

# LIFE & TIMES

Blythwood Road Baptist Church



Politics  
&  
Religion

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**JANUARY 22ND, 2023**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

## BLYTHWOOD CALENDAR

### Sunday January 15th

- ◆ Sunday Worship in-person at 10:30 am
- ◆ Online Worship Service on YouTube.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf-hCNBIHMPj1nLZqm401yA>

### Wednesday January 18th

- ◆ Bible Study at 10:45 am

### Thursday January 19th

- ◆ Dinner and Bible Study at 6:30 pm.

### Saturday January 21st

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

## SAVE THE DATE

Please join us for lunch following the Sunday service on January 29th. If you would like to help please contact Nicole Thomas.

## SCRIPTURE READERS WANTED!

If you are interested in reading the scripture during our Sunday worship services, please contact Pastor David.

## 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.

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## 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 *Isabelle Glover	12 Dinner & Bible Study 7:30 pm	13 *Wayne Snell	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 7:30 pm *Cameron Smith	20	21 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm
22 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Bolivia Offering	23	24 *Las Wilby	25 Bible Study 10:45 am	26 Dinner & Bible Study 7:30 pm *Adolfo De Santis	27	28 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm
29 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Rev. David Thomas  Lunch at Noon	30	31 *Sibel Benson				

FEBRUARY 2023

\*Blythwood Birthdays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Bible Study 10:45 am Family Prayer Hour 7:30 pm on Zoom	2	3 *Christopher-Benson	4 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm *David Thomas
5 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am The Lord's Supper Benevolent Offering Rev. David Thomas	6	7 Deacon's Board Meeting 12:30 pm	8 Bible Study 10:45 am Family Prayer Hour 7:30 pm on Zoom *Kirsi Pamoja	9 Dinner & Bible Study 7:30 pm	10 *Frances Bruce	11 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm *Michael Bailey
12 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Rev. David Thomas	13	14 The Connections 11:30 am	15 Bible Study 10:45 am	16 Dinner & Bible Study 7:30 pm *Lisa Snyder	17	18 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm *Sarah Benson
19 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Bolivia Offering *Nancy Webster	20	21	22 Bible Study 10:45 am	23 Dinner & Bible Study 7:30 pm	24	25 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1:30-4 pm
26 In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Rev. David Thomas *Mitchell Bruce	27	28 *Maria Bonilla				



# WELCOME TO BLYTHWOOD ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome friends, family and visitors, as we gather before our Lord today, we extend the warmest of welcomes to all present. May you find encouragement and spiritual refreshment. May you leave with your burdens lightened or removed. Welcome to Blythwood.

## CHAGAS PROJECT OFFERING

Our monthly offering will go to CBM's Bolivia Chagas Project. Please note "Bolivia Chagas Project" on any givings to help fight this disease.

The Chagas project seeks to bring attention and intervention to a preventable disease affecting the rural poor and improve food security by providing new skills and supplies for families to produce in orchards, raise small animals, and produce honey for consumption and marketing. Chagas disease is a silent killer among the poor, transmitted by an insect that thrives in adobe walls and thatched roofs that slowly destroys internal organs, especially the heart. Workshops aim at preventative measures, providing access to medical attention and testing, and reinforcing homes to protect families from contracting the disease.

With simple home renovations, re-infection is preventable. However, the costs for medical care and construction supplies are far beyond the means of the people most affected. CBM's Chagas project provides prevention education and treatment of the disease together with local communities and agencies. With the help of volunteers through the local church, home renovations and treatment are provided through this project.

## A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Send your peace, O Lord, which is perfect and everlasting,  
that our souls may radiate peace.  
Send your peace, O Lord,  
that we may think, act, and speak harmoniously.  
Send your peace, O Lord,  
that we may be contented and thankful for your bountiful gifts.  
Send your peace, O Lord,  
that amidst our worldly strife we may enjoy your bliss.  
Send your peace, O Lord,  
that we may endure all, tolerate all in the thought of your grace and mercy.  
Send your peace, O Lord,  
that our lives may become a divine vision,  
and in your light all darkness may vanish.  
Send your peace, O Lord, our Father,  
that we your children on earth may all unite in one family.

