



A Letter From Jim

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Dear McEachern Members and Friends,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. This Sunday I will greet you with the words "Happy New Year!" I hope you will respond enthusiastically. This Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent, the beginning of the Christian Year. Advent is a season of preparation and penitence as we await the coming of Jesus Christ. There are many activities going on in our congregation to help with our preparation.

Tonight at 6:30 in the Christian Life Center we will hold an **Advent Workshop**. You will have an opportunity to make an Advent Wreath, Chrismons, a stable, and receive a nativity set. Join us, even if you cannot make the meal, for our festivities.

Christmas Traditions at McEachern: Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season on December 9th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. for a "Tour of Homes." The vans will take you throughout the community to enjoy the holiday traditions of several McEachern families. After the tour you will return to the church to have coffee and dessert. Tickets (\$15) will be available in the foyer outside the CLC. All proceeds will go toward the Kenya mission trip in April. For more information, please call Donna Goff or Tricia Traeger (770) 943-3008, extension 6044 or 5002.

Also on December 9th our children will present their Christmas Concert at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Room of our Christian Life Center.

Wednesday December 12th our youth choir will present "Angels' Watch: One Sunday in Hopeville" at 7 p.m. in the CLC Great Room. There is no cost for the program, but each family is asked to bring a new or gently used article of warm clothing for the CAMP ministry.

Guys, remember to get your money in for our Wild@Heart Men's Spiritual Retreat by December 9th. The retreat will be held at Camp Glisson in Dahlonega January 11-13th. For more information email pjhairston@comcast.net or call 770-943-3508.

Lord, we give you thanks for all the missions, ministries, and activities of our congregation. Help us never to mistake busyness for ministry. May these programs glorify you and help share the message of your great love, shown to us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

God Bless,