

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

ERIK DAVIDSON

December has snuck up on us and we are just a few weeks short of finishing out 2025. I hope that this year has been a good year for all of you.

With December upon us, we have begun our season of Advent. It is the season of hope, love, joy, and peace. It is also the season of expectation and anticipation for what this Christmas will bring.

It is my desire that this Christmas season will bring you all the fullness of Christ in all of your lives. The fullness that is expressed in the Hebrew word Shalom, the desire for you to be the best version of you that God created you to be. I hope that this Christmas will be one that the indwelling of the Lord becomes new and fresh into your lives and that you will be filled with the joy of the season like never before.

I know that there will always be the hustle and bustle of getting the right gift for everyone and running from one appointment or party to the next.

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However, I hope that you will take time to truly reflect upon why we celebrate and what Jesus' birth meant and still means for our world. How can we be a part of that in the midst of all the "craziness" of Christmas?

I pray that you all will have a wonderful time and it will be filled with the joy of being with friends and family.

In Christ,

Erik



Erik Davidson Senior Minister Lyndale Baptist Church

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SECRETARY HOURS

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

CONTACT US

If anyone needs help with anything, please call your deacon or the church office.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 AM (In-Person & Virtual Live Attendance)

Facebook: Facebook.com/LyndaleOnHullST

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@lyndalebaptistchurch6109



DEC 1 - 6		
MON Dec 1	7:00 PM	Deacon Meeting
TUE Dec 2	10:00 AM	Coffee Meetup
WED Dec 3	6:30 PM	Zoom Prayer Meeting & Bible Study*
FRI Dec 5	11:30 AM	GriefShare Meeting
SAT Dec 6	11:00 AM	Choir Practice
DEC 7 - 13		
TUE Dec 9	10:00 AM	Virginia Boyles Group
WED Dec 10	6:00 PM	Lyndale Christmas Dinner & Fellowship
FRI Dec 12	4:00 PM	Free Community Dinner
SAT Dec 13	7:30 AM	Pennies for Heaven
SAT Dec 13	11:00 AM	Choir Practice
DEC 14 - 20		
SUN Dec 14	11:30 AM	WMU Meeting (re: HerMission planning)
SUN Dec 14	3:00 PM	Christmas Concert
MON Dec 15	6:30 PM	FOTM Christmas Dinner
MON Dec 15	7:00 PM	Ruth Beale Circle
THU Dec 18	11:30 AM	Senior League Christmas Luncheon
SAT Dec 20	11:00 AM	Choir Practice
DEC 21 - 27		
SUN Dec 21	2:00 PM	Blue Christmas Service
SUN Dec 21	3:30 PM	Christmas Piano Concert
WED Dec 24	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
SAT Dec 27	11:00 AM	Choir Practice
DEC 28 - 31		
MON Dec 29	7:00 PM	Leadership Team Meeting



PRAYFR VIGII

Join us for a Prayer Vigil in the sanctuary each **Sunday** morning at **9:00 AM** to pray for the Revitalization of Lyndale.

^{*} Please contact LyndaleBaptistChurch@gmail.com for the ZOOM link to join Wednesday night Prayer Meeting



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE (HerMission)

Sun, Nov 30th - Sun, Dec 14th

Our Christmas Post Office is open! If you haven't taken part in this offering before, here's how it works: Bring Christmas cards for our church friends and give a donation of \$0.65 for each card you drop off. Every donation goes directly to support <u>Camp Crossroads</u>.





Please don't bring cards for shut-ins, since their cards need to be sent by mail.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order Deadline: Sun, Dec 7th

Lyndale members have the opportunity to honor or memorialize loved ones by ordering red or white poinsettia plants to decorate our sanctuary on Sunday, December 14 and 21.

Please order your poinsettia(s) by signing up on one of the forms provided on poster boards in the church foyers. Poinsettias will still be \$12 this year. Please make checks payable to Lyndale and place in offering plates (or leave in Church office during December.) Deadline for poinsettia orders is Sunday, December 7.

