

SENIOR PASTOR: JONATHAN HOLST
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: RONNY HULL

WORSHIP AT WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.
- Nurseries for children 3 and under are provided.
- Nursing Mothers room available.
- Restrooms are located on the right side exit by the choir loft, down the stairs to the right and or on the left and right side of the main hallway in the new building.
- Listen to sermons on our website at <http://www.whiteoakarp.org/Sermons.html>.

WELCOME

We welcome you to worship God, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and are grateful you're visiting with us. Our hope and prayer is that the Holy Spirit will minister to you through the preaching of God's Word, the sacraments, hymns, and prayers.

If you're so inclined, please complete a contact information card located on the back of the pews. There is also a prayer request card for your requests, and they may both be placed in the offering plate.

We look forward to meeting you following the worship service!

ABOUT WHITE OAK ARP

White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church has been worshipping since 1836 and was organized as a congregation in 1848 in Coweta County. Our congregation is part of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian (ARP) denomination (arpchurch.org).

We hold to the Westminster Confession of Faith and emphasize the following:

- The Bible is the Word of God; the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
- God is the Creator and Sovereign Ruler of the universe.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only Savior from sin.
- The Holy Spirit enables us to begin and continue to live the Christian life.
- Salvation is by God's grace and is not earned but is received through faith.

WHITE OAK ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

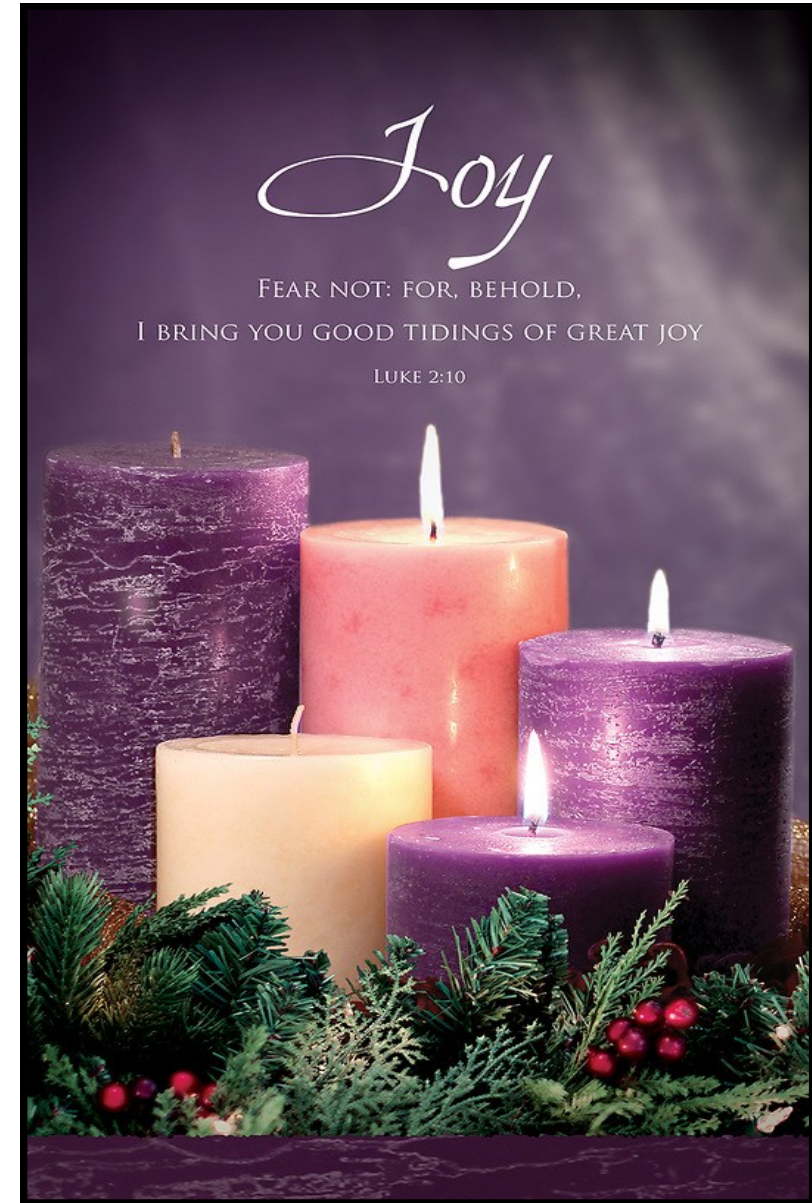
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ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



