

# The Visitor



## The Silver Tree

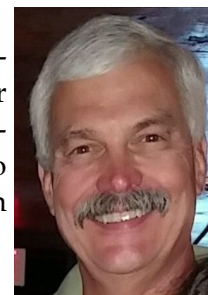


In Burma, Karen Baptist churches often have a silver-colored Christmas tree in the church. Small envelopes in which gifts of money can be placed are nearby. The envelopes are pinned to the tree and the money collected is usually given to the pastor as a Christmas gift. Tabernacle's teens have made a Silver Tree for the sanctuary but they are doing a twist on the tradition. *The money collected from the envelopes pinned to the tree will support our Retired Ministers and Missionary Offering.* Look for the Silver Tree in the sanctuary with the small red and green envelopes nearby. This is another way we can say, "Thank You" to our Retired Ministers and Missionaries!

## SAVE THE DATES:

### John Cappelli Memorial Plaque Dedication – December 3

On Sunday, December 3, at the 10:00 a.m. worship service, a plaque hung in the Narthex, honoring the memory of John Cappelli will be dedicated. Please be sure to join us for this special event. John's work, enthusiasm, energy and vision did so much to make the restoration and preservation of our church tower a reality. He is greatly missed by all who knew him. A special thanks to Michael Caleo for using his gift of craftsmanship skills in making a beautiful frame for the plaque.



### Annual Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.



**Don't miss it!** Our annual *Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.* promises again, to be a blessing to all who attend. This year's theme is "*Circle of Light*" and will feature a dramatic presentation of the Christmas story. The service, under the direction of Karen Dunne, our Minister of Christian Education, will include original dances and music by our children and youth choirs as well as our praise band. Be sure to be here as the wonderful story of Christmas is made new by our youth. Come and be filled with the Light of the newborn King!

### Karen Christmas Day Worship Service and Fellowship Dinner

On Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m., there will be a special **Karen Christmas worship service** in the sanctuary. Following the service, all friends and members of Tabernacle (Karen and non-Karen alike) are invited to a Christmas fellowship dinner in Thorn Chapel.





## Interim Pastor's Page



### The Blessing of Waiting

Christmas is one of my favorite seasons of the year. This year, I am so pleased to be here with you as we celebrate the birthday of our Lord. I love all the wonderful events that come with the season, the special programs and all the other church activities and services.

This year, I'm looking forward to our special Christmas Eve service. I've heard such wonderful things about it. I am also excited about the Karen special Christmas Eve activities and Christmas morning worship service.

Much of what we call the Christmas season really takes place during Advent. Advent, which comes from the Latin word, "coming" begins on Sunday, December 3rd and ends on Christmas Eve.

Traditionally, in the Christian church, it has been a time of waiting for the -

celebration of the birth of Jesus and for the second coming of Jesus.

Since "Waiting" is at the heart of Advent, I want to share a few thoughts with you about the blessing that waiting can be in our lives. As we study the Scriptures, we find that waiting was always an important part of the lives of God's people down through Church History. It was an integral part of Israel's history as the Jewish people waited for their Messiah. In the New Testament, an emphasis on waiting was also a part of the teaching that Jesus gave His disciples and the writers of the New Testament gave the early church.

In our modern lives, waiting is an important part of our everyday life. It heightens our sense of expectation and pleasure as we wait for special events. Conversely, it can mean waiting for a crucial doctor's report, waiting for the answer to a very important question or waiting for the news about a loved one or friend. Waiting means many things to each of us, sometimes joyful and sometimes fearful.

However, the waiting I am suggesting to be part of our Advent experience, is waiting for God to show us what to do in our everyday lives. It is a waiting that comes through prayer and meditation such as Jesus must have experienced in His prayer times with the Father. With that kind of waiting comes an excitement, expectation and hope that is hard to explain but is so very real.

As I think about that kind of waiting I am reminded of the excitement I feel at the theater waiting for the curtain to go up, wondering how the plot will unfold or what the characters in the play will be like. Then the lights begin to dim, a hush comes over the audience, the curtain goes up and the play begins.

I think a similar thing takes place when waiting on God. A time comes when "the curtain goes up" on God showing us His will and as the plot of God's will unfolds, there comes with it a confidence that we are now ready to do His will and that the waiting was all part of the preparation.

As the Old Testament Prophet Isaiah wrote, *"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint."*

May the blessings of Advent and Christmas be yours,

Pastor Richard

*Advent*  
A Season of Hope  
& Expectation





# Karen Pastor's Page



Pastor Daniel Calvin San

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တံဂ်-ဘဉ်မနုၤအယိကစံယဉ်ရူးဟဲအိဉ်ဖျဉ်ထီဉ်လဲဉ်.

တံကတိၤလၢညါ-လံာ်ယိဟဉ်အဆၢအိဉ်-၃:၁၆ဟံဖျါထီဉ်ဝဲဒၣ်လၢကံယဉ်ရူးအတံဟဲအိဉ်ဖျဉ်ထီဉ်အံၤမ့ၢ်ကစံယဉ်  
အတံအဉ်ပှၤဟီဉ်ခိဉ်ဖိဒီးအတံအဉ်က့ၤခိဉ်က့ၤပှၤဟီဉ်ခိဉ်ဖိလၢအစူၢ်က့ၤန့ၢ်က့ၤအိၤတဂၤလံာ်လၢန့ၢ်ဘဉ်တံမူအထူ  
အယိအကီၢ်န့ၢ်လီၤ.ဘဉ်ထွဲတံဂ်တခါအံၤ,ကပမၤလိသကိးဒ်လံာ်အသိးန့ၢ်လီၤ.

