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What does Christmas mean to you? To some people it means hard work. The stores are crowded with shoppers, the post office is overflowing with mail, and the buses and planes are carrying record crowds. To some people Christmas means a visit home. Surely this is the best time of all year to be with loved ones. To some people Christmas brings sadness. They look back over the year and think of the loved one who has left them since last Christmas. To some people Christmas means revelry. They talk about Christmas liquor; they connect whiskey with the name of the blessed Savior. To millions of people, Christmas means nothing. They do not know Jesus. December 25th for them, is just another day.

But Christmas means everything to the real Christian. It means that God loves us. It means that God has given us the best Christmas gift that He could possibly give. It means that our Savior is born:

- born to set an example with His life
- born to die for our sins
- born to be raised for our justification
- born to ascend on high and make intercession for us
- born to give us hope of His coming again to gather all believers unto Himself.

Christmas means that the Christian has a Companion for life. Yes, Christmas is special to the Christian.

How should we respond to all that God has done for us as a result of Christmas? First, we should respond with worship. When Jesus was born a wonderful miracle of nature took place. The heavens opened and an angel came down to speak to a group of shepherds on a Judean hill. Luke 2:10-12 says, *Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. You will find Him wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.* The shepherds went to town, found the baby and knelt down and worshipped Him. When the Wise Men found Jesus, Matthew tells us that they *fell down, and worshipped him* (Matt. 2:11). If we are going to have a meaningful Christmas, we must worship Him also.

Second, we should respond by giving. After Christ was born the wise men came bearing their gifts to Him. They brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Each gift was a gift of value. What gifts are we giving to Him? Are we giving ourselves? Are we giving our time, our talents, and our treasure to Him? Think about what Christ has given to us. Look at the cross! Yet we look at the attendance records and find that many church members haven't given one hour to Jesus in the past year. We look at the financial records and find that many have not given one penny in the past year. Must Jesus give all and are we to give nothing in return?

Third, we should respond by witnessing. For our first picture here, we look up and listen to the angel. The angel brought the sweetest message the world ever heard. In fact, the world has never been the same since then. The second picture we see is the shepherds. After the shepherds had seen the baby, they went out to spread the glad tidings. They went to tell the glorious story of Jesus to everyone they met. That is what we need to do today. The world needs this message! If we take the message of Christ to them, life will never be the same for them again.

So, this Christmas season let us do these three things: Let us bow down and worship Him, let us bring our gifts to Him, and let us tell others the sweet old story of Jesus and His love.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas with love!



From
the
Pastor

Library News

December Birthdays

DECEMBER – MERRY CHRISTMAS!

His Presence Is His Gift To Us

God sent Jesus to us so we could have His presence with us every day. We think about baby Jesus at Christmastime, but in fact, it's His presence with us each day that's the true gift. We have access to Him at any time – and He's exactly what we need.

Christmas is a season of excitement and expectations. People often look to do good, pay it forward, and surprise one another with kindness and that's good, but let's remember "Jesus is the Reason..."

Isaiah 9:6: *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.*

Praying our whole church has a Merry and Blessed Christmas.

Here are a few books from our Library...

The Purpose of Christmas by Rick Warren. Christmas really is the best news you could get. The author explains how God designed Christmas to meet your three deepest needs and how understanding and receiving God's three Christmas gifts to you will transform your life forever.

The First Christmas by Henry Van Dyke. In this volume of Christmas stories, we read of courage, generosity, and the triumph of light over darkness. As the author writes, "to live Christmas – not just on Christmas Day."

Christmas Stories for the Heart by Lucado, Swindoll, Graham, and more. Rekindle the warmth of Christmas. Curl up by the fire and warm your heart this holiday season with these wonderful stories. This collection will greatly renew your faith, hope, and love for the Christmas season.

Yours in Christ, Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

2	Grant Terrillion
3	Jeff Oakes
4	David Lovely
	Maggie Stooksbury
8	Doug Williams
	Phillip Pullen
9	Archie Emery
	Rebecca Crawford
11	Sharon Burkhalter
13	Zane Zhang
16	Paul Wilson
18	Carolyn Hester
21	Prentice Moore
22	Ruth Fultz
	Kendall Wright
26	Ann Johnson
27	Tyler Wright
	Tom Holloway
28	Bryan Crawford
	Finley Johnson
31	Deric Keltner
	Gene Duncan
	Vickie Anderson

*Happy Birthday
to You!*

From the Church Office

Church Calendar: The "master" calendar for church facility use and activities is in the church office. **Please let the church office know of your activity or event so that it can be publicized, AND most importantly, be sure that it does not conflict with other activities.**

Call or email to keep us informed. Thank you!



Offering Envelopes: If you do not have offering envelopes or need more for the New Year, please contact the church office and a box will be prepared for you. Don't forget that you can also give through our website, the Church Life App, or text giving.

Year-End Church Contributions: If you wish to make a contribution to the church before year end, it must be postmarked, hand delivered, or posted electronically (online giving) to the church by December 31st in order to count on your 2019 Charitable Contributions Statement.





December is an extra-exciting month for the Zimmer family – our 4th grandchild is due to arrive on December 27th (or sooner!). Please keep my daughter-in-law, son, and big sister Addie in your prayers as they anticipate the arrival of Ellie Grace, and excuse my absence from the office on her arrival day.



