



Advent Booklet

2025

Advent Decorating Fund In Memory Of

Eunice Boone and Minnie Blythe
By: Charles & Jewell Martin

Madeline Barnes, God's angel
By: Lynn & Susan Powell

Madeline Marie Barnes,
Our granddaughter
By: Don Spengeman & family

Jackson Corbett
By: Meme & Papa (Charles &
Jewell Martin)

Jackson Corbett, an angel of God
By: Lynn & Susan Powell

Haisley Cotton, my
granddaughter
By: Linda K. Thomas

Gloria Francis Davis (Mom)
By: Dianne D. Burns

Raymond Lee Davis (Dad)
By: Dianne D. Burns

Louise Ellis DeBerry
By: Marshall DeBerry, Jr. &
Nancy DeBerry Arnold

Marshall M. DeBerry
By: Marshall DeBerry, Jr. &
Nancy DeBerry Arnold

Mildred & Lonnie Doughty
By: their family

William H. Goodwin, Sr. &
Annie Maye Goodwin
By: Bill & Alice Goodwin

Alma & Jim Henry
By: Rin & Kevin Barkdull
and Susan & Jim Henry

Pat Hutt, "We love you,
Tishy"
By: her grandchildren

Ann Jervey - a very dear friend
By: Betsy Fauntleroy

Ann Jervey and Glenda Jervey in
Heaven, and in honor of their
family here with us
By: Gaynelle Riddick

Glenda Jervey
By: Jim

Glenda Jervey
By: Lynn & Susan Powell

Linda & Lewis Joyner
By: Kaye Joyner

Billy Phillips - a wonderful
father and grandfather
By: Maryanna Koehring
and family

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*Billy Phillips – a wonderful
father and grandfather
By: Joanna Kunz and family*

*Billy Phillips, my beloved
husband
By: Toni Phillips*

*Jennifer Pollard, precious angel of
God
By: Lynn & Susan Powell*

*Our grandson, Eley Owens
Powell, God's precious angel
By: Lynn & Susan Powell
(Sassy & Ace)*

*Lynn Rothwell
By: The Rothwell family*

*Sandy Spengeman
By: Don Spengeman and family*

*Carter Stephenson, God's angel
By: Lynn & Susan Powell*

*My great-nephew, Carter
Stephenson
By: Gaynelle Riddick*

*Robert L. Thomas
By: Linda K. Thomas*

*Dean Wagenbach
By: Lynn & Susan Powell*

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*Demey Turner Collins and
Jackson Collins*

*By: David & JoAnne
Turner*

Gretchen Hopkins

By: Stacy Dempsey

*Our special friends and
neighbors, Jewell & Charles
Martin*

By: Lynn & Susan Powell

*Gaynelle Riddick--a
very dear friend*

*By: Betsy & Ranny
Fauntleroy*

*Gaynelle Riddick--a
very dear and wonderful
aunt*

*By: Kent & Jennifer
Stephenson*

Joshua & Amy Turner

By: David & JoAnne Turner

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning.

Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the *second* coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit," begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve.

Although we are accustomed to celebrating Christmas on a single day, in both Christian tradition and on the Church calendar, the Christmas season lasts for the twelve days from December 25 - January 6. As Taylor Burton-Edwards notes, the Christmas Season "begins with the birth of Jesus and gives us two full weeks to encounter the extraordinary love, threats, dangers, and opportunities God's Incarnation [in the birth of Jesus] set off then and still sets off today."

God entered our world, not as a conqueror, but an infant, demonstrating the depth of God's love — and a radical vision of peace and love — for all creation.

May your hearts be filled with expectant preparation, anticipatory hope, and joyful gratitude this season!