

Ushers & Greeters

December 24 - Rue Rogers, ch., Kent McClatchy, Russell Milmo, Chuck Calvin, John Moses, Hunter Simmons, Scot Hayter

December 31—Kendall Montgomery, ch., Dirk Barrington, Brandon Cook, Ronnie Cowart, Justin Farmer, Rowdy Lawrence, Ed Wood

Nursery Volunteers

Extended Session December 24

Babies—Anna & Rue Rogers
Toddlers—Todd & Randa Betts
3's— Shannon & John Moses

Extended Session on December 31

Babies— Katie Canada & Jesse Grubbs
Toddlers— Jill & Kyle Turner
3's—Crystal & Cody Cook

Children's Church

December 24 & 31 - No Children's Church

Sunday Morning Scripture

December 24— Cristi Little

December 31— Randy Behrens

Sunday Youtube Mix

December 24— Kade Betts

December 31—Melissa Edgington

Food Pantry Sackers

December 23 & 24 Holiday

December 30 & 31 - Holiday

Food Pantry Distribution

December 25 - closed for Christmas

January 1 - closed for New Year's Day

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THE LIGHT

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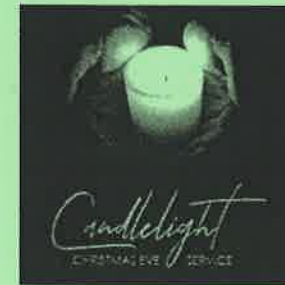
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"To Grow in our relationship with Jesus, to Serve Him together and to Share His unconditional love with others." -Mission Statement

December 20, 2023



Sunday, December 24
10:45 a.m. service



Sunday, December 24
@ 5pm

IMPACTA LA PERDICIÓN A TRAVÉS DE TU GENEROSIDAD



IMPACTING LOSTNESS THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR CHURCH GIVING GOAL,
LA META DE NUESTRA IGLESIA
ES DAR \$10,000

\$10,000



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Given: \$4,690.06

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Feel free to call the deacon of the week if you need something.

December 24—30

Jason Powers 806-418-3780

December 31 - January 6

Dan Vanarsdall 873-3040

January 7 - 13

Ed Wood 873-8790



DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

December 20

**Youth Boys - Bowling
leave church at 10am- Bring \$10**

**All-Youth Christmas Lights Outing
Leave church at 5pm Bring \$10**

December 22, 25 & 26

Office will be closed for Christmas

December 24

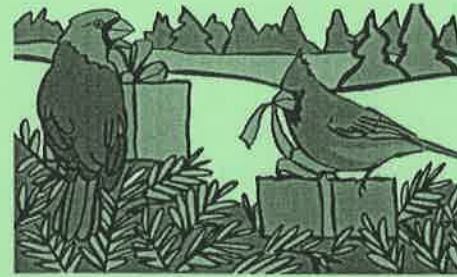
**Children's Christ Pageant - 10:45 am
Candlelight Service - 5:00 pm**

December 31

Grace Care Worship - 3:30



Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dora Mae Crowthait. Dora Mae's service will be on Wednesday, December 27th, at First Baptist Church. There will be a viewing in the sanctuary before the service at noon. The funeral service will follow at 1:00 p.m.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- December 21 David Armenta
Renae Dillard -Fields
Jan Myers
Zack Schrader
- December 22 Jasper Barrington
Freddie Lewis
- December 23 Randy Behrens
- December 24 Allen Gameson
Mark Harris
Kathy Mayers
- December 25 Mahana Andrew
Sheila Pulliam
- December 26 Caleb Thomison
- December 27 Ross Rogers
- December 28 Jessica Hayter
Addilynn Keeter
Casey Pulliam
- December 29 Randa Betts
Karrie Canada
- December 31 Kim Bailey
Bliss Behrens
Russell Milmo
- January 1 Sandra Woolley
- January 2 Adelaide Edgington
- January 3 Hunter Simmons

Note: The next newsletter will be mailed out on January 3, 2024.

Weekly Reports

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Bible Study: 162

Morning Worship: 222

Budget Weekly Needs	\$12,432.00
Budget Receipts	\$9,163.53
Designated Receipts	
Lottie Moon	2,430.06
Poinsettias	175.00
Gospel Meal	50.00
Building Fund	<u>350.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$12,168.59
Budget Needs to Date:	\$621,600.00
Budget Receipts to Date:	\$640,575.60

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Bible Study: 162

Morning Worship: 251

Budget Receipts	\$17,578.58
Designated Receipts	
Love Offering	2,500.00
Lottie Moon	300.00
Poinsettias	25.00
Benevolence	210.00
Gospel Meal	100.00
Youth Fund	100.00
My Peoples Children Home	100.00
Food Pantry	350.00
Onward Ever Dental	100.00
Building Fund	<u>100.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$21,513.58
Budget Needs to Date:	\$634,032.00
Budget Receipts to Date:	\$658,154.18

Charitable Contributions for 2023

Please make sure that your contributions are turned into the church office by December 31st or post marked by December 30th. It would help Angela out if you can bring your end of the year offering in by December 28th. If you send yours by mail, please use the P O Box 734 - not the 201 W. Main address.



Thank You Note

Dear Rev. Edgington,

I want to express my deep appreciation for the gift sent to Samaritan's Purse from First Baptist Church for Operation Christmas Child. We are truly grateful for your partnership in sharing God's love with children around the world through these gift-filled shoeboxes.

