



**Ivy Memorial Baptist Church**  
Your family ... in Coliseum Central

January  
2020



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## Be a S.O.U.L. Project Partner

As part of the S.O.U.L. project, Ivy Women on Mission has again partnered with Cary Elementary School in Hampton. We are working with Sybil Lovett Gordon, Family Engagement Specialist at Cary on particular needs that Ivy members can assist in. Here are a few ideas to consider over the next few months:

- Bring in large bottles of hand sanitizer and large boxes of tissues for the classroom.
- \$5 Gift card incentives for the staff for food spots such as Starbucks, Chick-fil-A, McDonalds etc.
- Donate a used children's bikes that will be refurbished and raffled off at the end of the school year for students with perfect attendance each quarter.
- Volunteer to read to the children during the school day.

Donations of tissues and hand sanitizers can be put in the cardboard Missions box in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a used bicycle, gift card or want to be a guest reader, contact Brenda Minter or Peggy Wolfley.



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## A Night's Welcome Recap

This was our 16th year of supporting "A Nights Welcome" and we provided shelter for an average of 56 guests each night. This year we averaged approximately 18 ladies and a family of 5 each night. About 40 folks took advantage of staying in all day on Christmas Day. In addition to meals and support provided by Ivy members, outside groups provided breakfast and dinner meals including Freedom Life Church, Wesley UMC, Saint Paul's Lutheran, Team Best, and even a church in Norfolk (Pastor friend of Margaret Wilson).



There were two Christmas Cards left addressed to Ivy thanking us for our support. We even had one of our guests make a substantial offering. Often when we step out in faith, we receive the greater blessing and this was certainly the case for "A Night's Welcome" 2019.



Creating culture is one of the most significant things that we all do as human beings. We create culture in personal ways by the way we choose to live. For example, we can create a culture of hospitality or a culture of hostility in the way that we relate to other people. Each of us has a significant amount of control when it comes to the kind of culture that characterizes our life.

On a much broader scale there is the larger culture that we all live in. Our current national culture is largely a culture of crudeness, divisiveness, and lack of civility. Many of us grew up in a culture which was far more congenial, respectful, and civil. For those of us who lived in such times, these were the “good days.”

Each church also creates its own culture. Some churches may create a culture of legalism while other churches might create a culture of liberalism. Some churches create a culture that is warm and inviting while other churches create a culture that is cold and repelling.

As we look forward to entering a new decade, we will be focusing on the kind of culture that we create as a church family. Our Leadership Team will be working with us as we create a *culture of experimentation* and a *culture of conversation*. In moving forward as a church family we will need to be willing to experiment with some of our ministry areas. We do not have a hierarchical type leadership structure and culture at Ivy. Rather, we seek to create and sustain a more servant model of leadership.

The servant model seeks to encourage a culture of open and honest conversation. As we face some significant issues throughout 2020, we will seek to hear God’s Spirit as we experiment. As we move forward, we will provide opportunities to deepen and widen our conversations with each other. I look forward to the ministry experiments ahead of us and the conversations that we will share together.

Blessings,  
Brian

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## January Missions Involvement

This month we are supporting  
**S.O.U.L Project**



The S.O.U.L. Project supports local elementary teachers and students. This year we are working with Cary Elementary. If you bring items, please remember they are for elementary school age children.

Jan 5 & 12	<b>Undie Sunday</b> —bring panties and underwear
Jan 19 & 26	<b>Sock-It-To-Me Sunday</b> —bring socks
Feb 2 & 9	<b>Baby, It’s Cold Outside</b> —bring hats and gloves

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## Ivy and Freedom Life Sustainment Team

The Sustainment Team consists of members from Ivy and Freedom Life. They meet each month to discuss issues relative to the transition. Any issues that may emerge will first be addressed by the appropriate ministry teams of either or both churches. If not resolved or addressed at that level, the issues will be addressed by the Sustainment Team. The Ivy Sustainment Team members are: Ruth Thomas, Peggy Wolfley, Bill Willshire, and Brian Williams. Please feel free to contact any of these members about any concerns or issues that will help advance the Kingdom of God through our partnership with Freedom Life. Notes of the monthly meetings are available from the church office.