From the Church Staff

Bo J *Jan*
Paula



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 4 pm Trustees Mtg. Deacon's Meeting No AWANA or ENCOUNTER	2 Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering – December 1-8 6-8 pm Facility in Use-Scouts	3 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	4 12-3 pm Facility in Use-Precepts 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg. 7:30 pm Finance Cmte.	5	6 8am-4pm Facility in Use-Homeschool	7 Young Adult. SS Class Party (Off site)
8 Counting Cmte. Mtg. following morning service 6 pm AWANA-Regular Night 6 pm ENCOUNTER	9 6-8 pm Facility in Use-Scouts	10 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	11 10:15 am Cracker Barrel Fellowship 12-3 pm Facility in Use-Precepts 6:30 pm Business Mtg., Children's Ministry Volunteer Training	12 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	13 8am-4pm Facility in Use-Homeschool	14 9 am Prayer on the Square, Columbia 9-Noon Fellowship Hall in Use (Vicki James) 11am-1pm Sanctuary in Use (Tom Moore)
15 6 pm Double Reed Ensemble 6 pm AWANA Christmas Party ENCOUNTER & Youth Christmas Party	16 6-8pm Facility in Use-Boy Scouts	17 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	18 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting	19 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	20	21 
22 10 am Adult Choir Christmas Musical No Evening Activities	23	24  Church Office Closed 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service	25  Church Office Closed Facility in Use-Slavic Church	26	27	28
29 No Evening Activities	30	31 Evening - Facility in Use-Slavic Church				

Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Sunday School – 8:45 am
Worship – 10:00 am
Adult Choir Rehearsal – 5:00 pm
AWANA – 6:00 pm (Sept.-May)
Youth ENCOUNTER – 6:00 pm
Worship – 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Mission Friends, Children in Action – 6:30 pm
Kids Choir – 6:30 pm
Prayer Meeting – 6:30 pm
Business Meeting – 6:30 pm (2nd Wednesday)

Our Church in Action



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, December 11,
10:15 am

Everyone is Welcome!
 (The Crossings, Spring Hill)

GREETERS SCHEDULE

December 1: Melanie Brandon & Sharon Grace

December 8: Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

December 15: David & Collin Lovely

December 22: Tom Moore & Linda Bland

December 29: Davis & Sharon Burkhalter

Thank you for your wonderful response to the food needs for The Well.

134 lbs. of food was delivered this past month!



Current High Needs Grocery List: Canned vegetables & fruit, tomato sauce, Boxed goods (brown or white rice, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, Jiffy cornbread mix, Ramen Noodles), dried beans (all varieties), pasta sauce, applesauce, ketchup, mayo, mustard,

syrup, PEANUT BUTTER (most needed item!)

(Boxes are located in Sr. Ladies Classroom/Library)

Let's keep filling the boxes to overflowing!!

Budget Planning

It's time to prepare the 2020 Budget. The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, December 4, to prepare the budget for next year. If your organization requests a change to the budget, please let church treasurer, Aaron Easton, know before this meeting. Thank you.

The **Church Cookbooks** will be on sale at the Holiday Station Marketplace at Spring Station Middle School from 9 am – 3 pm, on Saturday, December 7th. There will be over 100 vendors selling beautiful handmade items. There is a \$3 entrance fee which benefits the school band.

The Art of Marriage (click title for link to more information) – a new small group study for couples on Wednesdays beginning January 8, 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This 6-week study is intended for couples of all ages and walks of life. It is not about making bad marriages good; it's about making any marriage better. Cost is \$10 for the book and a children's ministry program is available for birth – 6th grade. Please let [Josh Howland](#) know if you would like to participate.



Future Growth Funding

\$18,012.50.62.50 in a Construction Acct.
 at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
 \$338,316.46 in a Building Fund
 at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

KidCentral News...



Schedule

Dec. 1: Brent & Christie Johnson

Dec. 8: Barry & Cynthia Huntzinger

Dec. 15: Adam & Crystal Vaughn

Dec. 22: No Children's Church

Dec. 29: No Children's Church



Childcare Available

Nursery Desk Schedule

Dec. 1: Marvin Bailey

Dec. 8: Brent Johnson

Dec. 15: Barry Huntzinger

Dec. 22: Bruce Hull

Dec. 29: Chuck Peters



AWANA Schedule

December 1: **No AWANA**

December 8: Regular Night

December 15: Christmas Party

December 22: **No AWANA**

December 29: **No AWANA**

Wednesday Evening Changes and Volunteer Training

A new & improved Wednesday night Children's Ministry program is in the works. To implement changes, current Wednesday activities are suspended during December. New programs will begin January 8. **Volunteer Training for ALL Children's Ministry Workers** will be on December 11 at 6:30 pm. It is very important that all Wednesday night volunteers be at this training. Anyone else interested in working in Children's Ministry is also encouraged to attend.

Background Checks

Everyone who works with children age birth through 18 years old must have a completed background check. Please contact the church office so that you may be sent the link to complete the check online. Thank you.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions
Church Goal: \$3,500

The Lottie Moon Cafe is open through December 29th in the Fellowship Hall prior to Sunday School. Stop by and enjoy some Lottie Moon Christmas cookies. There will be a basket on the table for donations; all proceeds go toward our Lottie Moon Offering. Would you like to donate some

cookies? You can sign-up at the welcome desk. We can't have too many! Any left-over cookies will be taken to the Spring Hill Police Department. Questions? See Vivian Bowen. Church Cookbooks are also for sale (Lottie Moon's Cookie Recipe is in the cookbook).