

Blessed is the Lord  
God of Israel,  
For He has visited and redeemed  
His people,  
And has raised up a horn of  
salvation for us  
In the house of His servant David,

*Luke 1:68–69*

December 8, 2013



## THE LORD'S DAY

December 8, 2013

### WORSHIP SERVICE

*Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.*

#### PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Luke 1:68-74

#### ADORATION

†*Joy to the World*

Hymn **194**

ANTIOCH

#### †CONGREGATIONAL READING

*The congregation will read text in italics.*

Psalm 98:1-3

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!  
For He has done marvelous things;

*His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.*

<sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known His salvation;  
His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>*He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

#### †*Doxology*

OLD ONE HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Hymn **229**

VENI EMMANUEL

#### THANKSGIVING

*My Heart, Your Bethlehem*

Vocal Solo, Kaitlynn Tompkins

#### PETITION

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

#### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-56

†*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

Hymn **155**

WONDERFUL GRACE

#### THE SERMON

Behold the Babe: The Eyewitnesses of Christmas

Luke 1 & 2

†*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Hymn 162  
CRUSADER'S HYMN

† **PRAYER & BENECTION**

† *Congregation will stand (if able)*



Choir Practice, 5:00 PM

Evening Prayer Service, 6:00 PM

*Next Lord's Day*

Christmas Worship Service, 10:30  
(No Sunday School)

Annual Christmas Gathering, 5:00  
Kanuga Conference Center



**BEHOLD THE BABE: THE EYEWITNESSES OF CHRISTMAS**  
PART 1, ZECHARIAH, FROM LUKE 1  
Pastor Greg Stiekes

Luke bases his Gospel on eyewitness testimony—the witness of those who saw and heard and knew Jesus as he lived and ministered among his people (Luke 1:2). Though Mary is likely the primary eyewitness in chapters 1 and 2, Luke also includes other witnesses: Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph, the shepherds, Simeon, and Anna. As we give careful attention to their stories, we too behold the coming of the Christ child, and rejoice with them at the wonder of God's great salvation.

To *Zechariah*, the promise of Christ's coming demonstrates several qualities of our God (Luke 1:68–79):

1. God is faithful.

2. God saves.

3. God loves.



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*Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,  
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.  
Fellowship Dinner 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month & no evening service.  
Wednesday Evenings: Awana, visitation, fellowship groups  
Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.*

**To Our Guests:** We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a *guest card* which you may give to Pastor Stiekes personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS*

**WEDNESDAY**—6:45 PM, AWANA; Adult Bible Study, 7:00; Teen Discipleship Group at the St. Jacques, 7:00.

**DATES TO WATCH (Note changes from church calendar)**

December 15—Christmas Worship Service, 10:30

**(No Sunday School)**

5:00—Christmas Gathering at the Johnson Fireplace Room at Kanuga Camp and Conference Center

**GIFT BASKETS**—Deadline to contribute items for gift baskets to be distributed for Christmas to families and seniors is Dec. 15.

Monday, Dec. 16 Will be the assembly of the Christmas baskets 1:00 here at the church.

	Dec 1	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$3,351	\$3,712	\$185,176	\$178,154
Missions			\$2,714	
Deacons Fund	436		\$6916	
Building Fund	75		\$7,275	\$30,215

**KIDS4TRUTH Q&A AND MEMORY VERSE FOR NEXT WEEK**  
Review of verses.