DECEMBER 14, 2025

PRELUDE	Bokhee Min Lee	
SPECIAL MUSIC	"Immanuel"	White Oak Children
MEDITATION	Isaiah 7:13-16	
"Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God as well? Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will be with child and give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel. By the time He knows enough to reject evil and choose good, He will be eating curds and honey. For before the boy knows enough to reject evil and choose good, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste."		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH		
	8:30 Service:	The Joe Roberts Family
	11:00 Service:	Haddon & Melanie Schroeder Tracy and Caleb Schroeder
+ THE CALL TO WORSHIP	Isaiah 35 Selections	
Minister:	Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return, sorrow and mourning will flee.	
People:	They will enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy;	
Minister:	Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; the lame will leap and the tongue of the mute will sing.	
All:	And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.	
+ PSALTER (PSALM 89:15-18)	Psalter No. 89C	
	"Behold How Blessed the People Are"	
+ THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)		
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		

Call to Worship is directed to the people by God through the Worship leader. It is a call to focus mind heart, and intention on the worship of God.

Music is part of worship throughout scripture. It lifts us up and expresses our joy and celebration. Each hymn connects to the parts of worship around it.

† Those who are able, please stand.

JOIN IN THE ADVENT CELEBRATION

Advent is a season of hope, peace, joy, and love. Each Sunday we mark the season by lighting the Advent Wreath, a meaningful tradition in our worship.



Families, individuals, and groups are invited to take part. There are just three more opportunities remaining - please sign up if you would like to help participate in this special moment in our service.: December 21 (both services) & December 24
Sign up today in the Lobby and claim your place in this special celebration!

REPORT FROM THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At last Sunday’s called congregational meeting, the 2026 Budget was approved, and the following men were elected as Deacons and Elders:

- Deacons:** Chris Bolton Tom Gridley Luke Tidwell Jim Wessells
- Elders:** Rob Gentry Andy Hemphill Bill Minton Tracy Schroeder

The Installation and Ordination Service for the newly elected Deacons and Elders will be held on **Sunday, January 11.**

LESSONS AND CAROLS

A SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG
THAT IS STEEPED IN BEAUTY AND
TRADITION

Sunday, December 21
6:00 p.m.

Sunday School Classes for All Ages

*Parents: Please pick-up your children from their classes by 10:40 a.m. Thank you.

Class/Ages	Teacher	Location	Topic
2 & 3 Year-Olds*	Susan Rogers Jill Fosnough	Rm. 116	God’s Love
PK/K: 4, 5, 6 Year Olds*	Sally Estes, Annette Olsen, Susan Sloan, Eileen Zito	Rm. 115	Jesus is God
1st & 2nd Grade*	Amanda Beatenbough, Lauren Hitt	Rm. 113	Pleasing God
3rd – 5th Grade*	Andy Hemphill, Jason Coffee	Rm. 112	Trusting God
Middle/High School*	Ben Clark, Ronny Hull & T. J. Sweetin	Rm. 203	“Surviving Religion 101” By Michael Kruger

Adult Classes

Topic	Teacher	Location
The Life of Moses	John & Susan Sloan	Rm. 111
Loving as Christ Loved A Study of 1 Corinthians	Pastor Jonathan Holst	Rm. 206
The Westminster Confession	Ben Clark, Ronny Hull & T. J. Sweetin	Sanctuary

Matters for Prayer

Prayer Focus: Pray that that God would give us eyes to see others as He does.

Homebound: Joy Bowers, Inge Blount, Betty Newby, Shirley Kirbow, Alma Jane Thompson

Sick/Recuperating: Bea Boswell, Dianne Conaway, Joe Black, Sam Phillips, Vickie Bray, Sue Hunter, June Bowers, Alan Egerdahl, Carolyn Dodds, Charlene McDaniel, Randy Gordy

Expectant Mothers: Melanie Schroeder

Military: T.J. Hemphill



For prayer requests, please fill out a prayer card located on the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate. Your request will be sent to a group committed to praying for your needs. Alternatively, you may email you prayer requests to Bill Minton (bminton35@yahoo.com).

- † **CONFESSION OF FAITH** Heidelberg Catechism - Questions 14, 15 & 18
- Q. 14 Can another creature—any at all— pay the debt of our sin for us?
- A. **No. To begin with, God will not punish another creature for what a human is guilty of. Besides, no mere creature can bear the weight of God’s eternal anger against sin and release others from it.**
- Q. 15 What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?
- A. **One who is truly human and truly righteous, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.**
- Q. 18 And who is this mediator— true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous?
- A. **Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given us to set us completely free and to make us right with God.**

- † **OUR RESPONSE** Gloria Patri
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.