တံနီၤဖး(၁) ကစံယဉ်ရူးဟဲအိဉ်ဖျဉ်ထီဉ်လၢကပှၤက့ၤပှၤဟီဉ်ခိဉ်ဖိလၢတံဒီးဘးအကီၢ်

တံဒီးဘးအိဉ်ထီဉ်အခိဉ်ထံးခိဉ်ဘိ

၁မိၤရူၤ၂:၁၇မ့ၢ်တံသ့ၣ်ညါတံဂ်ဒီးတံအအသ့ၣ်တထံးန့ၢ်အိဉ်အသ့ၣ်တဂ့ၤ.အဂ့ၢ်ဒ်အံၤ,မ့ၢ်တနံၤလၢန့ၢ်အိဉ်  
အိၤန့ၢ်နကသံဒီးနကဘဉ်သံလီၤ.

၁မိၤရူၤ၃:၄-ဒီးဂံၢ်နံၤစံးဘဉ်ပိာ်မုဉ်,သုတသံဒီးသုတသံဘဉ်လီၤ.မ့ၢ်ယုၤသ့ၣ်ညါမ့ၢ်တနံၤလၢသုအိဉ်အိၤန့ၢ်သုမဲာ်ကအိး  
ထီဉ်အသးဒီးသုကလီၤကံယဉ်ရူးဒီးကသ့ၣ်ညါတံဂ်ဒီးတံအန့ၢ်လီၤ.ခိဖျါလၢဂံၢ်အတံလိန့ၢ်အယိပိာ်မုဉ်န့ၢ်ထံဉ်ဘဉ်ဝဲ  
လၢသ့ၣ်တထံးဂုၤဝဲလၢတံအိဉ်အကီၢ်ဒီးပံလၢဝဲလၢအမဲာ်အကီၢ်ဒီးတံမ့ၢ်လၢအသ့ၣ်တထံးလၢအဒူးကူဉ်တံသ့အကီၢ်ဒီး  
ဟံးန့ၢ်အသ့ၣ်ဒီးအိဉ်ဝဲဒီးဟ့ၣ်စ့ၢ်ကိးအဝၤအိဉ်ဒီးအိၤဒီးအဝဲဒၣ်အိဉ်ဝဲလီၤ.ဒီးပှၤခံၤန့ၢ်အမဲာ်အိးထီဉ်အသးဒီးသ့ၣ်ညါ  
လၢအအိဉ်ဘ့ၣ်ဆ့ၣ်ဒီးဆးပကိာ်ထီဉ်ချၢဉ်အလၢန့ၢ်ဒီးမၤယိတကိးလၢအကီၢ်လီၤ.စးထီဉ်မ့ၢ်နံၤဝဲန့ၢ်,ပှၤဟီဉ်ခိဉ်ဖိတဒိက  
န့ၢ်ကစံယဉ်အကလုာ်အယိကံယဉ်ရူးဒီးဟးထီဉ်ကွံာ်အိၤလၢဒူးဒ့ၣ်တၢသ့ၣ်အလီၢ်န့ၢ်လီၤ.

အဂ့ၢ်ဒ်အံၤ,ကယုာ်ထီဉ်အစုဒီးဟံးန့ၢ်သ့ၣ်မူအသ့ၣ်ဒီးမူဝဲလီၤထူလီၤယိာ်လီၤ.

၁မိၤရူၤ၃:၂၄-ဒီးဟီထီဉ်ကွံာ်ပှၤကညီဒီးဟံးခူၢ်တဖဉ်လၢဒူးဒ့ၣ်တၢသ့ၣ်အလီၢ်မ့ၢ်ထီဉ်တခါဒီးနးမ့ၢ်အုလၢအတရံးအသး  
ကိးခိးဒ်သိးအကပၤသ့ၣ်တံမူအကျဲလီၤ.

ဝဲတံဒီးဘးဟ့ၣ်န့ၢ်လီၤန့ၢ်တံမူလီၤထူလီၤယိာ်အခွဲးအယာ်လီၤမံကွံာ်ဝဲဒီးတံသံအိဉ်ထီဉ်ဝဲလၢပှၤဟီဉ်ခိဉ်ဖိ  
အကီၢ်လီၤ.

ရီမ့ၢ်၅:၁၂-မံဒ်န့ၢ်ဒီးဒ်တံဒီးဘးဟဲန့ၢ်ဆူဟီဉ်ခိဉ်ချၢလၢပှၤတဂၤအယိဒီးတံသံတံပှၤလၢတံဒီးဘးသတးဒီးပှၤခဲလၢာ်  
ဘဉ်တံသံတံပှၤ.ရီမ့ၢ်၆:၂၃-အဂ့ၢ်ဒ်အံၤ,တံဒီးဘးအဘူးအလဲမ့ၢ်တံသံလီၤ.

ဝဲအံၤပစံးလၢနီၢ်အိဉ်အုဒီးစီၤအၢဒၣ်မၤတံဒီးဘးအယိပဘဉ်တူဉ်တံအံၤတတီဘဉ်.အဂ့ၢ်ဒ်အံၤ,ပတမၤတံဒီး  
ဘးဘဉ်စ့ၢ်ကိးခါ.၁ယိၤ၃:၄-ကယံာ်ပှၤလၢအမၤတံဒီးဘးတဂၤလံာ်လၢန့ၢ်လုာ်သ့ၣ်ခါပတံတံသိဉ်တံသီစ့ၢ်ကိးဒီးတံ  
ဒီးဘးမ့ၢ်တံလုာ်သ့ၣ်ခါပတံတံသိဉ်တံသီလီၤ.

