

# LIFE & TIMES

Blythwood Road Baptist Church



And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelations 21:5

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**JANUARY 1ST, 2023**  
**THE HOLY NAME**

## BLYTHWOOD CALENDAR

### Saturday December 31st

- ◆ Blythwood Out of the Cold 1:30 pm—4 pm at Seeds of Hope, 6 St. Joseph St.

### Sunday January 1st

- ◆ Sunday Worship in-person at 10:30 am
- ◆ Online Worship Service on YouTube.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf-hCNBIHMpJ1nLZqm401yA>

### Tuesday January 3rd

- ◆ Deacons' Board Meeting at 12:30 pm

## LIFE AT BLYTHWOOD



Christmas Day at Blythwood  
 Top photo: Pastor David with Isabel, Joshua and Elizabeth.  
 Bottom from left to right: Nora, Adolfo and Pastor David.

## BRBC CALENDAR & BIRTHDAYS

# January 2023

\* Blythwood Birthdays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Rev. David Thomas	2	3 Deacon's Board Meeting 12:30 pm	4	5	6	7 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm
8 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am The Lord's Supper Benevolent Offering Rev. David Thomas	9	10 The Connections 11:30 am	11 Bible Study 10:45 am Family Prayer Hour 7:30 pm on Zoom <i>* Isabel Glover</i>	12 Dinner & Bible Study 6:30 pm	13	14 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm
15 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Rev. David Thomas	16	17	18 Bible Study 10:45 am	19 Dinner & Bible Study 6:30 pm <i>* Cameron Smith</i>	20	21 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm
22 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Bolivia Offering	23 <i>* Wayne Snell</i>	24 <i>* Las Whilby</i>	25 Bible Study 10:45 am	26 Dinner & Bible Study 6:30 pm <i>* Adolfo DeSantis</i>	27	28 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm
29 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Rev. David Thomas	30 <i>* Sibel Benson</i>	31				

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# WELCOME

## TO BLYTHWOOD ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

A new day! A new year! Show me the steps you would have me take, O Lord. Welcome to Blythwood and Happy New Year dear family, friends and guests with best wishes for a blessed 2023.

## PRAY FOR BLYTHWOOD'S ELDERS

Please remember the members of our Blythwood Family who are living in care: Norma Bowers and Jim Kemp.

## THE CHURCH YEAR

Advent

**Christmas**

Epiphany

Lent

Easter

Pentecost

Rejoice! Advent, the season of waiting, has given birth to the joy of **Christmas**. **Christmas** is not a single day but a season of twelve days. Twelve days to linger over the mysterious and shocking reality that God has come, but not as we would have expected. The incarnation, that the eternal Son of God has come in humility as a baby, is at the heart of **Christmas**. Jesus was born, given to us as a gift, the gift of his life to save his own. Jesus, fully God and fully man, will forever have a body like ours. May we never doubt God's commitment to rescue his creation. Rejoice!

## BLYTHWOOD GIVINGS

- ◆ The church accepts donations by online e-transfer through your bank to Blythwood's email address [treasurer@blythwood.org](mailto:treasurer@blythwood.org)
- ◆ Donations can be made electronically through the Church's website [www.blythwood.org](http://www.blythwood.org)
- ◆ If interested in setting up pre-authorized payment to Blythwood, please contact the church office to obtain the form [office@blythwood.org](mailto:office@blythwood.org)
- ◆ You may also mail your envelope directly to Vilma Barredo, our Church Treasurer, at her home. If you require Vilma's address please refer to your church directory or contact our office manager, Jennifer Frank.