- HYMN** “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” Hymn No. 299

- WORSHIP IN GIVING** (PLEASE PLACE PRAYER/VISITOR CARDS IN OFFERING PLATES.)

- † **DOXOLOGY**
- Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

- † **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Malachi 3:1-4

Question & answer catechisms help teach and reinforce biblical truths.

The Gloria Patri is an ancient hymn of praise to our Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It has been part of the church’s worship for centuries.

The offering is an act of thanksgiving and worship commanded by God. By giving our tithe, we demonstrate our dependence on the Lord, the maker and sustainer of all things.

From Greek *doxa*, (glory, splendor, grandeur) & *logos*, (word/speaking); short hymns of praise to God in response to His gifts to us.

The Old Testament reading usually comes from the lectionary and is designed to parallel the New Testament reading.

Sin is a pervasive part of our lives, and we must confess our sin to God and then receive the forgiveness that Christ gave the Church the authority to declare.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, what caused you to leave your throne and your kingly crown and come to earth for me? Of lowly birth, you came to earth in the greatest humility. It was your love for sinners such as me, it was my sin that took you to Calvary. Lord, I come here with your people and together we praise you for being born in that manger, and we ask that you would always forgive us our sins, and you would take us to be your redeemed people now and into eternity. It is in your name, dear Savior we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT Galatians 4:4-7

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

+ NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke: 3:1-14

SERMON “Preparing for Christ’s Coming” Pastor Ronny Hull

+ HYMN “As With Gladness Men of Old” Hymn No. 320

+ PRAYER & BENEDICTION 1 Thessalonians 5

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your entire spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”

EVENING SERVICE:

This evening instead of our regular evening service, **everyone** is invited to join us for a night of Christmas caroling! We’ll meet in the White Oak parking lot at 5 PM.

The Sermon is where we explore scripture together and corporately encounter Christ.

God always gets the last word in our encounter of worship. The benediction is His blessing as we go out together.

missions

Introduction to New White Oak Supported Missionaries

White Oak in our budget for 2026 will be supporting some new missionaries. Here is a brief introduction to each of them so you can begin to pray for them.

Donny & Courtney Harwood

Donny and Courtney met while studying in Atlanta in December 2012 and married in Scotland in November 2013. Since then, the Harwood family has expanded with the addition of their two beautiful children.

Donny is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and serves as a bi-vocational assistant pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Newnan, Georgia. Alongside his role at the church, Donny uses his background in physics to serve in a data and analytics role for a large corporation in Atlanta.

Courtney is a native of Milledgeville, Georgia, and is a writer. She spends much of her time at home with the kids, but you will also find her working on her latest fiction novel in the local coffee shop.

The Harwoods are following God’s call to return to Donny’s native land and his hometown of Glasgow, Scotland, to strengthen an existing Free Church congregation in the heart of the student-dense West End and to plant churches as part of the Free Church of Scotland’s vision to plant 30 churches by 2030.

While Donny is doing the work of preaching, discipleship, and evangelism, Courtney will be ministering to the women and youth of Glasgow.

Tat & Patty Stewart

Tat and Patty Stewart, World Witness “missionaries-at-large” to Farsi-speaking people from 1994 to 2013, continue in the same ministry as Volunteers. Tat is pastor to the Iranian community and the Iranian Christian Church of Colorado. He is on faculty and the board of directors for PARS Theological Center and is on the board for Christians International. In addition, he serves the Farsi-speaking world as a ministry coach, personal counselor, through conferences, and teaching at Horizon’s International, training missionaries for the Islamic world. Tat’s Farsi-language sermons are taped and distributed around the world to Iranians who have no church. Tat is the founder and executive director of TALIM MINISTRIES which produces a quarterly magazine called “Shaban” (which means pastor) and develops and distributes Biblical resources for Farsi speaking leaders world wide.

