

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT • DECEMBER 15, 2013

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you sent your Son into the world to bear the cross on our behalf and be raised to life for our hope. Reveal our transgressions and ready our hearts to wait and watch for the Son of Man to come again, crowned in glory, we pray in his name. Amen.

Once In Royal David's City

First and second verses are presented, congregation then stands and joins in with third verse

1 Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed
Mary was that mother mild
Jesus Christ her little child

3 And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above
And He leads His children on
To the place where He has gone

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2 He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable
And His cradle was a stall
With the poor the scorned the lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

At this time, children 4k-2nd grade are invited to go to Kids Time. Kids Time is a dynamic worship service that caters to younger children and prepares them to participate in the main worship service. The children will return prior to Communion.

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15; 17-19

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.'"

To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree Presented by Children and Adult Choirs

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Music: Douglas Wagner; text from "Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs" (1760-1795)

Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus Congregation and Choir

1 Come Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

2 Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2; 6-7; Micah 5: 2-5a

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

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Third Lesson (continued)

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace.

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear Presented by the Youth Band

1 It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

2 Still thro' the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

3 And ye beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow
Look now for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing

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Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming Presented by Soloist

1 Lo how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung
It came a flower bright
Amid the cold of winter
When half gone was the night

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it
The rose I have in mind
With Mary we behold it
The virgin mother kind
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half gone was the night

3 This flower whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere
True man yet very God
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load

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Fifth Lesson: Luke 1: 26-38

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Magnificat Presented by Soloist

*My soul glorifies the Lord
My spirit rejoices in my God, my Savior*

1 Remembering His humble servant
Now all will call me blessed
For He has done great things for me
Holy is His name

2 From generation to generation (His mercy)
Reaches to those who fear Him (His mercy)
He has performed great deeds with His arm
Holy is His name
Scattered the ones proud in their thoughts
He brought down the rulers from their thrones
But He has lifted up the humble
Holy is His name

3 Filling the hungry with good things
Sending the rich away empty
Helping His servant Israel
And to the sons of Abraham (Mercy)
And to the sons of Abraham (His Mercy)
And to the sons of Abraham (Have Mercy)
And to the children of Abraham (Holy is His name)

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Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

O Magnum Mysterium *Presented by Choir*

O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in their manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia!

Hush, My Babe *Children's Choir and Women of the Choir*

1 Hush, my babe, lie still and slumber
Holy angels guard thy bed
Heav'nly blessings without number
Gently steal upon thy head

2 Hush, my babe, lie still and slumber
Calm beneath the midnight sky
Heav'nly voices without number
Sing a gentle lullaby

3 "Alleluia, alleluia"
Angels sing from high above
All creation waits in wonder
For your peace, your gift of love

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-20

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

WELCOME and OFFERING

See Amid The Winter's Snow Soloist and Congregation on Choruses

1 See amid the winter's snow
Born for us on earth below
See the gentle Lamb appears
Promised from eternal years

2 Lo within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies
He who throned in height sublime
Sits amid the cherubim

*Hail that ever blessed morn
Hail redemption's happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem
Christ is born in Bethlehem*

3 Say you holy shepherds say
Tell your joyful news today
Why have you now left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep

4 As we watched at dead of night
Low we saw a wondrous light
Angels singing 'Peace on earth'
Told us of the Savior's birth

5 Sacred Infant all divine
What a tender love was Thine
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this

6 Teach O teach us holy Child
By Thy face so meek and mild
Teach us to resemble Thee
In Thy sweet humility

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Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Wonderful Peace *Presented by Adult Choir*

Peace, peace, wonderful peace, Peace to the world is given.
Hushed are the angels, so still is the night:
Then in the East shone a heavenly light.
Join in the chorus His praises sing!
Glory to God, to the newly born King.
Peace, peace, wonderful peace, Peace to the world is given.

Peace, peace, bearer of peace, Men of good will receive Him.
Holiest of night, O most wondrous of days;
Shepherds and kings lift their voices in praise.
Join in the chorus, His praises sing!
Glory to God to the newly born King.
Peace, peace, wonderful peace, Peace to the world is given.

Ninth Lesson: John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

HOMILY *"The Word that Changes Everything"*

The Rev. Patrick Dominguez

Homily Notes

Joy To The World Congregation and Choir

1 Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

2 Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

4 He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders and wonders of His love

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CLOSING PRAYER

Everlasting Father, we thank you for your Son Jesus, who entered this world and laid down his life to reconcile us to you. Guide us by your Spirit to also enter the world and lay down our own lives, delivering the good news of the gospel to fellow sinners; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hark The Herald Angels Sing Congregation and Choir

1 Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

2 Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

3 Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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DISMISSAL

Leader: *Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Welcome Visitors and Newcomers...