ရီမ့ၢ် ၃:၂၃-စးဘဉ်ပှၤ-အဂ့ၢ်ဒ်အံၤ,ပှၤခဲလၢာ်မၤတံဒီးဘးဒီးတချူးန့ၢ်ဘဉ်ယုၤအလၢကပီၤဘဉ်.

၁ယိ ၁ ဟဉ် ၁:၈-ပမ့ၢ်စံးလၢပတံဒီးဘးတအိဉ်ဘဉ်ဒီးမ့ၢ်ပလီၤပသးဒီးတံမ့ၢ်တံတီတအိဉ်ဘဉ်လၢပပူၤဘဉ်.

၁ယိဟဉ်၅:၁၉-ပသ့ၣ်ညါလၢပဘဉ်ဃးဒီးယုၤဒီးလၢဟီဉ်ခိဉ်ဖိခဲလၢာ်မံလီၤဝဲလၢတံအတံသီတဂၤန့ၢ်အပူၤ  
လီၤ.

၁မိၤရူၤ၆:၅-ဒီးယုၤထံဉ်ဝဲလၢပှၤကညီအတံဒီးဘးန့ၢ်မ့ၢ်အိဉ်လၢဟီဉ်ခိဉ်ချၢဒီးကယံာ်အတံကကူဉ်အတံဆိကမိဉ်တ  
မံလၢလၢန့ၢ်မ့ၢ်ထဲအအၢအသိကိးမ့ၢ်နံၤမ့ၢ်နးဒီးလီၤ.

တုၤပဖးလံာ်စီဆ့ၣ်အဆၢတဖဉ်အံၤဒီးဒူးထံဉ်ဒူးသ့ၣ်ညါပှၤလၢတမ့ၢ်ထဲမိာ်ဒီးပံဒီးစီအၢဒၣ်နီဉ်အိဉ်အုမၤတံဒီး  
ဘးဘဉ်.ပဝဲလၢအလီၤစၢၤလၢအိၤတဖဉ်စ့ၢ်ကိးပလုာ်သ့ၣ်ခါပတံတံယုၤအတံသိဉ်တံသီဒီးပသးပူၤအိဉ်ထဲတံကူဉ်တံဆိ  
ကမိဉ်လၢအအၢတဖဉ်လီၤ.အယိလၢပတံဒီးဘးအကီၢ်အဘူးအလဲမ့ၢ်တံသံန့ၢ်လီၤ.အယိသတးဒီးဒ်သိးပကန့ၢ်က့ၤတံမူ

အထူအယိတ်အကီကစာယုဂ်ရှူးဘဉ်ဟဲလီအိဉ်ဖျဉ်ထီဉ်ဘဲဉ်လၢပဂီၢ်လီၤ.

ယၤရှါယၤဂ္ဂဉ် ၁၂-မၤသးဒီးန့ၣ်ဒီးယကဟ့ၣ်နီၤဖးအဂီၢ်ဒီးပုၤအိဉ်ဒီးကနီၤဖးယုဂ်တၢ်ဂ့ၣ်နီၤဒီးပုၤအဂီၢ်ဆုဉ်ဘၢဆုဉ်လီၤ.အဂီၢ်အံၤလူလီၤအသးတုၤအသံဒီးတၢ်ဂီၢ်အိၤလၢပုၤမၤတၢ်ကမၢ်ဖိအကျါဒီးစိတ်ထီဉ်ကွၢ်ပုၤအါဂၤအတၢ်ဒီးဘးဒီးယုဂ်ညးတၢ်လၢပုၤမၤကမၢ်တၢ်အဂီၢ်လီၤ.

စ့ၤတြိဉ် ၂၈-တၢ်ဟံၣ်ထီဉ်ခရံၣ်တၢ်ဘျီဒီးသိးအကစိၣ်ပုၤအါဂၤအတၢ်ဒီးဘးန့ၣ်အသိးဒီးတၢ်ဒီးဘးတအိဉ်ဘဉ်ဒီးကလိၢ်ဖျါထီဉ်အသးခံစုတစုလၢတၢ်အုဉ်က့ၤခိဉ်က့ၤအီၤလီၤ.

၁ပုၤဖးတရုး ၂၅-အဘဲဉ်အကစာအခိဉ်ဒီးပတၢ်ဒီးဘဉ်းလၢသ့ၣ်အလီၤလၢအနီၢ်ခိဉ်ဘဲအအပူၤဒီးသိးပကသံကွၢ်လၢတၢ်ဒီးဘးဒီးပကမူထီဉ်လၢတၢ်တီတၢ်လီၤအပူၤလီၤ.ဒီးသ့ဘျီက့ၤလၢအဘဲဉ်ဘဉ်တၢ်အပူၤလီၤအယီၤလီၤ.

၁ယီၤဟ့ၣ် ၃၅-ဒီးသ့သ့ညါလၢအဘဲဉ်အိဉ်ဖျါတၢ်ဝဲဒီးသိးအကမၤပူၤဖျးပတၢ်ဒီးဘးဒီးတၢ်ဒီးဘးတအိဉ်ဘဉ်လၢအဘဲဉ်ဘဉ်လၢအဘဲဉ်အပူၤဘဉ်.