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Holst **Associate Pastor:** Rev. Ronny Hull

The Session Moderator: Jonathan Holst, V. Mod.: Patrick Ward, Clerk: Bob Abernathy

Class of 2025: Denny Robertson, Jake Wasdin, Jim Wessells

Class of 2026: David Didier, Tim Fosnough

Class of 2027: Bob Abernathy, Forrest Tidwell, Patrick Ward

The Diaconate Chairman: D. Beatenbough, V. Chairman: D.J. Hitt, Secretary: C. Beatenbough

Class of 2025: Cole Beatenbough, Jason Headley, Andy Hemphill, D. J. Hitt, Sam Phillips

Class of 2026: Dane Beatenbough, Benjamin Clark, Alan Egerdahl, T. J. Sweetin

Class of 2027: Joe Roberts, Haddon Schroeder

Youth
December
schedule

Wednesday, December 3rd
Progressive Dinner
5:00-8:30 pm

Wednesday, December 10th
Youth Group
6:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 17th
Bingo @ Newnan Health & Rehab
6:00-8:30

Wednesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Service
5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 31st
Pickle Ball Tournament
10:00 am-12:00 pm

CHRISTMAS
EVE
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

DECEMBER 24

5:00 PM

SERVING TODAY

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: HADDON SCHROEDER, JASON HEADLEY

ELDER OF THE MONTH: TIM FOSNOUGH

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY: INITIAL CONTACT: JOHN & CHARLOTTE HEMPHILL (770-254-1263)
BACK-UP CONTACT: FORREST & CAMMY TIDWELL (770-304-9585)

Small hearing devices are available from an usher or Deacon upon request.

Church Office Hours This Week: Tuesday - Thursday (8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS SUNDAYS		8:30 AM Worship	9:45 AM Sunday School	11:00 AM Worship
	Dec. 14	Amanda Beatenbough Sally Estes Tim Fosnough	Anna Bolton Amy Coffee Lauren Hitt	Leighanna Beatenbough Jill Fosnough Stacie Headley
	Dec. 21	Carol Robertson Ben Sewell Cindy Ward	Donna Rensenhouse Tanya Roberts Robin Sewell	Karen Egerdahl Tom Gridley Andy Hemphill

Note: This schedule is accurate as of the printing date; any changes made later may not be reflected

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE	8:30 AM Service:	80
	11:00 AM Service:	108
	YouTube Views:	40

CURRENT GENERAL FUND
INFORMATION
AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

OTHER FUNDS
AS OF
NOVEMBER 30, 2025

	General Fund
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$ 695,995
YTD Actual Collections	\$ 715,348
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 814,877
Online giving available at https://www.whiteoakrp.org/give	
Bailey Fund	\$ 34,131
Building Fund	\$ 55,848
Church Plant Fund	\$ 55,841
Current Surplus	\$ 0
General Fund Reserve*	\$ 202,361

**Target Amount \$251,332*

Church Calendar

Today	8:30 AM Sunday Morning Early Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service 5:00 PM All - Church Christmas Caroling Event
Monday	7:00 PM Missions Committee Meeting
Tuesday	2:30 PM Sisters In Christ Meet
Wednesday	6 - 8:30 PM Youth Group Leads Bingo @ Newnan Health/Rehab 7:00 PM Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 PM Men's Prayer Meeting
December 21	8:30 AM Sunday Morning Early Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service 6:00 PM Lessons & Carols Christmas Program
December 24	5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25	Christmas Day
December 31	10:00 AM - Noon Youth Pickleball Tournament in White Oak Hall

White Oak Annual Night of CHRISTMAS CAROLING - TONIGHT

In place of the Evening Service on **Sunday, December 14**, we are spreading holiday cheer by **Christmas Caroling** to visit members who can't make it to church! **Everyone** is invited to join the fun!

When: 5:00 PM

Where: Meet in the White Oak Hall parking lot

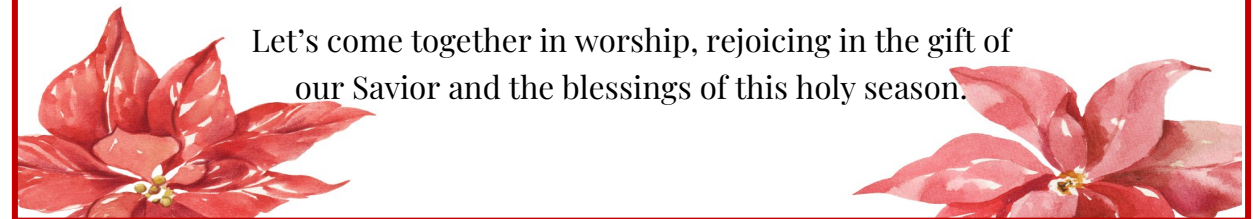
Details: We will divide into groups. Songbooks will be provided!