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Below are a few ways that you can become more involved at Apostles. If you have questions this morning, you can fill out the yellow card under the chair in front of you.

Discovering Apostles Membership Class—This class includes teaching about Church of the Apostles and information about becoming a member of this church. Our next class will be held on Saturday, January 18 from 9am-12noon. *If you have any questions, please contact Marsha at 782-0550 x29 or marsha@apostles-raleigh.org.*

Join A Community Group—Are you interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Do you desire to have relationships in the church that go deeper than surface level conversations? Join a Community Group! *Please contact Ford Jordan if you have any questions (ford@apostles-raleigh.org).*

The Pulse Email Newsletter—If you would like to receive our weekly email newsletter with updates and announcements about what is going on at Apostles, simply fill out the yellow card under the seat in front of you with your email and drop it in the offering basket.

PEARUSA eNewsletter You can sign up for email updates about PEARUSA, the church movement of which Apostles is a vital part. Simply go to www.pearusa.org/newsletter-sign-up and enter your email address.

ApostlesLink.org—Are you a member or involved in the life of Apostles? Join our new online communication tool: Apostles Link. *To get a login, email Julie at julie@apostles-raleigh.org.*

The Ebenezer: Apostles' Blog—Would you like to hear stories about how the Lord is working in and through the people and ministries of Apostles? Check out our blog! www.apostles-raleigh.org/blog/

This Week @ Apostles

The following are some events taking place at Apostles. If you would like more info, please visit our website.

Sunday, December 15

Lessons & Carols Worship Services—8:30am & 11am

Tuesday, December 17

Prayer—2-4pm: Sanctuary

Thursday, December 119

Men's Fraternity—6:45am-8am

Christmas Events

Pride for Parents-Advent Mission—Deadline is THIS Tuesday, December 17

Please bring a new unwrapped toy for the Pride for Parents Christmas Store. Pride for Parents is a ministry that provides new toys and clothes for local low-income parents to purchase at a reduced cost. There is a drop off box in the church lobby for your donation.

The Pride for Parents Store prefers to have small number of higher priced items, rather than many lower priced items. Feel free to purchase a gift with another family or with your Community Group, if desired. Educational, creative and non-violent gifts are great items to consider. Please leave price tags on gifts to help facilitate store staff in pricing items.

We also need volunteers to help run the store on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from December 5-21. *The volunteer coordinator is Spencer Daniel and she can be reached at pride4parents@gmail.com or leave a message at (888)526-7642.*

Poinsettia Honorariums—Due December 19

We will be decorating the Sanctuary with poinsettias for the Advent & Christmas Season. If you would like to give one in honor or in memory of someone, please make a check out for \$10 to Church of the Apostles with "Poinsettias" in the memo line. Then email julie@apostles-raleigh.org with (1) "in honor of" or "in memory of", (2) the person's name, and (3) who is giving the gift.

Lessons and Carols Services—Sunday, December 14 at 8:30am and 11am

Birthday Party for Jesus—Sunday, December 22 at 10am

Christmas Eve Services—December 24 at 3pm*, 5pm*, and 11pm (*Please note the new service times!)

Looking for a way to serve for Christmas? This year we will be having two services with childcare instead of just one. Consider serving in the nursery on Christmas Eve at either the 3:00 or 5:00 service. In the past, some families have served in one service and attended the other one together. *Email cathy@apostles-raleigh.org if you are interested.*

Apostles Children's Ministry

Nursery—The lesson for this week is Luke 1 and 2: Baby Jesus is Born. The December memory verse is "For unto us, a child is born" Isaiah 9:6.

December Mission Focus—Operation Christmas Child – Children can still place their offerings/contributions to the Light House in the Kids Time room which will help the boxes get to children around the world.

Kids Time—This week's lesson is: Luke 2:1-7, "We Welcome Jesus" Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem and Jesus is born. Memory Verse is John 8:12. (#4 on the "Seeds of Faith" CD).

Sunday School—The 4 year olds through 3rd grade report to the Kids Time room. 4th-5th go to room 208. Children's Sunday School will begin again on January 12.

