December 21, 2025 8:45 AM Traditional Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship Gloria Choir

Greeting

Songs

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

The Birthday of a King

No. 94

No. 96

No. 102

Receive Tithes and Offering

How Great Our Joy, arr. McDonald - Rena Myers

Sermon Pastor Jon Reed "Hustle and Bustle or Go, Go, Go!" Luke 2:8-20

Invitation

All That Thrills My Soul

No. 429

Benediction/Postlude

11:00 AM Livestream and In-Person Worship Service

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Songs

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be) Adore

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Song

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Communication Column

"Joy, Unspeakable Joy" the choir sang this past Sunday night and it was a tremendous reminder of the message of Christmas, Emmanuel is born! God is with us! So, we should have joy, unspeakable joy. Many of the characters of Christmas were filled up with joy when they met Jesus. Mary sang a song of rejoicing, the angel announced the birth to the shepherds by saying it is "good news of great joy", those shepherds then went and found Jesus and left the manger rejoicing. The same thing can be said of the wise men, as well as the other lessor known people in the first Christmas story. Simeon rejoiced when he held the baby Jesus and he said basically that seeing Jesus made his life fulfilled. Anna who lived in the temple was filled up with rejoicing and she gave thanks to God for Jesus. Almost everyone who encountered Jesus in the Christmas story was filled up with joy.

The reality is however that not all of those stories took place at Christmas. Mary's song was before Christmas, the wise men's visit was at least a year and a half after Jesus was born, and Simeon and Anna didn't encounter baby Jesus until around 8 days after He was born. Why is that important? Because it shows that Jesus doesn't just cause joy at Christmas time, no He gives us joy each and every day regardless of the circumstances of the day. The wise men had to be exhausted, yet they found joy. Mary was bewildered and confused yet because of Jesus she had joy. Anna had lived a difficult life but because of Jesus she had joy. Simeon was old and nearing the end of his life yet he had joy because of Jesus. Jesus brings joy! Yes at Christmas time but beyond Christmas as well. He is Emmanuel, God is with us and thankfully He doesn't leave us when Christmas is over and the decorations are put away and the presents forgotten about. Instead, He is always there, promising to never leave us or forsake us. His presence is always with us and the Word says, "in His presence there is fullness of jov."

We typically don't think of John's Gospel as being a part of the Christmas story, but John 1 does talk about His coming to earth. It says "In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. That light (Jesus) shines in the darkness. He is life and He is light! He brings joy because He makes us truly alive and gives us the promise of eternal life and He brings joy because He shines on our paths and shows us the way to go and how to live. May we be known as people of joy, not just as Christmas and not just when life is good but all of the time because of the presence of God and the love of Jesus Christ!

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Jon

Nursery Helpers Today:



10 AM – Lori Eldridge, Haylee Johnson 11 AM – Ashley & Haylee Johnson

Upcoming Student Events

Sunday School (For All Ages) 10 AM.

<u>Candlelight Christmas Eve Service</u> Wednesday, December 24th in the Sanctuary - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31st- No Youth and Children Meetings

Youth Winter Retreat February 6th-8th for youth 6th-12th grade. We will be staying in cabins in Wears Valley (Sevierville, TN). The cost is \$60 per youth. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 21st. There will be bible studies, food, fellowship, and we will be going to Winter Jam. There are packets of information with more details. There will be a parent/youth meeting for those going on the trip after Youth on Wednesday Night January 21st.

Upcoming Summer Events for Children and Youth

May 31st - June 4: Vacation Bible School

June 22nd**-27**th: World Changers, Boone, NC for Youth (6th - 12th grade).

July 6th -10th: Centrikid Camp, Tusculum University, for children (2nd-5th grade).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Calendar Week of December 21, 2025

Sunday 8:45 AM Traditional Worship Service

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Live Stream or any time after *Go to*

www.tusculumbaptist.org)

Tuesday 8:00 AM Men's Coffee

Wednesday 5:30 PM Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

Thursday Merry Christmas

Prayer for God's Leading at TBC

Yes! Our prayer gathering is continuing Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the library (after the 1st Worship service and before SS starts). The 12:15 PM location is in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 AM worship service ends. Everyone is invited to join in as we gather to pray focused on God's leading in His Church at TBC.

Women on Mission (WOM):

Each Christmas season Southern Baptists focus on International Missions. Please continue to pray for International Missions, we will collect for the Lotte Moon Christmas offering through Epiphany Sunday, January 4, 2026. Prayer guides and giving envelopes are on the front and back tables in the sanctuary. The church goal for the offering is \$3,000; we have received \$831 to date.

Our next gathering will be January 12, 2026, at 11:30 AM. We will be planning for 2026. All men and women are invited to join us.

Wavs to Get Connected!

If you are a first-time visitor, please fill out a communication card (in back of pews or on clipboard in overflow) and place it in the offering plate.

Facebook: Tusculum Baptist Church Instagram: tusculumbaptist

Website/Prayer Requests: www.tusculumbaptist.org

Email: office@tusculumbaptist.org



Sign up for TBC Alerts

Text "updates" to 833-230-9468 or scan the QR code and send the prompted message.

Men's Coffee Fellowship Tuesday, 8:00 AM at Chick-Fil-A.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24th 5:30 PM.

Year-End Receipt processing reminder For 2025 Budget year-end processing, please turn in all receipts to the church office by noon, Tuesday, December 23rd.

<u>Year-End Giving</u> In order to get credit for 2025 giving, please have your cash/check donations to the church by noon on Monday, December 29th and for Tithe.ly donations please have them done online by Friday, December 26th to allow for the donations to be processed and deposited.

New Year's Eve No Wednesday services on December 31st.

<u>Women's Coffee & Conversation</u> Resumes Tuesday, January 6th at 10:30 AM at Starbucks inside Ingles. Contact Lisa Mullins with any questions.

Nursery Ministry Volunteers The nursery is a wonderful benefit to our members and visitors. With our growth in numbers and need, we need to be able to staff the nursery for our weekly services. As you can imagine this requires many volunteers. If anyone would be able to serve one hour a month of their time to care for our littles, please reach out to Ashley Jonson or contact the church office at 423-638-8361 or email office@tusculumbaptist.org.

Online Giving In case you didn't know, we offer online giving through Tithe.ly. You can scan the QR code that takes you directly to our Tithe.ly page, or you can go to our website www.tusculumbaptist.org and click on GIVE button at the top right.



Thank you TBC for recognizing the staff last week. Your love and support is greatly appreciated!

Merry Christmas from TBC Staff

Offerings December 14, 2025:

Offerings Needed - \$5,766.03 Offerings Received - \$5,550.00 Weekly Average Offerings - \$5,965.94

DEACON'S FOR 2025

Craig Ogle – Chairman
David Mullins, Garrett Hensley – Co-Vice Chairmen
Zach Dyer Ed Kotynski Jacob Wright



Love. Grow. Serve.

December is a month of awe and wonder because of Christmas. Let us have that same spirit within us as we gather to worship the Savior who was born to us. He is Christ the Lord.

Church Staff

Jon Reed, Pastor Justin Carson, Minister of Students Susie Bennett, Ministry Assistant

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