*(from the files of the Baptist World Alliance)*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude @ 10:25  
*Sing to the Lord*

Adolfo De Santis

### GATHERING

Life @ Blythwood

Pastor David Thomas

Call to Worship

Leader: For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers

*All: All things have been created through him and for him.*

*O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing*

(Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; AZMON C.M.)

Greeting

*Lord Reign In Me*

(Brenton Brown ©1998)

*God of Wonders*

(Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong ©2000)

### WORD

Scripture: Romans 13:1-7

Sermon: "Politics and Religion"

### RESPONSE

*Musical Reflection*

*Wherever He leads I'll go*

*God With Us*

(Jason Ingram and Leslie Jordan ©2012)

*Prayer of God's People*

### SENDING

*Lead Us O Father In the Paths of Peace*

(William H. Burleigh, 1812-1871; MORECAMBE)

Pastoral Blessing

The Postlude:

*All things bright and beautiful/For the beauty of the earth.*



READ OUR SERMONS ONLINE  
[www.blythwood.org/index.php/sermons](http://www.blythwood.org/index.php/sermons)

SUNDAY SERVICE ONLINE

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

## PRAY FOR BLYTHWOOD'S ELDERS

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

## BLYTHWOOD PRAYERS

Canadian Baptist Ministries asks us to please join in prayer with Suraj Komaravalli, Team Leader, India.

Greeting in Christ's name. I am Suraj Komaravalli and I serve as CBM India Team Leader. I advance Integral Mission strategies through church-based transformational ministry in India. 2022 was full of uncertainties and struggles as our partners worked to recover from the effects of the pandemic. Nevertheless, in the valley of darkness, our Lord had been so gracious to uplift us and lead us to re-examine and recommit ourselves to him. We thank God that our India Partners could implement their projects and see a positive impact in the lives of the beneficiaries and communities. We also thank God for new Partners in Nagaland for 2023 – Chuchuyimlang Baptist Church through a sports ministry project and Chumukedima Baptist Church through a human trafficking project. Please pray that in 2023 our India Partners could serve in word and deed through their respective programs – rehabilitating and transforming victims of human trafficking, the Ao Tribe widows, Alcohol addicts, and unemployed youth; capacity building and networking of India Partners; and strengthening of church pastors, youth, women through Integral Mission, leadership development and modern trends in Theology workshops. Please also pray for new and ongoing Sustainability projects of Clark Theological College (Poultry, Piggery & Coffee plantation), Soura Baptists (SBCMS) (Goats & desktop publishing business) and Oriya Baptists (UBCA) (Sheep & Desktop publishing) to generate income for scholarships for poor students to pursue theology, nursing and allied medical courses. Finally, pray for peace and understanding in our area. Your kind prayers and support for CBM's Ministries in India are much appreciated. Blessings!

**PRAYER POINTS** – Please Pray:

- Pray for new partners in Nagaland – Chumukedima Baptist Church, who serve to rehabilitate and transform the lives of broken trafficked women, and Chuchuyimlang Baptist Church to empower youth through sports ministry (football) as a source to better jobs for livelihood.
- Pray for Partners in Nagaland – Alempang Baptist Church, Yimyu Baptist Church and Sungkomen Baptist Church, as they jointly partner with CBM to help impoverished Ao Tribe Widows become self-reliant and work to earn income for their families.
- Pray for India Workshops: Workshops on Integral Mission for local churches to address brokenness and its consequences. Workshops on Capacity Building and Networking to develop leadership and strengthen the execution of projects and networking between partners.
- Pray for the following Sustainability Projects: Clark Theological College (Poultry, Piggery & Coffee Plantation) for generating scholarships for poor students. Soura Baptists (SBCMS) (Goats & Desktop printing business) for generating scholarships for poor students and income-generating projects for Soura Widows. Oriya Baptists (UBCA) (Sheep & desktop printing) to run youth tutoring & computer training programs and generate scholarships for poor students.
- Pray for the well-being of donors, Baptist churches and Conventions in Canada, and those who prayerfully come forward to support the ministry in India financially.