Come sing, share joy, and bring a little Christmas magic to those who need it most!

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES AND HONORARIUMS

As we celebrate the joy of Christ's birth, we invite you to remember and honor your loved ones this Christmas. Submit the names of those you wish to honor or remember, and we will include them in a special section of the Christmas bulletin.

Please use the enclosed insert to submit your names and place them in the offering plate. There will be no plant purchases this year, the poinsettias in the sanctuary will help us reflect on and celebrate those dear to our hearts. The deadline to turn in names is Sunday, December 21.



Let's come together in worship, rejoicing in the gift of our Savior and the blessings of this holy season.

UPCOMING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Another Sunday School Quarter will soon commence. God willing, the following adult Sunday School classes will be offered:

The Friendship Class will continue with *The Life of Moses*.

Mr. Bob Abernathy will teach from *Genesis 4-11*, which will run through June (two quarters).

Mr. Jim Rensenhouse will teach on *Christ and His Threefold Office*.

Each class is offered for your spiritual growth - prayerfully consider which study is right for you.



Today the Nightingale Ministry sign up sheet will be available on the "WOW" Table in the Lobby. Come by after the 8:30 or 11:00 service, or call/text Janet Roper (770.891.5042) for more information.

Women's Ministries

Class options beginning January 2026

Grow in God's Word This January!

Our Women's Bible Studies offers several opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth. Each group has its own schedule and topic – please look through the studies below and choose the one that fits your week.

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The Friday Morning Bible Study

Meets Twice a Month – 9:30 – 11 AM
Leaders: Amy Coffee, Tanya Roberts
Study Topic: "Unhitching the Crazy Train" by Julie Sparkman
(Childcare is available for this study.)

Jan.
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Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Meets Weekly on Tuesday Morning – 9:30 – 11 AM
Leaders: Susan Fulmer, Margaret Hunter, June Vinson
Study Topic: "From Garden to Glory" by Courtney Doctor

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Thursday Afternoon Bible Study

Meets Weekly on Thursday afternoon – 6:30 – 8 PM
Leaders: Cammy Tidwell, Billie Gentry
Study Topic: "1st and 2nd Peter by Lydia Brownback

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Sisters In Christ

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of Every Month – 2:30 – 4 PM
Leader: Evelyn Black
Study Topic: Habakkuk



WREATHS OF REMEMBRANCE THANK YOU

We want to say a big Thank You to all who participated in our Wreaths of Remembrance this year!

Whether you gave a generous donation or offered your time on a cold, misty Saturday to fluff bows and wreaths, attach the wreaths to the stands, or walk through the cemetery searching for hidden gravestones. It is all so very much appreciated, and the cemetery looks so good with the red and green wreaths standing tall and giving a thank you to all the brave souls who fought for our freedom.

Sadly, we did not meet our goal. We are still short several hundred dollars and are still taking donations if you would like to give. If you committed to purchase a wreath and have not paid, please give your payment to Cammy Tidwell.

Again, thank you all so much!

Merry, blessed Christmas,
Melanie Whitehead and Camille Wheat



2025 Christmas Shop Thank You

Dear White Oak Family,

We thank our God in every remembrance of you...

We wanted to express our heartfelt appreciation for your amazing generosity for the 2025 Christmas Shop at Newnan Health and Rehab. Thanks to you, this year's Shop was a huge success.

We were able to see God's provision in many ways during this year's Christmas Shop:

- Forty-seven residents from Newnan Health and Rehab participated.
- It was clear that a lot of thought and caring went into fulfilling each of the resident's wish lists.
- We had more than 30 enthusiastic volunteers to help with every aspect of the event.
- A generous monetary donation allowed us to provide a cookie tray to show our appreciation to the staff at Newnan Health and Rehab. We also included a Christmas card signed by our volunteers.
- This year we were blessed to receive a very large donation of yarn, which was used to make lapghans to present to each of the residents. A very special thank-you to all the ladies who used their time and talent to crochet the lapghans. We know that a lot of work and love went into each one, and the residents loved them.
- The volunteers who helped on Saturday were especially blessed and encouraged to spend time with the residents.

Each person stepped forward to share their gifts to help make this event a success.

Without your generosity and involvement, this special community outreach would not be possible. Thank you to everyone who gave of your time, talents, and treasure to help make it a success.

In Christ,

Billie Gentry, Dianne Minton, Eileen Zito

Christmas

Sermon Notes :