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# November 2011

The Vine



## Advent Sunday School Christmas Gifts That Won't Break

What are the Christmas gifts that won't break? They are those gifts that cannot be lost, that never go out of style, and that are independent of the chances and changes of life. They are the gifts that have been graciously given by God.



This study will focus on four of those gifts that also coincide with the four outer candles of the traditional Advent wreath: hope, love, joy, peace.

Christmas Gifts that Won't Break will be for all ages. We will

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **November 4-5**

Women's Get Away  
See Anne Scruggs for details.

### **November 4-6**

Youth Fall Retreat

### **November 6**

All Saint's Day

### **November 27**

1st Sunday of Advent

begin the study on November 27 and concluding on December 18.

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## Thanksgiving Food Drive



We will be kicking off our food drive at Trick R Truck on October 29. Our focused products will be Potato Flakes and Box Stuffing, and we will continue to collect them through November 13. Join in and help someone in our community at Thanksgiving.

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## Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Boxes



Let the Christmas Shopping Begin!

[How to Pack a Shoe Box](#)

Boxes are due November 6.

## Operation Christmas Child Processing Center Charlotte, NC



You just completed your "Go Box" for Operation Christmas Child. Ever wonder where it goes once it leaves your hands? Now you have that opportunity. On Thursday, December 8th from 2:00-6:00pm you can volunteer at the processing center in Charlotte, N.C. This is a one day trip for adults and youth. Interested? Let Molly know by November 27. Be a part of something big!!



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## Christmas Schedule

### **Sunday, December 4**

6:00pm WELL Center Christmas Program

### **Sunday, December 18**

11:00am Christmas Celebration featuring Adult and Children's Choir

### **Saturday, December 24**

5:00pm Christmas Eve Service

### **Sunday, December 25**

No Sunday School

## **Service Times:**

Sunday School- 9:30am  
Worship-11:00am

1st Sunday of Month  
Contemporary Worship

Youth On Fire-6 p.m.

Choir Practice-7 p.m.

John 15:5



11:00 Lessons & Carols

**Sunday, January 1**

No Sunday School

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## ABIDING TIME

We just celebrated our 100th Anniversary as Woodland Baptist Church. This marks a great milestone in the life of our church. We are a unique generation in that we get to have a foot in both the 1st century and 2nd century of Woodland. What legacy will we choose to leave? Might I propose a legacy of ABIDING?

Is it possible that in that in the midst of a world of super highways, expressways, high speed internet, fast food, immediate gratification and lives that never slow down - our gift could be the realization and modeling of what it truly means to ABIDE IN CHRIST? This will mean going against the grain. To ABIDE IN CHRIST means to remain, rest, stay, wait and continue. Abiding in Christ involves waiting upon the Lord. We are not good at waiting, but that is exactly what God calls on us to do if we are going to move forward into the next 100 years with the strength and blessing of our Lord.

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

In a few short weeks Thanksgiving will be upon us. Shortly after that we will embrace the beauty of Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. During the month of November I will be issuing a challenge for us to ABIDE IN CHRIST, so that we might recognize the fullness of the meaning, blessing and opportunity of the upcoming Holiday Season. Beyond that, I hope that as a church we pause long enough on the cusp of new century in the life of Woodland that others see we have rested in and responded to the will of God. Happy Anniversary Woodland! I look forward to starting the next 100 years together.

*Greg*

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