

DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Truth Seekers 6 pm Business Meeting and Youth 6:30 PM	5	6	7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8 AM
8 Worship Services 10:45 AM 6:00 PM	9	10	11 Truth Seekers 6 pm Bible Study and Youth 6:30 PM	12	13  Ladies' Coffee and Christmas Lights Trip to Ardmore 5 PM	14
15 10:45 AM Worship 6:00 PM CHRISTMAS DINNER 	16	17	18 Truth Seekers' Christmas Party at 6 PM  Adult and Youth Bible Study at 6:30 PM	19	20	21
22 Worship Services 10:45 AM 6:00 PM	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 	26	27	28
SISD Christmas Break						
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd..... Billy Williams
- 5th Evelyn Williams
- 10th..... Sue Harlin
- 11th..... Tony Collins
- 11th..... Vicki McLarry
- 11th..... Vincent Moore
- 11th..... Faith Slaton
- 15th..... Jacob McLarry
- 17th..... Betty Lewis
- 22nd Amy Earley
- 26th..... Glenda Cross
- 27th..... Wayland Shirey
- 30th..... Cheslee Marlett
- 31st Liah Kellam
- 31st Quentin McLarry



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2nd Wayland & Shawn Shirey
- 14th Cecil & Lillie Gonzales
- 18th Richard & Judy Pound
- 19th Brad & Andrea Holley

DECEMBER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & GROWTH

- December 1** - WMU and Deacon’s Meeting at 5:00 pm
- December 7** - Men’s Fellership Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 a.m.
- December 13** - Ladies’ Christmas Lights and Coffee Trip
- December 15** - Christmas Dinner at 5:00 pm. The church will provide the meat. Please bring sides or desserts. The dinner will take the place of our evening service.
- December 18** - Truth Seekers’ Christmas Party and last day of 2024 semester. Truth Seekers will start Spring semester January 8, 2025.

The Women’s Ministry is collecting new children’s socks and underwear for Corban’s Closet. Feel free to choose a donation slip from the bulletin board in the hall. Contact Amy Earley if you have questions.



Samaritan’s Purse National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child was a great success for the Red River Area. Bryan County had a goal of 4,000 shoeboxes and we passed that with **4,018** gospel opportunities from our area alone. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated, created, packed, prayed and insured our 336 GO boxes were covered with shipping. I’ll post numbers for our TX/LA area once the data has been collected (some are still building shoeboxes online). Project Leader, Lisa Carter (580) 380-2719.

Church Family,

I am sure if I were to ask the congregation, as a whole, “By a show of hands, how many of you have had plans fail and you had to “start all over” again?”, that we would have hands go up everywhere. There have been many of us in that situation. It can be frustrating, but I believe that even the failed plans are part of God’s plan.

For instance, when God sent His only begotten Son into the world to die for sinners, it was not “starting all over” for Him. It was all part of God’s plan. Yes, even the fall of man in Genesis 3, was all part of God’s plan. All of this was to bring His Son into the world to die for sinners. When God sent Jesus into the world, it was to re-deem man from certain destruction and wages of sin. God has no plan “B” for a back-up. God’s will, will be done “on earth as it is in heaven.”

All month, we are celebrating the birth of our Savior. Beginning the first Sunday of December, Lord willing, I will be starting a sermon series regarding the birth of Jesus. I will also be promoting our 2024 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Each week we will see a short video during the worship service that helps us to better understand the impact of our giving to international missions.

Christmas is about celebrating the birth of our LORD. As a church we have parties, fellowships, and dinners all planned to celebrate Jesus. As a whole, our church family Christmas dinner will be Sunday evening, December 15th at 5:00PM. We have several things planned for December, so pay close attention to the calendar and the weekly church bulletin for all your announcements.

In closing, the birth of Jesus deserves to be celebrated! God sent His Son!! The truth of Christmas is about the gift of the Son that our heavenly Father gave. This gives every one of us a reason to celebrate this Christmas, because Jesus the Christ was born. While we do not know what specific day or even what month Jesus was born, we do know that He was born, and we celebrate His birth. So, celebrate loved ones. Celebrate the birth of our Savior.

I love you,
YOUR Pastor
John 15:16