**Sunday morning Bible study**  
10:00—11:00

**Sunday night study**  
5:00—7:00

**Wednesday night study**  
5:45—7:00pm.

**Will you pray for our children and youth?**

There are lots of plans for the new year. Our enemy doesn't want any of them to succeed.

Continue encouraging our young people and their adult leaders as God does His work in their lives.

## January Sermon Series

*You're Invited!*

Prayer and Conversation

Wednesdays at 6:00pm  
In Pastor Brian's office.



Dear Ivy family,

I want to express my sincere and heart felt thanks for the expressions of concern and overflowing of love during my time in the hospital and my continued recovery. Your prayers were and still are greatly appreciated. The by-pass surgery was successful because of God's guiding hand. The recovery is continuing but I still have a ways to go. I have started cardiac rehab and know this will help and expect this will be on going for the next six weeks. I miss being with my Ivy church family and look forward to being able to attend regularly once again.

Love you all, Linnie Wood



Dear Pastor Brian and Church Family,

You have been a blessing to me and my family during Willard's illness and death. We greatly appreciate your prayers, visits, cards, and encouragement throughout these difficult days. Willard loved the Lord and always enjoyed serving in various ways at Ivy Memorial.

The service for Willard was a wonderful and inspiring tribute to him and to our Lord and Savior. The bulletins provided by the office staff were perfect. The basket of fresh flowers from the church was beautiful and such a cheerful addition to my apartment. We were very fortunate to have Helping Hands provide and serve food to all of our extended family. This is such a special ministry that our church offers. I am very thankful to be a part of such a caring and loving church.

With gratitude and love, Virginia Bauserman and family

Dearest Family at Ivy,

Thank you all so much for all the help you've given us in the loss of our son/grandson, Jason. It was so wonderful to receive the outpouring of love and concern. We love you very much...

In Christian love, The Vandrans



**Dust off those old family recipes!  
Our chili cookoff returns  
January 19, 2020**

Anyone who would like to participate should contact one of the social team members: Margaret Wilson, Sharon Tanner, Brenda Harris, Donna Garrett, Julie Lloyd.

**WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sundays**

- 9:30 am - Brunch
- 10:00 am - Small Group Bible Studies
- 11:15 am - Morning Worship Service
- 5:00 pm - Youth/ AWANA Jr.

**Monday**

- 7:00pm - Volleyball

**Wednesdays**

- 5:00 pm - Fellowship Supper
- 5:30 pm - Youth Study
- 5:45 pm - Children's Choir
- 5:45 pm - Preschool Choir
- 6:00 pm - Prayer and Conversation
- 6:30 pm - Mission Friends

**Thursdays**

- 7:00 pm - Basketball

**January**

- January 1 - Church Office closed for holiday
- January 5 - "Undie Sunday"
- January 12 - "Undie Sunday"
- January 19 - Chili Cook-Off
- "Sock-It-To-Me Sunday"
- January 26 - "Sock-It-To-Me Sunday"

*Please check your Sunday bulletin  
for calendar updates!*

**Giving Options**

Visit [www.ivymemorial.org](http://www.ivymemorial.org) to give online. You can even give via TEXT or by scanning this QR code.



Text **IVYATCC** to **73256** to give to the Unified Budget using your text messaging. *Standard text messaging rates may apply.* If you have questions call the Office at 838-3107.

**MINISTRY RESOURCES UNIFIED BUDGET  
December 2019 (as of December 29)**

Given this Month.....\$ 26,439.90  
Total Needed this Month to Meet Budget.....\$ 27,705.08

**From the Church Office:**

Have you joined ACS REALM yet? You can check the calendar, communicate with your groups, and much more. Call the Church Office and ask Michelle to help you get connected.



**Your Church Office is usually open  
Monday—Thursday  
9:00am—3:30pm**

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