## MARK YOUR 2023 CALENDAR

- ◆ Next Family Prayer Hour is Wednesday January 11th.
- ◆ Wednesday Bible Study will start on January 11th.
- ◆ Thursday Dinner and Bible Study resumes January 12th.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude @ 10:25

Adolfo De Santis

*Be Thou my vision*

### GATHERING

Life @ Blythwood

Pastor David Thomas

Greeting From CBM – Jennifer Lau

Call to Praise (from Isaiah 9)

Leader: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

*People: I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

*All: I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

(Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; NICAEA)

### Greeting

*10,000 Reasons*

(Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman ©2011)

*Holy Is the Lord*

(Tomlin Giglio ©2003)

### WORD

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-5

Sermon: "All Things New" Rev. Rob Sellitto

### RESPONSE

*Musical Reflection*

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

*Abide*

(Aaron Keyes and Aaron Williams ©2021)

*Prayers of God's People – Rev. Adrian Gardner*

### SENDING

*Be Thou My Vision*

(Ancient Irish Text, Tr. by Mary Byrne, 1880-1931, Versified by Eleanor Hull, 1860-1935; SLANE))

Pastoral Blessing

The Postlude: *Brightest and best of the stars of the morning*



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SUNDAY SERVICE ONLINE

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf-hCNBIHMpJ1nLZqm401yA>

## BLYTHWOOD PRAYERS

Canadian Baptist Ministries asks us to please join in prayer with Bill and Janice Dyck, Blythwood's Partners in Mission.

A warm hello to all of you who faithfully pray for CBM's ministry. We are Bill and Janice Dyck. Our ministry focuses on Latin America and the Caribbean, so we'd like to give you an update on highlights from the year that was and opportunities for the coming year. Anyone who knows me (Janice), knows that music is what gives me life. Beginning to teach my students at the Emmanuel Foundation again has given me new life. A personal visit to Bolivia in November: to meet my students again, teach in person, on my old piano (which they now own), and play for them, was the highlight of my year. Recently, we've been getting reports of children being sick with "bad colds." I (Bill) was quite uncertain of how the Pastoring of Pastors groups would fair in 2022, but I have been really encouraged by how leadership in Bolivia and Guatemala have stepped up to the plate. The highlight of the year for Bolivia, was a two-day retreat in November, that we were able to participate in in-person, attended by 80 pastors and church leaders. God's presence was clearly felt. The interest in Pastoring of Pastors has also continued to grow in Guatemala, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, and Cuba. The clear highlight of 2022 has been being able to meet people in person again. A trip to Guatemala and El Salvador in June and July allowed me (Bill) to meet 14 groups in 10 days. The 3 week trip to Bolivia in October/November was both a homecoming and farewell, but not an "adios" (final good-bye), more of an "hasta luego" (until later). If 2022 sets us on a trajectory into 2023, then we have more to look forward to. Leaders in Cuba are already asking about forming Pastoring of Pastors groups. More trips are being considered to Cuba, Dominican Republic for next year. Theological transformation workshops in El Salvador and Guatemala, begun in June of 2022 are waiting to be followed up on. In addition to discipleship, I (Bill) keep reading up on work as mission, creation care, integral mission, and transforming theological education, so who knows what opportunities 2023 will bring.

### PRAYER POINTS:

Please pray:

- For the holiday season, and "Summer" vacation time in Latin America. For pastors during the busy Christmas season, for health, for their vacations, and for activities as they start up again at the end of January and beginning of February. Pastoral transitions and new placements happen at this time as well. This can be stressful for pastoral families and churches. Pray that the felt spiritual, emotional, and professional needs would continue to be met by the Discipleship and Pastoring of pastors groups.
- As flu season hits, pray for the children at the Jireh project, La Casa de la Amistad, and the Emmanuel Foundation. Pray especially for Laurita, at the Emmanuel Foundation, who is coping with leukemia.
- Pray for our partners in Cuba. They have endured a hurricane, Covid, and severe economic hardship this year. Pray for hope in 2023 and improvement in their circumstances.
- Pray for fellow team members: Bruno and Kathleen Soucy, Patty Nacho, Tim and Kallie Hutton, and especially Kathryn Scott who is new—adjusting to learning the language and culture in Guatemala.
- We trust you've been blessed during your Christmas celebrations and gatherings. We wish you all a happy, blessed, New Year!