



# Heartbeat

The Church With The Warm Heart

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

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## MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER

### Children's Christmas Benefit

For the past few years Aldersgate has shared the gift of Christmas with underprivileged children in our area by shopping for them and providing a food box to their families. We will be continuing this tradition this year as our December Mission of the Month. Please prayerfully consider contributing by donating funds for this worthy cause. Just write Christmas benefit or in the memo line of your check or on the pew envelopes and place in the offering. We will be accepting funds all the month of December to cover the cost of this ministry. Please help share the love of Christ and magic of Christmas with these children. We will receive lists of clothing items and etc and form teams to go shopping at a local discount store on Saturday morning Dec. 10. We will also need volunteers to help organize the food boxes, shop on the 10<sup>th</sup>, and help deliver the packages. Sign up lists to help will be made available in the narthex and outside the fellowship hall next Sunday. Also, you can volunteer by emailing Nita Young at [nitasams@gmail.com](mailto:nitasams@gmail.com) or David Ezell at [ddezell@knology.net](mailto:ddezell@knology.net).

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### Hope Place

#### With "Hope and Help in Crisis"

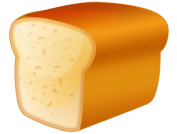
In January of 1999, HOPE Place and HELpline, two agencies synonymous with crisis prevention and intervention, joined forces to create **Crisis Services of North Alabama, Inc. (CSNA)**, an even stronger multi-service agency for individuals and families in crisis. CSNA is comprised of seven major programs, each of which has specific goals and objectives within the framework of the parent agency.

The **HOPE Place Shelter Program** presently consists of the main shelter in Madison County and a satellite shelter in Morgan County. HOPE Place provides safe, confidential emergency shelter to adult and child victims of domestic violence. Comprehensive services are provided to victims both in and out-of-shelter. The program includes a 24-hour crisis line; court advocacy services; counseling for adult and child victims; case management services; information and education; and instruction on health and safety issues, legal rights and employment interviewing. Contact Jim Shivers for more information at 256-882-1715 or visit the web site at [www.csna.org](http://www.csna.org).

### Missions

Our objective through Missions is that ALL members, according to their gifts, will joyfully serve the Lord by actively participating in church sponsored community mission activities, in volunteering outside our walls, or by commitment to/involvement in global missions outreach efforts such as international mission trips, support missionaries, or direct service to international agencies. "Join us in an ongoing mission to Serve and Share Jesus!" Please check out our website [www.aldersgate.ws/missions](http://www.aldersgate.ws/missions) for our missions of the month.

## Bread Sunday December 4



Please bring loaves of bread to the church next Sunday, December 4, and they will be taken to the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. This is something we do on the first Sunday of each month, so add that to your calendar every month.



### Advent at Aldersgate

Sunday Mornings in Advent  
**Traditional**, 8:30 & 11:00 am  
**Bread**, 9:45 & 11:05 am  
**Aldersgate on the Parkway**,  
 11:05 am  
 beginning November 27

**"The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem"**  
 message series by Adam Hamilton

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion**

Saturday, December 24  
 5:30 pm- sanctuary  
 8:00 pm- fellowship hall  
 11:00 pm-sanctuary

### **Christmas Day, Sunday**

December 25, COMBINED WORSHIP, 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary at Bailey Cove

### **New Years Day, Sunday**

January 1, COMBINED WORSHIP, 10:00 AM at Aldersgate on the Parkway



### **Winter Semester for Adult Small Groups**

Lydia Locke, Director of Discipleship and Family Ministries

The winter semester of classes will kick off mid-January. In December you will have the opportunity to sign up for your winter small group. New classes are being formed with opportunities for you to grow in your relationship with Christ. If there is a particular study/series you would like to see the church offer, contact Lydia.locke@aldersgate.ws.

### **Children's Ministry needs your help**

We have been celebrating offering "Kids Worship" for over a year now! Children are excited to have a place where it is age appropriate and parents are blessed by peace during worship. For this ministry to continue we must have 2 adults every Sunday. Lydia Locke leads the 11:00/11:05 time at Bailey Cove and Rachel Sparkman at Aldersgate on the Parkway. Without people volunteering once a month or every 6 weeks, we will not be able to continue this vital ministry. You can go to [www.Aldersgate.ws](http://www.Aldersgate.ws) children's ministry page to sign up. Please help us keep this vital ministry to God's children.

