

A background image of a Nativity scene, showing Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger, surrounded by shepherds and angels. The image is overlaid with a teal color filter. The text "GLIMPSES OF THE MANGER" is written in large, bold, white capital letters with a black outline, centered over the image.

GLIMPSES OF THE MANGER

CHAPEL BULLETIN • NOVEMBER 30, 2014
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Order of Worship • November 30, 2014

Hymn 556: *Now Think We All Our God* – Travis Simone, *Lead Pastor*

Welcome and Prayer

Child Dedication: Rich Sylvester, *Associate Pastor*

- 9 a.m. Stratten Ruth Smith (Hawley and Jessica)
Kimber Regan and Colt Jackson Freeman (Tyler and Meghan)
11 a.m. Tyra Lee, Noah, and Raylan Bruce (Ryan and Sarah)
Sean Andrew Ryan (Sean and Helen)

First Sunday of Advent

Reading of Luke 1:5-17 – Roman Alis

Lighting of the Angel Candle:

9 a.m. The Jacobs Family

11 a.m. The Chen Family

Hymn 124: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Choral Offertory: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Service of Baptism

9 a.m. George Michael Candler, Kyle Lung

11 a.m. Shannon Elizabeth Lewes, DeAndre Houston-Carson

Celebration and Worship:

Blessed Be Your Name

In Christ Alone

Morning Message: Travis Simone, *Lead Pastor*

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-20 (p. 13)

The Gracious Presence of God

Benediction

MUSICIANS

Leader/Bass Guitar

Glenn Lavender

Vocals

Janelle Nice

Joy Martin

Piano/Vocals

Jen Smethurst

Acoustic Guitar/Vocals

Tommy Vereb

Electric Guitar

Doug DeBerry

Drums

Scott Gemmell-Davis

CHORAL DIRECTOR

Ted Cornell

*You are invited to come
to the front for prayer
following each service.*

FLOWERS:

The flowers in the Worship Room today are given in memory of Toby Sowers by his wife, Jan.

GLIMPSES OF THE MANGER

In Scripture we see that part of God's nature is that He is self-disclosing or self-revealing. God longs not only to know His creation but for His creation to know Him. Advent anticipates and celebrates God's full self-revelation in Jesus. Throughout Scripture, God reveals glimpses of His character in order to prepare people for the full revelation in Jesus. Biblical scholars use the word "theophany" to describe times when God appears and reveals a piece of His character. When broken down, this Greek word simply means "God appearance" (theos = God, phanos = appear). In each appearance we should pay special attention to what we can learn about God's presence with us. By walking chronologically through occasions of God appearing prior to that first Christmas, our hope is to experience the same anticipation the Israelites experienced waiting for their Messiah. They had caught glimpses of God but were waiting for God to finally reveal ALL of Himself in the Messiah. We know the Messiah did come, and God was fully revealed at Christmas.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Biblical Study of the Blood Covenant
Sundays, 10:45–Noon, Room 120

An understanding of blood covenants will open our eyes to some things hidden in God's Word. It will lead to a better understanding of our relationship with God and should lead to a renewed or increased confidence to live in God's Spirit.



MEET AND GREET

Next Sunday, Dec. 7
after both services, Room 118

Are you new to the Chapel? Are you looking to get connected at the Chapel? Please join us for refreshments on the first Sunday of every month after each service. Staff and leaders would love to meet you and help you learn more about us.



STUDENT MINISTRIES PARENT ROUND TABLE

Next Sunday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m.

Student Ministries Lounge. Topic: *Dating*
Resources will be available at each round table to facilitate our discussion. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Held on the first Sunday of every month. Contact: *Alexis Kincaid, Director of Student Ministries, 941-1241*

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



ANGEL TREE TO BENEFIT GROVE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

Sundays, Nov. 23, and 30

Stop by the Christmas tree in the East Foyer or in Kids' Crossing and reach children in our community who would not otherwise receive a Christmas gift.



WINTER HOMELESS SHELTER

Dec. 22-23, Jan. 4-11

Sign up now to volunteer as we offer hospitality at the Chapel to people who are homeless in the greater Williamsburg area. Register online: wcchapel.org/cofm

Sing
WE NOW OF
Christmas

Christmas Concerts
Dec. 11-14, 2014

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you would like to serve at one of the concerts, contact: *Elizabeth Duncan*,
941-1570, eduncan@wcchapel.org

BUS MINISTRY

The Bus Ministry serves our congregation by providing shuttle service on Sunday mornings as well as meeting Ministries' requests for long haul transportation. If you are interested in joining the Bus Ministry Team, please contact: *Jay Holden*,



941-1561, jholden@wcchapel.org

YOUNG @ HEART

LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Dec. 10, Noon-2 p.m.

Woodward Hall, Cost: \$9 (*Enter through West 2 Door*). Speaker: Martha Karam, *Young@Heart? A Perspective From Two Old Souls, the Perceptive of the Lives of Anna and Simeon from the Christmas Story*. Christmas Music: Trish Perry. Contact: *Bridget Brumfield*, 258-3879 or register online: wcchapel.org/registration

LOST AND FOUND

There are many items in the Chapel Lost and Found which will be donated if not claimed by Dec 7. If you have lost an item, please speak to an usher at the Main Worship Room doors.



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- ☐ First-time Guest ☐ Returning Guest
- ☐ Regular Attendee
- ☐ Please update my information
- ☐ Please send me the weekly Chapel email

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

EMAIL

PHONE

AGE CATEGORY: ☐ 18-22 ☐ 23-30 ☐ 31-40
☐ 41-50 ☐ 51-60 ☐ 61-70 ☐ 71+

STAGE OF LIFE: ☐ *Single* ☐ *Married*
☐ *Single Parent* ☐ *Widowed* ☐ *Military*

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

- ☐ A relationship with Jesus
- ☐ Monthly Meet and Greet
- ☐ Baptism
- ☐ Small Groups
- ☐ Serving
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Other: _____

Prayer Request

To submit a written request, please place this form in the offering plate or the prayer boxes at the exits. You may also submit your prayer requests by contacting: *prayer@wcchapel.org*, 229-7152.

NAME

EMAIL/PHONE

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

2014

Offerings Received to Date as of Nov. 23	\$ 3,252,318
Expenses to Date	<u>\$ (3,466,000)</u>
Offerings Needed as of Nov. 23	<u>\$ (213,682)</u>
Estimated Remaining Expenses through Dec. 31	<u>\$ (360,000)</u>
Offerings Needed to Meet 2014 Expenses by Dec. 31	<u>\$ (573,682)</u>

NOTE: *All Giving* – Please make checks payable to Williamsburg Community Chapel. Please use the memo area of your check to indicate designations. All undesignated checks are credited to the General Fund. Contact: *Tina Harrell, Finance Services Team Leader, 941-1567, tharrell@wcchapel.org*



ONLINE GIVING

Give one-time gifts or set up recurring gifts online: [*wcchapel.org/giving*](http://wcchapel.org/giving)

To find Sunday media, calendar and registrations, community groups, info on pastors and staff, or to sign up for our weekly email, visit:

[**wcchapel.org**](http://wcchapel.org)

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order a poinsettia for the Worship Room this Christmas season in honor or in memory of a loved one. Order online today at [*wcchapel.org/registration*](http://wcchapel.org/registration). Cost: \$15. A list of those honored or remembered will be included in the Dec. 21 bulletin if purchased by Dec. 14 at 1 p.m.