on Mondays. It is only for two hours per shift and usually only one shift per several months. Please contact Barbara Bennett if you are interested.

Perfect as is
 Who can add to Christmas?
 The perfect motive is that
 God so loved the world. The
 perfect gift is that he gave
 his only Son. The only
 requirement is to believe in
 him. The reward of faith is
 that you shall have
 everlasting life.

- Corrie ten Boom



December

- 1-
Arte Jones
- 8-
Jessica Weifert
- 15-
Barbara Bennett
- 22-
Jerome Dickinson
- 29-
Arte Jones



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
And
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
-13-
Jerome Perry
-14-
David Miles Jr.
-16-
Alisa Williams
-17-
Tom Henry
-18-
Walter Nebrotskie
Evelyn Yount

-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



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




COMING ATTRACTION!

Advent, which marks the beginning of the church year, is “the first gleam of Christmas,” writes W.E. Sangster. “It heralds the entrance of the Divine into human history; it is heaven descending to earth; it is a great event casting its brilliance before it.” Sangster adds: “it is as though a trumpeter had taken his stand upon the turrets of time and announced the coming of the King. ‘Get ready,’ he seems to say. ‘Get ready. He is coming!’

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“More light than we can learn, more wealth than we can treasure, more love than we can earn, more peace than we can measure, because one Child is born.”

- Author Unknown

*Kids
page*








PUZZLE

Symbols of the *season*

Many traditional decorations convey the meaning of Christmas.

Directions: Use the picture clues to the right to complete the words. Then write the boxed letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV.

shepherd's staff _ _ _ _

tree that keeps its leaves _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

shines to lead the way _ _ _ _

green for eternal life,
red for Jesus' blood _ _ _ _ &
_ _ _ _ _ _

sounds to announce
good news _ _ _ _


has no beginning or end _ _ _ _ _

Thks b to od fo is
indescba le gif!

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15, NIV

Answers: candy cane, evergreen, star, holly & berries, bell, wreath, Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV

Light the way



Make some Christmas candles to remember Jesus, the Light of the world.

What you need:

- Unlined white notecards
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Yellow tissue paper
- Mini muffin liners
- Clothespins

What you do:

1. Roll a notecard from side to side into a "candle" tube. Secure with glue.
2. Insert a piece of tissue paper "flame" in one end.
3. Glue the other end to a muffin liner. Then glue the liner to a clothespin.
4. Repeat to make many paper candles. Pin them to the branches of a Christmas tree.

Bible Quiz

Where did the child Jesus and his parents flee for safety?

1. Ethiopia
2. Syria
3. Rome
4. Egypt.

Answer on Page 11





I would like to thank everyone of Oaklette for the prayers, cards, visits, love, and acts of kindness during Bobby's illness and passing. I am blessed to be with such a loving and caring church.

Love,
Ethel Hickman



We were overwhelmed with the outpouring of love you graced us with on Pastor's Appreciation Sunday! We were blown away with the cards, gifts, and the plaque that were presented to us. Thank you all for your generosity, love, support and prayers. We have so enjoyed serving at the helm of the "U.S.S. Starship Oaklette."

Captain Tim and
Lieutenant Commander Lori Hazlett



RISE AGAINST HUNGER UPDATE

It is with great pleasure that we announce the destination of the Rise Against Hunger meals you helped package on 9/28/19. A shipping container, holding 285,120 meals has been sent to Nicaragua for our partner ORPHANetwork. If you happen to receive more than one of these announcements, your meals have gone to impact multiple partners. ORPHANetwork is an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in Nicaragua. To learn more, please visit our partner/country spotlight on the Impact Stories tab and click and drag on our World Aid Map at <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/world-aid>.



Christmas Post Office
December 1 – 24
Use our mailbox to send Christmas cards to church members
.20 each
Funds used for Apportionments
Save money on postage
***Church Members Only – We cannot deliver.**



NEST At Oaklette

January 15-21, 2020

Our 26th Year!

NEST Planning Committee

Debbie Rippard, Chairperson

Helene Haluska- Corporate Contact

Brenda Swoope- Activities

Barbara Bennett- Food

Rachel Swoope- Communications

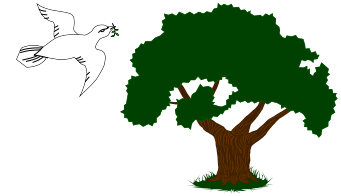
Arte Jones/Len Carter/David Rippard- Procurement

Bill Henry- Church Contact

Chris Carroll/David Rippard-Security

Answer to Bible Quiz:
D. Egypt
See Matthew 2:13

NEST At Oaklette



January 15-21, 2020

Our 26th Year!

2020 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. ½ 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!

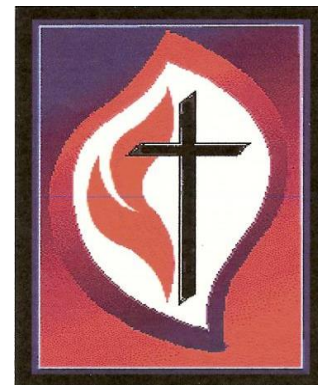
NO CLOTHING! WE DO NOT HAVE A CLOTHES CLOSET!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 AM The River 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship 2:30-7:30 PM Sisters of Mission</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10 AM Food Pantry 10:30 AM Golden Girls Circle of Love 6 PM Strategic Planning 6 PM SOTM Youth Heritage 7 PM Church Council 7 PM HRM Band</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bulletin Articles Due 6:30 PM Circle of Joy 7 PM SOTM Men's Ministry 7 PM SOTM Women's Ministry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1 PM Bible Study @ Barnes & Noble 7 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10 AM Thursday w/Tim 7 PM SOTM Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 AM The River 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship 12 PM Staff Support Team 2:30-6 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10 AM Food Pantry 6:PM SOTM Youth Heritage 7 PM HRM Band</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bulletin Articles Due Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1 PM Bible Study @ Barnes & Noble 7 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 AM Thursday w/Tim 7 PM Model "A" Club 7 PM SOTM Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 AM Breakfast @ Denny's</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1 PM – 4 PM SOTM</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 10 AM Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>OFFICE & FOOD PANTRY CLOSED</p>	<p>31</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>				

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"Oaklette United Methodist Church through worship, education, and outreach, seeks to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ real, as we minister to all people.

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