

WORSHIP SERVICE
December 23, 2017
10:45

Welcome & Church Life Andy Williams

Songs of Praise Barbara Ensley & Cindy Williams
 *Call to Worship - Words are on the screen

Invocation* Josef Ludwig

Lamb's Offering Children
 Children's Story Larry Fox

Prelude to Prayer** Congregation
*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
 Look full in His wonderful face;
 And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
 In the light of His glory and grace.*

Intercessory Prayer Andy Williams

Worship in Giving Carolina Youth

Scripture John 3:13-17

Worship in Music Mills River Church Choir

Sermon Josef Ludwig
The Challenge of Christmas

Closing Hymn 140
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Benediction Josef Ludwig

Postlude

*Congregation stands **Congregation kneels

Platform Chairman Andy Williams
 Deacon in Charge Virgil Luke
 Pianist Wendy Smith
 Organist David Smith
 Audio Visual Chris Baker

INTERCESSORY PRAYER
8:15-9:00

Intercessory prayer group meets in the sanctuary piano side classroom. Write your answers to prayer and place them in the **Answered Prayers Jar** on the foyer table. Include only information that can be shared in church.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be written in the Prayer Journal in the foyer. They will be read in church and prayed for by the Sabbath morning Intercessory Prayer Group.

SABBATH SCHOOL
9:15

Song Service Barbara Ensley & Cindy Williams
 Opening Song 142
Angels We Have Heard on High

Prayer Pat Case
 Christmas Song Pendletons
 Story Pat Case
 Christmas Song Cradle Roll Class
 Lesson Study Classes
Overcoming Evil With Good

(Classes dismiss at 10:35)

WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE.
Let's remember to be reverent.

CHURCH LIFE

MILLS RIVER TODAY

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH. We are glad you have chosen to worship God with us today.

SECOND READING FOR TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP: David, Wendy, and Dexter Smith from Fannin County SDA Church, Morganton, GA

JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD - A musical Christmas celebration of Jesus, our Light, this evening at 6:00. It's not too late to invite a friend!

A DIRECTORY INFORMATION CARD was placed in your mailbox last week. If you have not yet turned it in, please complete both sides of the card and turn it in by Dec. 30. Thank you!

MILLS RIVER UPCOMING EVENTS

PASTOR RALPH AND JONI are away through Jan. 2. Please contact an elder in case of emergency.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed through January 1 for the holidays.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER next Sabbath will be hosted by the Kidwell team.

THERE WILL NOT BE PRAYER MEETING on December 27. We will resume our study in the book *Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 23, "Berea and Athens" on Wednesday, January 3.

AREA & CONFERENCE EVENTS

THE NORTH AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS has moved to a new location. The NAD offices are open regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, at this new address:

9705 Patuxent Woods Drive
 Columbia, MD 21046
 Phone number: 443-391-7200
 Fax: 443-259-4884

Please make this correction in your church directory.

WINTER FUN DAY is a chance to show God’s love to an often forgotten group of people. This is an opportunity for children with special needs to come to an event especially for them. Games and crafts are designed to include kids of all abilities. If you know a special child who would enjoy the next Winter Fun Day, January 7, 2-4 pm, at Arden Adventist Community Life Center, you are welcome to bring them for a fun time. For more information, contact Charlene at winterfundayforkids@gmail.com.

LADIES! Please join us at the Hendersonville SDA Church for *Heart to Heart* with Women’s Ministry (for women only) where we will be sharing how to grow closer to God through trials. Part one of this 12-part monthly series will be on Monday, January 8 at 6pm. For our first topic we will be hearing from Shannon Johnson, Kathy Wilkie, and Judy Possinger as they share their experiences on the topic “The Loss of a Child.” Please join us and support these ladies as they share their moving testimonies of faith in the God who loved them, carried them, and gave them hope in the midst of devastating grief.

SEA OF MIRACLES Vacation Bible Xperience Workshop, Sunday, Feb. 25, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Carolina Conference Office. See the bulletin board for details.

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Lorraine Wellman, Church Secretary
 Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

**Bulletin Information is due by
 noon on Wednesday**

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Church Budget

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget-5.5% of income	\$12,406.00	\$148,872.00
Rec’d thru Dec 16	<u>8,582.73</u>	<u>128,134.73</u>
Needed (Over)	\$ 3,823.27	\$ 20,737.27

	<u>Ingathering</u>
Goal	\$1,870.00
Rec’d thru Dec. 16	<u>1,237.00</u>
Needed (Over)	\$ 633.00

It takes only \$2 per month per member to reach our Ingathering goal. Half of the funds come back to help with our local outreach.

Loose Offering Next Sabbath *Carolina Evangelism*

Sunset Today 5:22 Sunset Next Sabbath 5:26

Welcome to
 Mills River



O Come, Let Us Adore Him,
 Christ, the Lord!