ကစာယုဂ်ရှူးဟဲအိဉ်ဖျဉ်ထီဉ်လၢကပုၤက့ၤပုၤလၢတၢ်ဒီးဘးအဂီၢ်လီၤ.

တၢ်နီၤဖး (၂) ကစာယုဂ်ရှူးဟဲအိဉ်ဖျဉ်ထီဉ်လၢကဟ့ၣ်ပုၤတၢ်မူအထူအယိတ်အကီ

တၢ်မူအထူအယိတ်အံၤမ့ၢ်တၢ်အကါဒိဉ်ကတၢ်လၢပတၢ်အိဉ်မူလၢပကဒီးန့ၣ်အီၤအဂီၢ်.

ယီၤဟ့ၣ် ၃၅-ဒီးစိးမိၤရှူယုဂ်ထီဉ်က့ၣ်လၢပုၤမ့ၢ်ကနၤအသိးန့ၣ်ပုၤကညိဖိခါအံၤကဘဉ်တၢ်ယုဂ်ထီဉ်အီၤန့ၣ်အသိးဒီးသိးကယဲၢ်ပုၤလၢအစုၣ်က့ၤန့ၣ်က့ၤအီၤတဂၤလၢလီၤန့ၣ်ကနၤဘဉ်တၢ်မူလီၤထူလီၤယီၤလၢအီၤလီၤ.

ယီၤဟ့ၣ် ၆၅-တၢ်အိဉ်လၢအဟးဂီၢ်ဒီးတၢ်န့ၣ်သုတမၤတဂ့ၤ.မ့ၢ်တၢ်အိဉ်လၢအအိဉ်ဘဲဆိးဝဲလၢတၢ်လီၤထူလီၤယီၤလၢပုၤကညိဖိခါကဟ့ၣ်လီၤသုန့ၣ်မၤတက့ၤ.အဂီၢ်အံၤ,အဘဲတဂၤန့ၣ်ပၤယုၤဖိနီၤယံၣ်လီၤ.

ယိဉ်ဟ့ၣ် ၆၅-၅၁-ယးစံးဘဉ်တဘျီသုတီတီလီၤလီၤ,ပုၤလၢအစုၣ်က့ၤန့ၣ်က့ၤယၤန့ၣ်အိဉ်ဒီးတၢ်မူလီၤထူလီၤယီၤလီၤ.ယဲးအံၤယမ့ၢ်တၢ်မူအကိဉ်လီၤ.သ့ပတဖဉ်အိဉ်မၤနၤလၢပုၤမ့ၢ်ကနၤဒီးသံဝဲလၢ.ကိဉ်လၢအဟဲလီၤလၢမူခိဉ်မ့ၢ်အအံၤ,ဒီးသိးပုၤလၢအအိဉ်ဘဲတဖဉ်အသုတသံတဂ့ၤလီၤ.ယဲးအံၤယမ့ၢ်တၢ်မူအကိဉ်လၢအဟဲလီၤလၢမူခိဉ်လီၤ.ပုၤမ့ၢ်အိဉ်ကိဉ်အံၤဒီးကမူဝဲလီၤထူလီၤယီၤလီၤဒီးကိဉ်လၢယဟ့ၣ်န့ၣ်မ့ၢ်ယညဉ်လၢယဟ့ၣ်လၢဟီဉ်ခိဉ်အတၢ်မူအဂီၢ်လီၤ.

ယီၤဟ့ၣ် ၁၀၅-၂၈-ဒီးယးစံးတၢ်သုအသိးန့ၣ်ယသိတဖဉ်ဒီးကန့ၣ်ယကလုၤဒီးယသ့ညါအီၤဒီးအဘဲသ့ပိဉ်ယခံလီၤ.ယဟ့ၣ်လီၤအီၤလၢတၢ်မူအထူအယိတ်ဒီးတဟးဂုၢ်တဟးဂီၢ်ဘဉ်ဝဲနီတခိဉ်ဘဉ်.ပမ့ၢ်ပုၤလၢအစုၣ်က့ၤန့ၣ်က့ၤကစာယုဂ်ရှူးဒီးပမ့ၢ်အသိးဖိတဖဉ်လီၤ.ကစာယုဂ်ရှူးဟ့ၣ်လီၤပုၤတၢ်မူအထူအယိတ်လၢပဂီၢ်လီၤ.

ရိမ့ၢ် ၂၆-၇-အဘဲဉ်ကဟ့ၣ်တၢ်လၢပုၤအံၤတၢ်မၤတဖဉ်အသိးစုၣ်စုၣ်လီၤ.ပုၤလၢအဝံသးစူးမၤတၢ်ဂုၤဒီးယုတၢ်လၢကပီၤဒီးတၢ်ပူၤယိဉ်ဒီးတၢ်သံတသ့ဘဉ်တဖဉ်န့ၣ်တၢ်မူအထူအယိတ်လီၤ.

ရိမ့ၢ် ၆၅-၂၂-မ့ၢ်ခဲကန့ၣ်အံၤသုထုဉ်ဖျးဒီးတၢ်ဒီးဘးဒီးသုကဲထီဉ်ယုၤအကုၤအပုၤဒီးသုအိဉ်ဒီးသုတၢ်သ့ညါဘဉ်ယးဒီးတၢ်စိတ်ဆုံအကတၢ်မ့ၢ်တၢ်မူအထူအယိတ်လီၤ. (၂၃)အဂီၢ်အံၤတၢ်ဒီးဘးအဘူးအလဲမ့ၢ်တၢ်သံလီၤ.