Poinsettias should be taken by purchasers on Sunday, December 21. Plants may be removed for personal use after worship service on Sunday, December 21.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP NEEDED: BLESSING BOX VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in helping with a ministry here at church and can't commit large chunks of time? Are you interested in helping our community in a real, impactful way?

Our **Blessing Box Community Food Pantry** needs your help! We need volunteers to stock the Blessing Box from our food pantry room on **Thursdays**. The time is flexible - whenever you can do it on Thursdays! If you are interested in helping, please see Jo Ball.



MOBILITY AIDS AT LYNDALE

Did you know Lyndale has mobility aids that you can borrow? The supplies, wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, bedside commodes, etc., are located in the trailer. There is a signup sheet inside for checking out and returning the equipment. If you have a need or questions, please contact Jonathan at the church office or Anne Potts.



Thank You!

Thank you to to everyone at Lyndale who helped us exceed our CCHASM Thanksgiving Meal goals! Your donations allowed us to deliver 24 meal bags (pledge was 20) along with a check for \$220 (pledge was \$200) to help CCHASM provide nourishing meals to area families in need.

DECEMBER MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Fri, Dec 12th @ 4:00 pm

Our free Community Dinners are the **2nd Friday** night of each month from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, and all are invited! Come for a good meal, great conversation and an opportunity to visit with those you may not know in our community. Looking forward to seeing you there!



PENNIES FOR HEAVEN

Sat, Dec 13th @ 7:30 am

Come join our Ministry Team class on the **2nd Saturday** of each month (meeting at the church 7:30 - 7:45 am) as we deliver hygiene bags containing vital personal care items for those who are homeless and friends in need.



Donations of these much needed items are deeply appreciated:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Bath Soap
- Razors
- Socks
- Washcloths
- Shampoo

DECEMBER MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

LYNDALE'S BLESSING BOX FOOD PANTRY

Every day, our faithful volunteers stock and monitor our Blessing Box, helping our community in times of need. Through this daily ministry, we serve as a tangible reminder of His love for His people. Ways you can help: prayer, donations of non-perishable food items or volunteer for one day a week.



BLANKETS OF LOVE

There is always an urgent need to help our furry friends at local animal shelter! Lyndale is collecting donations of the following items; they can be left in the "Blankets of Love" bin in the Community Room:



- Blankets (used/good, new or like-new)
- Towels (used/good, new or like-new)
- **Pet Beds** (new or like-new)
- Dog & Cat Toys (new only)

LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

The <u>Chesterfield Prevent Blindness Morning Lions</u> <u>Club</u> is asking for your help and support in collecting glasses. By donating your old glasses, you can help others that are visually impaired. Lyndale's collection box has been placed in the vestibule of the church.



CCHASM FOOD BANK

Don't let the cupboards go bare for the CCHASM mission of serving families and individuals who have unique circumstances that have put them in the need of day-to-day sustenance. Your contributions of non-perishable food items will be greatly appreciated!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

When you do your weekly grocery shopping, please add an extra *non-perishable* food item to your cart and bring to church any Sunday. A basket in the foyer is available for collection and will be delivered to Southminster Presbyterian Church, our local distributor to the hungry of our county. Any donated items will be greatly appreciated!



ABOUT CCHASM

For nearly 30 years, CCHASM (Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry) has served as a non-profit organization seeking to serve those individuals and families in Chesterfield-Colonial Heights who have found themselves in an economic crisis. Those assisted by CCHASM are area residents, individuals, and families who, for various reasons (i.e., loss of jobs, medical emergencies, loss of the primary income member, recent disability), are experiencing an acute economic crisis, which threatens their basic survival needs. CCHASM relies on the generous support of community and Alliance members.

CCHASM FOOD BANKSuggested Food Donations

- Canned Tuna & Salmon
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Instant Potatoes
- Pasta & Sauce
- Crackers
- Cereals
- Coffee, Tea & Juices
- Canned Soups
- Canned Pastas
- Corned Beef Hash
- Canned Chicken
- Brunswick Stew
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Baby & Toddler Foods