### **The Journey to Bethlehem Small Groups**

It's not too late to join a Journey to Bethlehem small group! During the Sunday School hour you can join the Unity, Wesley, Agape, or Fishers Net class as they watch the DVD and discuss the book. Our Life Together groups will also be using this study.



### **Neighborhood Caroling and Happy Birthday Jesus**

Sunday, Dec. 18

6:00 Meet in Fellowship Hall (dress warm)

Following caroling we will have hot chocolate and birthday cake

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### **Children's Ministry**

Lydia Locke and Rachel Sparkman

### **The Journey to Bethlehem for Children**

Sunday mornings 9:45 – 10:45

Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grades rooms 5-7

We are having a great time with hands on learning each week. When you come in there are lots of choices of activities. We gather for large teaching time and then follow up activities. Everyone is enjoying the choices, don't miss out!

### **Kids Worship 11:00 Bailey Cove and 11:05 Aldersgate on the Parkway**

Christmas Wonderland

We are continuing to learn many valuable lessons as we prepare for Christmas. Children have learned about being encouragers, obedient to those who follow Jesus and much more! This great DVD based curriculum is a great way to learn about our Saviors birth.

Sunday, Dec. 11  
2-5 Aldersgate on the Parkway  
Cost \$5

Bring your kids for an afternoon of skating, lots of Christmas crafts, Christmas movies, and snacks! Invite all your neighbors for this fun afternoon. You are welcome to stay or drop kids and finish up your shopping. Adult and youth helpers are needed: contact Lydia Locke or Rachel Sparkman.

### Live Nativity Scene

Sunday, December 18  
5-6 pm outside near Bailey Cove Road  
One shift only!! All 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders sign up quick!!

### Neighborhood Caroling

Sunday, December 19  
6 pm head out caroling  
After caroling join everyone in the fellowship hall for Happy Birthday Jesus cake and hot chocolate.

### Sunday, December 25 and January 1

NO Sunday School or Kids Worship

### January 8 starts a new Rotation in Children's Sunday School

#### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**December 1**  
Tripp Morson III  
**December 2**  
Fran Cornelison  
Lori Wheeler  
**December 3**  
Dale Quattrochi  
Julie Barnett  
Anne Martin  
Nathan Cornell  
Courtney Lee  
**December 4**  
Pat White  
Katie Roberts  
**December 5**  
Sallie Brandon  
Mike James  
Donna Edwards  
Brian Neighbors  
Ian Emerson  
**December 6**  
Joey Hough  
Stephen Cutten  
**December 7**  
Peggy Hearn  
Jimmy Edwards  
Roy Werber  
Stacy West  
David Whitmore  
Sarah Whitmore  
Becca Henderson  
**December 8**  
Bob Davidson  
Debra Beard  
Amy Lee  
Katie Pettit  
Tyler Weinland  
**December 9**  
Holly Puckett

Julia Keller  
Adam Wofford  
**December 10**  
Esteban Fabre  
**December 11**  
Lorrie Vice  
**December 12**  
Kayscie Rousseau  
Jessica Broach  
**December 13**  
Timothy Grover  
**December 14**  
Monica Smith  
Jim Edwards  
Pete Black  
**December 15**  
Jean Glenn  
Hoyt Looney  
Ellen Brady  
Kay Crook  
William Makowski  
**December 16**  
Margaret Pelham  
Addison Schmitz  
**December 18**  
Kenneth Shaver  
Kellie Shorter  
Leigh Ann Marcum  
**December 19**  
Laurel Kennamer  
Al Young III  
Timothy Hoekenschnieder  
**December 20**  
Maryjon Moore  
**December 21**  
Art Zimmerman  
Cassy Patty  
Steven Mayes

Ben Gibbons  
Stephanie Lowe  
Allegra Allen  
Brandon Rousseau  
**December 22**  
Bill Carter  
Carla Makowski  
**December 23**  
Kathleen Sobai  
Tabetha McCormick  
**December 24**  
Molly Grisham  
Dee Dee Roberts  
**December 25**  
Lexi Lowe  
Jesus  
**December 26**  
Carol Bullock  
**December 27**  
Flora Sawyer  
Lynn Dowling  
Steven Smith  
**December 28**  
Carolyn Wright  
Rod Moss  
**December 29**  
Ann Oakes  
Tim Callins  
Brett Smith  
Lynn Henderson  
**December 30**  
Shirley Babine  
Bob Smith  
Debbie Morton  
Kelly Murph  
Autumn Rose  
Tabby Wells  
**December 31**  
Russell Perry