၁တံၤမသးဖိး ၁၈-၁၉-မၤအမၤဂ့ၢ်တၢ်ထူးထီဉ်တီၤထီဉ်လၢတၢ်မၤဂ့ၢ်တဖဉ်ဒီးဟ့ၣ်တၢ်ညိးဟ့ၣ်တၢ်မၤစၢၤလၢပုၤလၢန့ၣ်ဒီးဟံၣ်ဖိဉ်လၢအဂီၢ်ဒဲတၢ်အခိဉ်ထံးဂုၤလၢခဲကိတ်တယၢ်အဂီၢ်ဒီးသိးအကဂုၢ်ဟံးန့ၣ်တၢ်မူအထူအယိတ်တက့ၢ်.ပကစာယုဂ်ရှူးခရံၣ်ဟဲအိဉ်ဖျဉ်ထီဉ်ဒီးသိးကဟ့ၣ်ပုၤတၢ်မူအထူအယိတ်အဂီၢ်လီၤ.

တၢ်နီၤဖး (၃) ကစာယုဂ်ရှူးခရံၣ်ဟဲအိဉ်ဖျဉ်ထီဉ်လၢတၢ်အုဉ်က့ၤခိဉ်က့ၤပုၤအဂီၢ်

ပုၤအုဉ်က့ၤခိဉ်က့ၤတၢ်မ့ၢ်ထဲကစာခရံၣ်တဂၤစီၤလီၤ.

မၤတၢ်၄း ၁၂-တၢ်အုဉ်က့ၤခိဉ်က့ၤလၢပုၤလၢအပူၤန့ၣ်တအိဉ်ဘဉ်နီတဂၤဘဉ်.အဂီၢ်အံၤ,မံၤအဂုၢ်အဂၤလၢပုၤကညိအကျါလၢမူခိဉ်အဖိလၢတၢ်တဟ့ၣ်ဘဉ်ဝဲလၢပဘဉ်တုၤလၢတၢ်အုဉ်က့ၤခိဉ်က့ၤလၢအပူၤနီတမံၤဘဉ်.

လူၤကၢ် ၂၅၁-အဂီၢ်အံၤ,အအံၤတနံၤအံၤပုၤလၢအအုဉ်က့ၤခိဉ်က့ၤတၢ်တဂၤန့ၣ်အိဉ်ဖျဉ်ဘဲဉ်လၢစီၤဒၤဝံးအဝ့ၢ်ပူၤလံၤ.အဘဲဉ်မ့ၢ်ခရံၣ်ကစာန့ၣ်လီၤ.

လူၤကၢ် ၁၉၅-၀-အဂီၢ်အံၤ,ပုၤကညိဖိခါအံၤဟဲလီၤဝဲဒီးသိးအကယုနီၤဒီးအုဉ်က့ၤခိဉ်က့ၤပုၤလၢအဟးမၤတဖဉ်လီၤ.

ယီၤဟ့ၣ် ၃၅-၂-အဂီၢ်အံၤ,တမ့ၢ်ဘဉ်ယုၤမၤလီၤအဖိခါဆူဟီဉ်ခိဉ်အံၤဒီးသိးအကစံၣ်ညိဉ်ဟီဉ်ခိဉ်ဖိဘဉ်.မ့ၢ်ဒီးသိးဟီဉ်ခိဉ်ဖိကဘဉ်တၢ်အုဉ်က့ၤခိဉ်က့ၤလၢအီၤလီၤ.

ပုၤဟီၣ်ခိၣ်ဖိမ့ၢ်ပုၤတၢ်ဒီးဘးဖိလီၤ.ကစၢ်ယုၣ်ရူးဟဲအိၣ်ဖျၢၣ်ထီၣ်လၢကအုၣ်က့ၢ်ခိၣ်က့ၢ်ပဝဲဒၣ်ပုၤဟီၣ်ခိၣ်ဖိအဂီၢ်လီၤ.ကစၢ်ယုၣ်ရူးမ့ၢ်ဝဲတြီထဲတဘျီဇိၤလၢပဂီၢ်လၢပကလဲၤဆူတၢ်မူအထူအယိၣ်အဂီၢ်လီၤ.

ယိၤဟၣ်၁၀း၉-ယဲဒၣ်အံၤယမ့ၢ်ကျဲၤစၢၤလီၤ.မ့ၢ်ယၢသတးဒီးပုၤမ့ၢ်ဟဲန့ၢ်ဒီးကတုၤလၢတၢ်အုၣ်က့ၢ်ခိၣ်က့ၢ်အီၤဒီးကန့ၢ်က့ၢ်ဟးထီၣ်န့ၢ်က့ၢ်ဟးထီၣ်ဝဲဒီးကထံၣ်န့ၢ်တၢ်အိၣ်တၢ်အီၤလီၤ.

အဘျူးအဖိၣ်အိၣ်လၢလၢလီၣ်လီၣ်-မၤတၢ်၁၅း၁၁-ဘၣ်ဆၣ်ဒီးပန့ၢ်လၢပကတုၤလၢတၢ်အုၣ်က့ၢ်ခိၣ်က့ၢ်လၢကစၢ်ယုၣ်ရူးအဘျူးအဖိၣ်ယိၤဒ်အဝဲသ့ၣ်အသိးစ့ၢ်ကိးလီၤ.