Big Time—We have Big Time on the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month at both services. There is no Big Time this week. Memory Verse is 1st Corinthians 16: 13-14 (#10 on the "Seeds of Courage" CD).

Getting Involved at Apostles

Children's Sunday School—Sundays at 10am—For ages birth through 5th grade (begins again January 12)

Adult Sunday School—Sundays at 10 (Begins again January 12)

Student Ministry Small Groups—Sundays at 6pm—Church of the Apostles—Contact curt@apostles-raleigh.org or kara@apostles-raleigh.org

The Vine—20s/30s Community—Contact ford@apostles-raleigh.org

Want to join a Community Group?—Contact ford@apostles-raleigh.org

Women's Ministry

<http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-community-groups/>

Women's Retreat—February 7-9—
Blockade Runner, Wrightsville Beach—
Register online: <http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-retreat/>

GIG (Growing in Grace) Bible Study—
Wednesdays | 9:30am-11:30am
If you would like to register, visit our website.
Contact Susan Blazier
at susanblazier@yahoo.com or 919-280-6302.

Muffins & More—2nd & 4th Mondays | 10am-11:30am | Begins again January 13
Contact: Sue Barclay (suebarclay@juno.com, 783-5043) or Cheryl Andrassy (candrassy@nc.rr.com, 781-4370). No childcare is provided.

Women in the Word—Mondays | 7pm-9pm
Contact Prissy Stufflebeam (prissy@nc.rr.com, 876-0429) or Elizabeth Nichols (enicholsslp@gmail.com or 266-1930)

"Breaking Free" by Beth Moore—Tuesdays | 12:30-2:00 PM | Study of "Breaking Free" by Beth Moore (*newest updated version)
Contact Liz Rickner | eb2926@nc.rr.com | 919-301-8569

Men's Ministry

<http://apostles-raleigh.org/mens-community-groups/>

Blackwater Group—Thursdays | 7am-8am
Location: Ragsdale-Liggett Conference Room:
2840 Plaza Place, Suite 401, Raleigh 27612
Contact Eric Bolash | 919-368-5234 | eric@apostles-raleigh.org

Sleepy Heads—Wednesdays | 7:15am-8:15am
Location: Church of the Apostles, Room 201
Contact Ed Bailey | 919-832-7305 | bailey@redeagle-co.com

Men's Fraternity—Thursdays | 6:45am-8:00am
Location: Church of the Apostles, Room 204
Contact Barney Ford (608-239-8182 | cbf1945@gmail.com) & Bruce Berger (919-783-5900 | bruceberger@mac.com)

Band of Brothers Group—Wednesdays | 7am
Location: Panera Bread at Crabtree Mall
Contact Curt Blazier | curtblazier@gmail.com

Branch & Vine Relationship—Tuesdays | 7pm
Contact Frank Andrassy | 919-649-5480

Financial Update

November Results

(7/1/12-11/30/13)

Budgeted contributions	\$636,880
Actual contributions	\$584,522
Budgeted expenses	\$637,380
Actual expenses	\$592,454

Freedom for Mission, our debt-reduction fund, has received \$2,862 during November and \$298,368 since its inception in April 2010.

December Results to Date

(7/1/13-12/8/13)

Budgeted contributions	\$756,880
Actual contributions	\$651,370

This leaves us \$105,510 behind in what we expected to have received this first six months of our fiscal year. We continue to keep our expenses down, but please lift up our finances in prayer as a large part of our budget is received in the month of December.

Apostles Student Ministry

December 15: NO Donut Hour

December 15: NO DEAL

December 15: Check with your small group leader to see if you are meeting.

"The Deal" Student Worship in Youth Room

At 11:00am the first three Sundays of the month The Deal worship kicks off. This is a full-blown worship experience designed to engage the mind and heart of junior and senior high students. This service not only employs technology, drama, and creativity, but is also designed and led by students.

Welcome to Church of the Apostles

We pray that you know God's presence as you worship with us today. The words to the songs and the order of service are printed in this bulletin.

Holy Communion is open to all who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Children are welcome to receive communion at their parent's discretion. It is our custom to use wine during communion. If you choose not to partake of the wine, you can receive grape juice from the green chalices on either end of the serving line.

Please fill out a yellow Connection Card found under the seat in front of you. Then either place it in the offering basket, or, after the service, take it to the Connections Table for a complimentary gift bag. We invite you to use the card to inform us of any prayer requests or questions about Church or the Apostles.

Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. While our members and regular attendees will be participating, we do not want you to feel that it is required of you. Thank you for joining us today.

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