# December 19, 2021

Deacon of the Week: Sandra Rountree 252-357-2805

Welcome to Warwick! We are so glad you are here today. We are committed to growing Christ-centered families through outreach, in-depth Bible teaching, and friendly fellowship. Please feel free to speak with someone near you or visit our website at <a href="https://www.warwickbaptistnc.com">www.warwickbaptistnc.com</a>, in order to learn more about us and what the Lord is doing here. Please know that you are welcome here with us!

Call to Worship	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
Invocation, Welcome	Pastor Kip Vinson
Announcements	Pastor Kip Vinson
Time of Prayer	Pastor Kip Vinson

Hymn #111 "Sing We Now of Christmas"

Tithes & Offerings

Special Music Choir

Children's Devotion Kristen Ward

Today's Message "Why Them?"

Luke 2:25-38 Pastor Kip Vinson

Hymn #107 "Oh, Come, Little Children"

Benediction Sandra Rountree

The children will go out for Children's Church w/Kristen Ward after Children's Devotion.



The Lottie Moon Special Offering envelopes are available for your use through the month of December.





## Stewardship Last Week:

	12/12/2021				
Sunday School	31	Tithes/Offering	\$ 2,	,888	•••
Morning Worship	62	Lottie Moon			
		Christmas Offering	\$	228	
		To Date Total	\$	338	

# Praying:

Church Family Prayer Focus			
Henry White	Ervin Copeland		
Vandy Parks	Christine White		
Wadell Harrell	Ruby Blanchard		
Frank & Celia Hollowell	Doris Blanchard		
Carolyn Copeland	D.H. Berryman		
Hazel Bass	T.E. & Barbara Perry		
Joey Winslow	Roger & Mae Spivey		
Edla Harrell	Oley Moore		
Roxie Blanchard	Bud Perry		
Pearl Berryman	Fred Winslow		
Joe White	Faye Blanchard		

#### **Prayer & Encouragement – Relatives & Friends** (To include a name, please contact the church office.) Victims of COVID-19 Zenovah Guthrie Family - Edla's sister Brandi Horton Jessica Ruiz - Frank & Celia's grdaughter Merrill Lamb – Joyce Lassiter's brother-in-law Jayden Ruiz - Frank & Celia's gr-grandson Charlie & Pat Ullom Leslie Russell Jordan Family - Donna Spivey's father Adelaide L. Hendrix Family - Mrs. Clemma's & Marlene's sister Jacob Ullom Joyce R. Layden Family – Mrs. Clemma's & Marlene's sister-in-law Selena Roman - Clifton Hugo's daughter Lee Hollowell Philip & Jacque White Keith Harrell Jenny White Linda Privott **Lindsey Styons** Frank Chappell – Joann Lassiter's brother-in-law - stroke Chris Belch - cancer Katherine Copeland – hip surgery David Sawyer - stroke Chase Bateman Family Tiny Andrews - cancer Doug Bryant - Pastor Kip's sister's father-in-law Dan and Ann Ward Jerry Peele Sue Marriner-Robert & Carla Potts' friend Country, State, World Ursula Stell

### **Prayer for Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week**

Dec 20 – Lilly Hale Frank Hollowell Mike & Rachel WestDec 21 – Chris & Jill Robertson Dec 22 – Ryan Phthisic

**Dec 23** – Jill H. Robertson **Dec 25** – Donna Spivey Kristen Ward

# Serving: December Ministry Teams

Usher Ministry	Counting Ministry M		Media Center
Allen Harrell	Roxie Blanch	ard	
Riddick White	David Boyce		N/A
Warren White	Joyce Lassiter		
	Betty Lou Wl	nite	
Children's Devotion & Church	Deacon Ministry Team		
<b>Dec</b> 5 – Florence W./Donna B.	2022	2023	2024
12 – Donna B./Rachel W.	David Boyce	Dennis Chappell	Todd Hargett
19 – Kristen W/Kristen W	Donald Forehand	Lynn Hobbs	Sandra Rountree
26 – Pastor Kip/Donna B.	Allen Harrell	Jimmy Ward	Jason Ward

## North American Mission Board Weekly Prayer Calendar 2021

#### Week of December 19:

Please pray this week for Susan Ridings. Susan is Chaplain at Marketplace Chaplains in Canton, Georgia.

"Pray that I would be faithful to my calling. Ask God to create opportunities to witness in a way that is relevant. Ask God to provide a strong Christian friend to come alongside me."

### Twin Cities, MN:

#### Statistics:

- > 3,427,280 people live in the Twin Cities
- > 76% of the population is estimated as lost
- ➤ 1 SBC church for every 49,671 Twin Cities residents

"Pray that our churches and their members will have a renewed sense of rootedness in the Twin Cities, along with a fresh commitment to seek the good of their communities. Pray our planters and pastors will renew their commitment to faithfully preach the Word of God and make disciples of Jesus from all nations. Pray our churches will continue to raise up leaders within their congregations to plant more faithful churches in the Twin Cities metro. Pray God will do more in and through our churches than we could ask or imagine."

--- Jonathan Parnell, Twin Cities Send City Missionary For more info, please go to <a href="mailto:namb.net/TwinCities">namb.net/TwinCities</a>.