ရီမ့ၢ်၅း၉-မၤသးဒ်န့ၢ်ဒီးခဲကနံၤအံၤ,ပဘၣ်တၢ်ဟံတီဟံလီၤပုၤလၢအသ့ၣ်အံၤဒီးပကဘၣ်တၢ်အုၣ်က့ၢ်ခိၣ်က့ၢ်ပုၤလၢတၢ်သးထီၣ်လၢအဝဲဒၣ်အယိၣ်အါန့ၢ်အုၣ်တက့ၢ်ဒိၣ်မးလီၤ.

၁သး၅း၉-၁၀-အဂ့ၢ်ဒ်အံၤ,ယုၤတဟံဘၣ်ပုၤလၢပကဘၣ်တၢ်သးဒိၣ်ထီၣ်အဂီၢ်ဘၣ်.မ့ၢ်လၢပကတုၤလၢတၢ်အုၣ်က့ၢ်ခိၣ်က့ၢ်အဂီၢ်လၢပကစၢ်ယုၣ်ရူးခရံၣ်အယိၣ်လၢအဒီးသံအသလၢပဂီၢ်ဒ်သိးပဖုသံနီၣ်မ့ၢ်ဂ့ၢ်ပမံသမ့ၢ်မ့ၢ်ဂ့ၢ်ပကမူယုၣ်ဒီးအီၤလီၤ.

တၢ်အုၣ်က့ၢ်ခိၣ်က့ၢ်အကျဲအံၤမ့ၢ်တၢ်တူၢ်တၢ်ဒီးဘးလၢပဂီၢ်.ပုၤက့ၢ်ပုၤလၢအသ့ၣ်လီၤ.တၢ်ဒီးဘးအံၤမ့ၢ်တၢ်ပုၤက့ၢ်အီၤလၢတၢ်အသ့ၣ်ဒီးတၢ်တပျၢ်အီၤဘၣ်.မံပကမ့ၢ်ပုၤလၢအဆိကမိၣ်ကွၢ်ထံဒီးအဲၣ်ဆၢက့ၢ်ကစၢ်ယုၣ်ရူးလၢပတၢ်အိၣ်မူအပူၤန့ၣ်တက့ၢ်.

တၢ်ကတီၤလၢခံ-တနံၤအံၤပမၤလိသကိးတၢ်ဂ့ၢ်.ဘၣ်မနုၤအယိၣ်ကစၢ်ယုၣ်ရူးဘၣ်ဟဲအိၣ်ဖျၢၣ်ထီၣ်လဲၣ်.

တၢ်နီၤဖး(၁) ကစၢ်ယုၣ်ရူးဟဲအိၣ်ဖျၢၣ်ထီၣ်လၢကပုၤက့ၢ်ပုၤဟီၣ်ခိၣ်ဖိလၢတၢ်ဒီးဘးအဂီၢ်.

တၢ်နီၤဖး(၂)ကစၢ်ယုၣ်ရူးဟဲအိၣ်ဖျၢၣ်ထီၣ်လၢကဟ့ၣ်ပုၤတၢ်အုၣ်အထူအယိၣ်အဂီၢ်

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ပဝဲနုၤယၢပကမ့ၢ်ပုၤသ့ၣ်တဖၣ်လၢသ့ၣ်ညါလီၤတၢ်လီၤဆဲးအိၣ်ဒီးတၢ်စ့ၢ်တၢ်န့ၢ်အဂၢၢ်အကျၢၤဒီးမုၢ်ဒီးမၤလၢကပီၤယုၤ,အိၣ်မူဒ်ကစၢ်ယုၤအတၢ်ဘၣ်အသးန့ၣ်တက့ၢ်.



# Rescue Mission Christmas Concert FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 at 6:30 p.m.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
13 CLARK PLACE, UTICA

Featuring:

**MARK BOLOS BAND, DAVID OSSENFORT, TABERNACLE PRAISE BAND & YOUTH CHOIR**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE CONCERT**

*All Are Welcome!*

Advent and Christmas  
**Sweet December Schedule**  
*Circle of Light*

**Saturday, December 2**

10:00 a.m. Youth Christmas Preparation and Practice

**Sunday, December 3 ~ Advent I and John Cappelli Plaque Dedication**

10:00 a.m. Worship - Theme: *Hope – Isaiah 9:2* ~ Communion

11:15 a.m. Karen Language Worship Service

**Friday, December 8**

6:30 p.m. *Rescue Mission Christmas Concert and Sing Along*

**Saturday, December 9**

10:00 a.m. Youth Christmas Preparation and Practice

**Sunday, December 10 ~ Advent 2**

Memorial Poinsettia Orders Due

10:00 a.m. Worship - Theme: *Peace - Isaiah 9:6-7*

**RMMO Offering begins**

11:15 a.m. Karen Language Worship Service

**Saturday, December 16**

10:00 a.m. Youth Christmas Preparation and Practice

**Sunday, December 17 ~ Advent 3**

10:00 a.m. Worship - Theme: *Joy – Isaiah 65:18*

10:15 a.m. Birthday Cake for Jesus during Sunday School (*Children*)

11:15 a.m. Birthday Cake for Jesus in Thorn Chapel (*Adults*)

