

At Second-Ponce



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Make an evening at Second-Ponce one of your
Christmas Eve traditions.

Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

*Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright*

DECEMBER '18

A CHAPEL CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 19 at 6 p.m. in the Chapel

Children and adults are welcome to celebrate the season together at our last Wednesday night gathering before Christmas.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Wednesday, December 19 at 5:45 p.m. in the Dr. Ryland Knight Room

Children will celebrate the birth of Jesus during their last Wednesday gathering before Christmas! E-mail Heather Webb at hwebb@spdl.org for more information.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY & LOCK-IN

Friday, December 21–Saturday, December 22; Meet at 6 p.m. Friday in the Youth Area

The Christmas season is busy, and Second-Ponce youth are carving out time to not only celebrate the season but spend time together. E-mail Josh Scott at jscott@spdl.org for more information.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

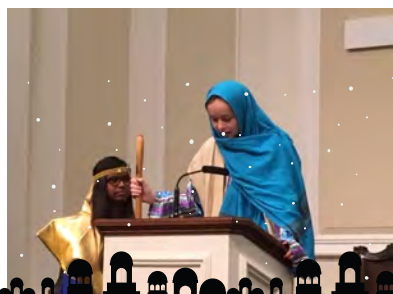
Monday, December 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join with the Second-Ponce family for music and scripture as we anticipate the birth of our long-expected Jesus.

BREAKFAST WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sunday, December 30 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Instead of meeting as separate Sunday School classes, we'll join together for a delicious hot breakfast as a church family. There is no cost for this event, but a donation basket will be available for those wanting to give.



That Night in Bethlehem

SPdL children's choirs presented a musical about the night Jesus was born. Our kids, leaders and volunteers did a wonderful job!

JANUARY '19

CHILDREN & FAMILIES BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 6 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy a delicious and free breakfast and start the New Year off together. Our menu will include pancakes, scrambled eggs with cheese, bacon, hash browns, fruit, milk, juice and coffee.

WMU JANUARY MEETING & LUNCH

Tuesday, January 8 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

You are invited to the January meeting of the Baptist Women. The speaker will be Gabe Palmer, the USA Director of Send56, a ministry dedicated to the training, sending and assisting of native missionaries to the unreached people groups in Africa. He has served in urban and foreign settings as a missionary for 19 years, six of those years on staff at the International House of Prayer Atlanta in Lawrenceville, GA. Reservations for lunch (\$8) can be made through Mary Ann Hall or by calling Vicki McCaskey in the church office at 404.591.4344.

SPdLU: THE LIST

Wednesdays from January 9 to February 27 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

SPdLU "The List" is a Bible study of selected passages from "The List of 100 Essential Scriptures" and will be taught by several different teachers.

SPdL101

Sundays, January 13, 20, 27 & February 2 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Room B-131

SWhat is the history of Second-Ponce? How are decisions made at our church? Why are we still Baptists? What do Baptists believe anyway? If you have had any of these questions, you are invited to a four-week introduction to life at Second-Ponce, called "SPdL 101." No RSVP is needed.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY JANUARY FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Mary Carlton's home

Let's warm up and celebrate the new year together! Bring your favorite cold weather appetizer or dessert to share, and invite your friends! RSVP to womensministry@spdl.org.

YOUTH PANCAKE & PRAY

Sunday, January 20 at 9:45 a.m. (during the Refuge Gathering time) in the Youth Area

This event is where students gather to eat pancakes and pray for our nation and each other, and to discuss how we can continue to be a source of light in our contemporary society.

YOUTH TRIP TO CENTER FOR CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS

Sunday, January 20 following the worship service

This time of fellowship and learning will help students notice the different struggles and achievements of humanity while prompting helpful discussion of what is possible in the future. Contact Josh Scott at jscott@spdl.org for more info.

BCM JANUARY FOOD DRIVE

The entire month of January; Collections at the North Bridge Lobby

Each January, Second-Ponce collects food and money for our community ministry partner, BCM. Collection bins will be set up at the North Bridge Welcome Center. Please consider giving as you are able to this wonderful organization aiming to feed the stomachs and souls of our neighbors in need.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



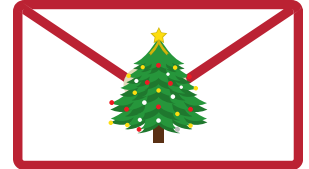
**DEACON
INSTALLATION**
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13
11 A.M. | SANCTUARY



**CHURCH IN
CONFERENCE**
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27
NOON | FELLOWSHIP HALL

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

You are invited to send your Christmas Cards to your church family using the Children's Missions Post Office located near the North Bridge Welcome Center. You can leave your Christmas cards for church members by dropping a donation for missions in the box. The suggested offering is 25 cents per card. Make sure to check the post office regularly to pick up cards that have been sent to you!