### Operation Christmas Child

What a WONDERFUL, warm-hearted response from Aldersgate this year!! Did you happen to see the stack of shoeboxes by the kitchen on November 20th??? Some were SO FULL, we were even able to make extras!!! And well over \$300 was also collected that day to help Samaritan's Purse with shipping costs, PLUS several made donations during the offerings these last few weeks. THANK YOU just doesn't say enough!!! We delivered 116 Christmas shoeboxes to Latham Sunday afternoon, with the help of Mike and Dee James, Molly Grisham, and Jim DeLary. Think about how many children, and how many families, will be impacted for the kingdom by the love and Gospel materials they receive with that shoebox! God is amazing, and is doing GREAT things through the simple gift of a shoebox. Thank you all so VERY much for your generosity, and may your Christmas be the merriest yet!!!

Sue DeLary, Missions



Here are two stories from children who received these precious gifts. From a boy in Pakistan: "I have started reading the Bible daily, in the morning and the evening. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to give my life to Jesus Christ. I am also thankful to receive such wonderful gifts like a lunch box and a toothbrush in my shoebox." And from a girl in Paraguay: "My name is Fiorella. I'm very thankful for the box with gifts you sent us and also for the chance to learn that Jesus loves me. My Mom passed away and I live with my grandma and sister. I'm thankful to God because He always takes care of us. Although we're very poor, He always protects us and supplies what we need. Learning more about Him encouraged me to keep going and not to worry about the things I don't have. I only need to trust myself in His hands. Thank you for the Bible lessons that are so easy to learn and that help me know more about Jesus."

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1	Sherry Bradford Rachel Weinland Keely Newman	12	RoxAnne Henderson Robbin McCord Jared Bickley	22	Curtis Comer Mignon Watson Chris Scott Brad Jennings
2	Frances Carlton	13	Virginia Lavin Jo Miller	23	Jim King Susan Westendorf Amber Askew
3	Dillard McBride Ashlynn Goodloe	14	Klare Jamison Cathy Hoekenschieder	24	Alice Bunnell Melanie G. Smith Christopher Neese
4	Billy Cobb Linda Edwards Wesley Hilton Kevin Poorman	15	Alan Markell	25	Dennis Cornelison Sam Wofford
5	Shirley Cook Lynda Broach Dave Vice Matthew McCollum Kristopher Poorman	16	Bill Harp Rita Friday Dottie Markell Robert Haack Tamara Hubbert	26	Brad Henrikson Howard Horne Becky Davis Ashley Chynoweth
6	Dale Hutson Ann Masters Rachel Rawls	17	Margaret Keen Lynn Rudow Nadia Fabre Parker Anderson	27	Tom Bruce Mike Wesley Anita Fowler Lori Hatcher Barbie Wells Noel Staton
7	Kay Carroll Cathy Bickley Will Gilmer Mckenna Firman	18	Justin Plott Linda Small Debra Hurt Jessica Haack	28	Mike Bundy Shari Yost Eric Clark Presley Dickson Andrew Mahan
8	Ralph Klar Amanda James Heather Jeziorski	19	Bud Brandon Ann Parent	29	Charles Horne Cassie Shaw
9	TJ Zimmerman Adam Jeter Megan McCauley	20	Samuel Grover Penny Smith Jason Weaver	30	Betty Fisher Morgan Fowler Russell Hyde
10	Audrey Rogers Wesley Rogers Christina Fowler Maria Werber	21	Jewel Kephart Susan Schlessel Reese Pentecost	31	Ashley Inman
11	Jackie Zimmerman				

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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 Traditional Worship 8:30 and 11:00 AM  
 Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM and 11:05 AM  
 Aldersgate on the Parkway 11:05  
 Sunday School 9:45 AM  
 Office Hours:  
 Mon - Thurs 8:30 to 3:30  
 Pastor - Todd Henderson  
 Pastor - Todd Owen  
 Pastor - Pat Mahan  
 Pianist/Organist - Rebecca Bundy  
 Director of Music/Organist - Michael Gimenez  
 Contemporary Worship Leader - Dennis Cornelison  
 Director of Youth - Chris Jones  
 Director of Discipleship & Family - Lydia Locke  
 Asst. Discipleship & Family Minister - Rachel Sparkman  
 Office Manager - Marcia Moss  
 Financial Manager - Wendy Sampson  
 Facilities Manager - Joey Hough