11:15 a.m. Karen Language Worship Service

**Saturday, December 23**

10:00 a.m. Youth Christmas Preparation and Practice

**Sunday, December 24 ~ Advent 4**

10:00 a.m. Worship - Theme: *Love - John 13:34-35*

11:15 a.m. Karen Language Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service & Children's Christmas Pageant - *Circle of Light*

8:30 p.m. Youth Christmas Concert

**Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day**

12:00 a.m. Karen Christmas Midnight Service

10:00 a.m. Karen Christmas Day Service followed by fellowship dinner

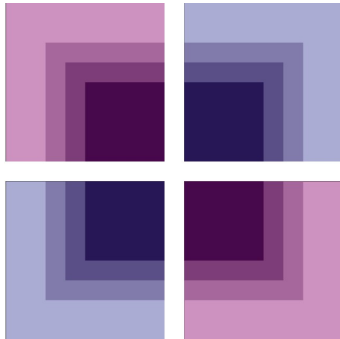


# Generous Congregations

## 2017 Retired Minister & Missionaries Offering

*"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*

1 Thessalonians 5:18



### **Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering 2017**

Dear Tabernacle Church Family,

The theme of this year's 2017 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) is "Generous Congregations." Helping those in need is one of the major themes of the Bible and of Jesus' ministry. The prophet Isaiah reminds us, "Generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity." (Isaiah 32:8 NLT) Generosity is central to our faith. As Christians, we are called to serve and care for others.

American Baptists have been faithful in following that scriptural teaching. Since 1935, American Baptists, in addition to their many other ministries, have generously contributed to special offerings received in their churches for retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries or their widowed spouses. In 1977, a special Retired Minister and Missionaries Offering was officially launched to continue the tradition of thankfulness.

Since then, this special offering has helped provide much needed *thank you* checks at the end of each year to those retired servants, who have dedicated their lives to God's service as well as to their widowed spouses. In 2016, RMMO raised **\$1,059,444**, and **3,443** checks were distributed to the recipients.

In addition to saying THANK YOU for the countless ways retired American Baptist ministers, missionaries and their spouses have contributed to our congregations and the cause of Christ, the RMMO also provides funds for greatly needed emergency assistance in times of need.

At Tabernacle, we continue the tradition of receiving the Retired Minister and Missionary Offering each December. Enclosed in this newsletter is an RMMO envelope. Please use it to make a generous contribution to the RMMO. Our goal at tabernacle is \$2500. Your gift will be greatly appreciated by these men and women who have served Christ and our American Baptist congregations.

Faithfully Yours,

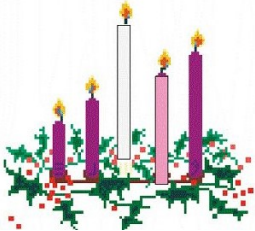
Pastor Richard

On behalf of the Worship and Witness Ministry Team

## Pledge Cards

Thank you to all who have submitted pledges for 2018. We appreciate your response very much. If you have not already done so, you may submit your pledge by placing the completed pledge card in the offering plate or you may send by mail to the church, Attention: Financial Secretary. Extra pledge cards and Stewardship packets are available on the literature table in Thorn Chapel or you may call the office at 315-735-7593 to have a packet sent to your home.

## Advent Candle Lighting



Each Sunday during Advent, a candle will be lighted during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service as part of our preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world. Symbolically the light represents Jesus as the promised light of the world. With each successive week, an additional candle is lighted, until on Christmas Eve/Day when the full brightness of all the candles burn to remind us that Jesus has come and is leading us to be the light of the world.

## Condolences

We offer our condolences to Jimmy Conner on the loss of her brother. Please keep Jimmy and her family in your prayers.

## Thank you to Volunteers

**Youth Christmas Decorators:** Thank you to the many youth volunteers who have put us all, here at Tabernacle, in a festive mood by decorating our sanctuary and Thorn Chapel for Christmas with beautiful murals, lights, wreaths, trees, ribbons, bulbs, and more!



**Church Cleaning Volunteers:** A special thank you to the men and women, young and old, who arrived at the church on Saturday, November 11 and thoroughly cleaned the Church Sanctuary, bathrooms and the Caring Corner. The next opportunity to help clean the church, is *Saturday, December 9, at 10:00 a.m.* Please join us as many hands make light work.

**Caring Corner Volunteers:** On Sunday, November 19, at our 10:00 a.m. service, we showed our gratitude to Dottie and Bob Hagues and the many volunteers who work in the Caring Corner followed by a reception with cake and punch. Because of the Caring Corner ministry, many refugees have received food, clothing, household items, etc.... Thank you so much! Thank you also to Eh Lah Shee, who made two beautiful and delicious cakes for this special reception.

## Restoration and Preservation Update



Our Davison Tower of Refuge project is 90% complete. The awe-inspiring scaffolding has begun to be dismantled. The tower is so beautiful and will be a sense of pride to Tabernacle members and to the city of Utica. We are so appreciative of the work that John Cappelli put into making this a reality. *As we look to Phase II (roof and foundation), we are seeking someone interested in searching and applying for grants to move forward. Please contact Dave Tomidy, at (315) 796-8693, if you are interested or have questions.*





FROM THE  
CHURCH  
OFFICE

The Deadline to submit  
an article for the  
December Visitor is  
Sunday, December 17

All Annual Reports are due  
in the church office by  
Sunday, January 7.