Look for this brochure on the North Bridge Resource Wall to learn more!

HAVE YOU HEARD

The Second-Ponce ministry to children & families is moving to a flexible ministry model beginning in January. We are offering MORE integration, MORE choices and MORE opportunities for exploration & connection.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS DUE DECEMBER 31

A big thank you goes out to everyone who has given to Second-Ponce this year! As 2018 draws to a close, we want to offer a reminder about year-end contributions. Gifts intended for your 2018 record must be received in the finance office by 3 p.m. on Monday, December 31 or postmarked no later than December 31. Due to accounting procedures, no exceptions can be made. You may also give online by midnight Monday, December 31 at www.spdl.org/give. If you have additional questions about year-end contributions or any other giving opportunities simply contact Jane Dixon, Church Accountant, at 404.591.4359.

YEAR TO DATE RESULTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2018

| UNIFIED BUDGET | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Pledged Contributions</i> | \$1,228,942 | \$1,164,488 |
| <i>Non-pledged Contributions</i> | \$360,722 | \$423,446 |
| Total Income | \$1,678,372 | \$1,679,001 |
| <i>Expenses</i> | \$1,913,508 | \$1,916,528 |
| Net Unified Budget | (\$235,136) Loss | (\$237,527) Loss |

| AUXILIARIES (FLC & PRESCHOOL) | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Income | \$1,091,641 | \$1,109,407 |
| Expenses | \$1,020,611 | \$1,142,308 |
| Net Auxiliaries | \$71,030 | (\$32,901) Loss |
| Net Income | (\$164,106) Loss | (\$270,427) Loss |

— DECEMBER 2018 at SPdL —

01 SATURDAY
CHRISTMAS HOPE PROJECT
9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

KEEP ATLANTA BEAUTIFUL
10 a.m. in the SPdL Lower Lot

02 SUNDAY
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP
9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

03 MONDAY
FLC HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
Beginning at 7 a.m. in the FLC

04 TUESDAY
BAPTIST WOMEN WMU
11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

EVENING EDITION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the FLC

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP
7 p.m.

05 WEDNESDAY
FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN'S MUSIC & MISSIONS
5:45 p.m. in the Children's Building

REFUGE YOUTH GATHERING
6 p.m. in the Youth Area

SPdLU WITH DR. DAVID HULL
6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

SOUNDS OF FAITH REHEARSAL
6:30 p.m. in the Music Area

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:15 p.m. in the Music Area

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL
7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

06 THURSDAY
WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS GATHERING
6:30 p.m. at the home of Robin Mathis

09 SUNDAY
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHRISTMAS CANTATA
9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS LUNCH
12:15 p.m.

11 TUESDAY
EVENING EDITION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the FLC

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP
7 p.m.

12 WEDNESDAY
FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL
6 p.m. in the Chapel

REFUGE YOUTH GATHERING
6 p.m. in the Youth Area

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16 SUNDAY
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP
9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY
6:30 p.m.

17 MONDAY
PRESCHOOL MOM'S PRAYER GROUP
9 a.m.

DEACONS' MEETING
6:30 p.m. in the Dr. Ryland Knight Room

18 TUESDAY
EVENING EDITION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the FLC

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP
7 p.m.

19 WEDNESDAY
PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
9:30 a.m.

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21 FRIDAY
YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY & LOCK-IN
12/21-12/22 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Youth Area

23 SUNDAY
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP
9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

24 MONDAY
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

26 WEDNESDAY
NO WEDNESDAY PM ACTIVITIES

30 SUNDAY
CHURCH FAMILY BREAKFAST
9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP
11 a.m.

January preview on the back!

JANUARY 2018 Preview

ALL MONTH

BCM Food Drive

06 SUNDAY

Children & Families' Breakfast

08 TUESDAY

WMU January Meeting

17 THURSDAY

Women's Ministry January Social

20 THURSDAY

**Youth Trip to Civil & Human Rights
Museum**