### "Pray for the Persecuted Church"

Sunday - Gracious Lord, we thank You for the measure of freedom we have to worship You. We ask You to encourage our brothers and sisters living in countries where following You publicly is discouraged, even forbidden. Please enable them to testify faithfully by word and life to those who feel trapped in a religious culture that they have inherited and is not of their choosing.

Monday - There is much controversy and debate in Egypt about the national ID cards which, since 1956, have shown the religion of the individual. Some public figures are calling for this information to be removed from the cards, but the suggestion is opposed by certain hardline Muslims. Removing the information on religion would be a great help to Egyptian Christians, reducing the amount of discrimination they face, and would also make life much easier for converts from Islam to Christianity.

Tuesday - Another 76 church licenses were issued in Egypt on 25 July. This twentieth batch of licenses means that 1,958 licenses have been granted out of the 3,730 applications sent in after Ottoman-era restrictions on church buildings were repealed in 2016. It is a legal requirement for churches to have these licenses but until the law changed it was very difficult to obtain them, so churches were forced to operate illegally. Thank the Lord for the progress to date and continue to pray that the remaining 1,772 applications will be processed quickly and licenses given.

Wednesday - Egypt's President al-Sisi launched a National Human Rights Strategy on 11 September, and said that freedom of belief is a God-given right. Pray that this commitment will be followed through, allowing people to choose and change their religion freely and without punishment. The president has already greatly improved the situation of the historic Christian minority in Egypt. But Christians from a Muslim background are still in grave danger from zealous Muslims and from the authorities.

Thursday - Tomorrow is the day scheduled (at the time of writing) for landmark presidential and parliamentary elections in Libya. After nine years of internal conflict, with rival authorities ruling different parts of the country, a ceasefire agreement was reached in October 2020 and a transitional Government of National Unity was established earlier this year. Pray that the twice-postponed elections will go ahead peacefully and that the newly elected leaders of Libya will usher in an age of stability, justice and freedom including religious liberty for the small Christian minority

Friday - Local officials in Qushan island, Zhejiang province, China have removed crosses from the masts of fishing boats in a targeted attack on Christians. They also erased the word "Emmanuel" where it had been painted on some of the boats and warned the Christian fishermen that their fishing permits were in jeopardy if they did not allow the removal of the Christian symbols. The boats are the personal property of the fishermen. About a third of the population of Qushan are Christians. Praise God that although their persecutors may remove the Chinese characters spelling "Emmanuel" from the boats, they cannot remove Emmanuel ("God with us") from the hearts of these faithful followers of

Saturday - As we remember and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Word who became flesh and made His dwelling among us, pray that His presence will be very real to Christians suffering today because they bear His Name. Pray also for their protection from violent attack, which often comes at this season of the year. Ask that the good news of great joy, which the angels brought to the shepherds at the first Christmas, will sustain and strengthen them, whatever their situation.

Worship Service with Pastor Kip Vinson 10:00 am Love Offering will be taken up for Pastor Kip

LAST day for Christmas Card Post Office to be open

Christmas Candy & Fruit Bags for those not here LAST Sunday

Youth Christmas Gathering 4pm **Deacons' Meeting 6pm** 

GPS Class Mtg on 'Zoom' with Wanda Lassiter 7:30 pm

Fri: Advent end:

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & The Lord's Supper 6 pm

Sat: Christmas Day

Church Office Closed on Friday, 24th and Monday, 27th

# Looking Ahead:

Dec 26: Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service with Pastor Kip Vinson 10:00 am
Called Church Conference re: 2022 Proposed Budget

31: New Year's Eve 2021

Jan 1, 2022: Happy New Year!

Jan 2: Brotherhood Breakfast 7:30 am
Sunday School **10:00 am**Worship Service with Pastor Kip Vinson **11:00 am** 

- 3: Church Office Closed for New Year's Day Holiday
- 6: No Choir Practice



A Love Offering for Pastor Kip Vinson will be taken up today, December 19th.

# Youth Christmas Gathering

The Youth will meet this afternoon, **Dec 19**<sup>th</sup> at **4pm** for their Christmas gathering! Please bring a \$5.00 gift for the Chinese Christmas Exchange. Parents, we need goodies, please!



Warwick Baptist Church will have a Called Church Conference on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> during Worship Service.

Copies of the Proposed Budget for 2022 are on the table in the front foyer of church and on the two tables in the back.

Opportunities & Announcements continued ...



The Kids' Church League season starts in early January with teams for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades for boys and girls. Any boy or girl that is interested, please contact Todd Hargett at 252.396.5566.

Please note that the Church members last Sunday voted for Sunday School to begin at 10:00 am and Worship Service at 11:00 am.

We will begin on Sunday, January 2, 2022 observing these times.

### **Church Christmas Card Post Office**

**The Christmas Card Post Office is CLOSING TODAY.** The cost is .25 for each card. Please drop your cards and money into the two separate boxes provided at the card table. Please remember to check your boxes and take home any cards you have received.

The money collected will be given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Our only request is that you use our Christmas Card post office to send Christmas cards to those people who are either able to pick up their cards from our center or can have someone pick them up for them. This ensures that the recipients receive their cards by Christmas (any cards not picked up by TODAY, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> will have to be mailed using the regular postal service and therefore will not be received until AFTER Christmas. In addition, the church will then incur additional costs with having to purchase postage for the cards).

\*\* Please remember the shut-ins of our church \*\*
with a Christmas card!





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