The Church Office will be  
closed on Mondays,  
December 25 &  
and January 1

Memorial Poinsettias Order Form



Every year at Christmas time, Tabernacle Baptist Church is decorated with Poinsettias; usually given as memorials. *To place a poinsettia order, complete and return this form, with your payment, to Tabernacle's church office by Sunday, December 10.* You may either take your plant(s) home after either Christmas Eve service or donate them to a shut-in.



Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

The cost is \$8.00 per poinsettia plant.

I would like to order:

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Red Poinsettias

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Marbled (red and white) Poinsettias

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please include the following name(s) on the Memorial list which will be included in the Christmas bulletins:

PLEASE PRINT

*Names in whose memory flowers are given:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

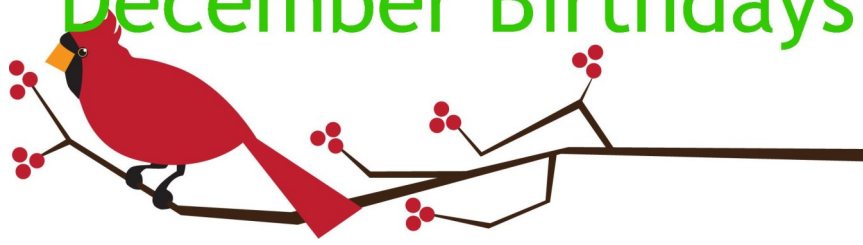
- I will take my plant immediately after the December 24 service.
- My plant may be given to a shut-in.
- I will help deliver plants to shut-ins.

***Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines ~ December 2017***



<i>Children's Don Dance Practice and Preschool Action Song Practice</i>	<i>Mondays and Fridays throughout December 29, 5:00 p.m., except Dec. 8</i>
<i>Youth Christmas Preparation and Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays through Dec. 23, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Karen Bamboo Dance practice</i>	<i>Saturdays through December 30, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Karen Christian School</i>	<i>Saturdays, 3:00-6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Language Classes and Children's Music Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Choir Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Praise &amp; Worship, Bible Study and Song Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>English Worship Service and Sunday School</i>	<i>Sundays, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Karen Worship Service</i>	<i>Sundays, 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>John Cappelli Plaque Dedication</i>	<i>Sunday, December 3, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Ministry Coordinating Council Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, December 3, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Annual Rescue Mission Christmas Concert in Thorn Chapel</i>	<i>Friday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Church Cleaning Day</i>	<i>Saturday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Faith Nurturing Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, December 10, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Worship and Witness Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, December 10, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Language Class Perfect Attendance Ceremony and Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>Saturday, December 16, 4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>January Visitor Article Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, December 17</i>
<i>Birthday Cake for Jesus in Thorn Chapel</i>	<i>Sunday, December 17, 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Women's Worship Service</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Each Month, 5:00 p.m. (December 17)</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Service</i>	<i>Sunday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Christmas Concert</i>	<i>Sunday, December 24, 8:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Midnight Christmas Service</i>	<i>Monday, December 25, 12:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Karen Christmas Day Service and Dinner</i>	<i>Monday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Office Closed for Christmas and New Year's Day</i>	<i>Mondays, Dec. 25, 2017 and Jan. 1, 2018</i>
<i>Youth Worship Service</i>	<i>Last Sunday of Each Month, 6:00 p.m. (December 31)</i>

# December Birthdays



Eh Knyaw	12/2	Shwe Win	12/15
Mor Chi Soe	12/2	Wisdom Htoo	12/16
Decenter Sancrown	12/3	Hser Nay Doh Htoo	12/17
Moo R Too Lu	12/3	Veera Aung	12/17
Jeffrey Moo	12/5	Ta Mla Wah	12/18
Lily Eh	12/5	Let Win	12/19
Brandon Lee	12/6	Hsar Bway Htoo	12/22
Paw Dee Say	12/6	Rachel Bennett	12/22
Serpway Win	12/6	Aaron Green	12/24
Wahnay Moo Kwa	12/6	Bwae Htoo	12/24
Elijah Htoo	12/7	Eh Taw Lo Moo Mu	12/24
Wah Nay Moo	12/7	Jaw Ley	12/24
Ethan Ellis	12/8	Kee Kie Wah	12/24
Kyaw Htoo	12/8	Ywa Htoo	12/24
Tamla Wah	12/8	Daw Nah Moo	12/25
Adrienne Leuthauser	12/9	Sha Ra Ya Mu	12/25
Natalie Sparks	12/10	Ba So Gay Doh	12/27
Tha Law Gaw	12/10	Ma La Kee Pyu	12/27
Kyi Mi	12/11	Bway Paw	12/28
Shar Paw Moo	12/12	Htoo Lily	12/28
Tee Shee Ler Moo	12/12	Kapru Htoo	12/29
Vinton M. Thein	12/12	Lydia Doe	12/29
Bway Mue	12/13	Stewart Williams	12/29
Baby Naw	12/14	Eh Mu	12/30
Baby Moo	12/14	Joel Bennett	12/31
Christina Win	12/15	Eh Thaw Paw	12/31





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10:00 a.m. English Service  
11:15 a.m. Karen Worship

**Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday  
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
*Closed on Fridays*

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Emergency,  
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**TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Rev. Daniel Calvin San	Pastor
Rev. Dr. James V. Davison	Pastor Emeritus
Karen Dunne	Minister of Christian Ed.
Say Wah Htoo	Christian Ed. Associate
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Michael Dunne	Sexton

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