This is a busy season of ministry as we collect millions of shoeboxes and prepare them to be shipped to more than 110 countries. We thank the Lord for all those who make this project possible and for every opportunity to share the Good News about His greatest gift - His Son, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham

A Message From Brother Chad

Dear Church family,

Christmas Eve Morning Instructions I need the choir to report to the choir loft at 8:50a.m. to rehearse for the Christmas Pageant. The children who are in the Pageant will need to come to Sunday School that morning at 9:30am. in costume. Their teachers will bring them down to rehearse during Sunday School. Everything else will run according to normal schedule on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve Evening Candlelight Service The service will begin at 5:00pm and will run about 45 minutes. There isn't a nursery for the service, but Anna is going to turn the parlor into a refuge for mothers to corral excited children if necessary, and to spend time together. The service will be streamed in there.

New Year's Eve will be our last service together for the year. Don't forget that all end-of-year giving will need to be turned by the 31st at the latest. However, it will help Angela out if you bring your gifts by the 28th so she can get a head start on the deposit.

Explicit Gospel Study – On New Year's Eve I will also pass around a sign-up sheet for our next Sunday P.M. home group's study. We will be doing a 6-week course by Matt Chandler called Explicit Gospel. I did this study years ago, and it was just incredible. I think, as much as anything, this study helped me get a good grasp on the basics of how the Lord saves people and how the gospel touches on every area of life. The study will begin on January 14. The cost of the study is \$15 per person. Family max cost of \$30.

This past Friday we had a wonderful time of fellowship at the “**Christmas as the Parsonage**” open house. It was great to see and visit with so many of you as we shared delicious snacks and even had a chance to do a Christmas sing-a-long. We appreciate all those who helped us host this year. It was exciting for us to show you all the work that has been done to remodel the parsonage over the past few years. Special designated funds were given toward flooring, painting, and a new counter and backsplash. It is a blessing to serve a church that takes care of us in this way.

Christmas Fellowship Luncheon on Sunday was great. It was so wonderful to see our church family enjoying spending time with one another. How does fellowship grow so sweet. When people love the Lord, they find that the best times are spent with others who love him just as much. Thank you to Jan Simmons and her kitchen crew for all the hard work to make the meal such a great experience.

This will be the 10th Christmas we have celebrated together as church and pastor. When I look back on the past decade of our ministry together, I have seen so much growth in you and in myself. We are not there yet. There is much more that God has in store for us as we grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus together. My Christmas message to you this year is one of love. I can only say that I love you and am so grateful that the Lord placed us here all those years ago. Thank you for loving our family so well all these years.

Merry Christmas,

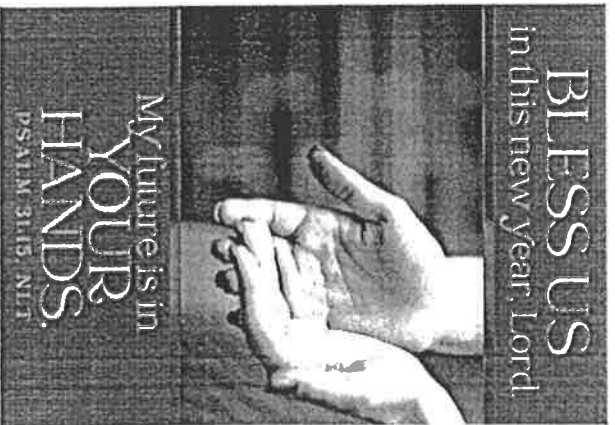
Brother Chad



January 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 No Ministry of Helps - Holiday Office Closed	2 No Ladies Luncheon this month	3 No TeamKid	4	5 Men's Bible Study 6am @ The Refuge	6 Food Sackers Wales, Morgan, Robertson, Krajca
7 Deacons' Mtg 8am	8 Ministry of Helps 9-10:30 Produce Truck 929 Bluebonnet Moses, & Hill Crosstimbers Stitchers 9:30	9	10 TeamKid Jeter - 6pm corn dogs Youth - 6pm Prayer Mtg 6 Benevolence 7:15	11	12 Men's Bible Study 6am @ The Refuge	13
14 <u>Explicit Gospel</u> Jan. 14 - Feb. 18 Home Study Groups 5pm	15 No Ministry of Helps - Holiday	16	17 TeamKid McQuerry - 6pm hot ham & cheese Youth - 6pm Prayer Mtg 6 Benevolence 7:15	18	19 Men's Bible Study 6am @ The Refuge	20 Food Sackers Rodriguez, Simmons, Stephens
21 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Choices Baby Bottle fund-raiser begins Home Group Study 5pm	22 Ministry of Helps 9-10:30 929 Bluebonnet Dillard, Simmons & Stephens	23	24 TeamKid Wales - 6pm hot dogs Youth - 6pm Prayer Mtg 6 Benevolence 7:15	25	26 Men's Bible Study 6am @ The Refuge	27 Food Sackers Belew, Calvin, Wolfe, Key, Betts
28 Home Group Study 5pm	29 Ministry of Helps 9-10:30 929 Bluebonnet Hayter & McCutcheon	30	31 TeamKid Calvin - 6pm Pasta Youth - 6pm Prayer Mtg 6 Benevolence 7:15			



SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES

Bible Study 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 am
 Home Study Groups (Jan. 14) 5:00 pm
 Youth Activities TBA

WEDNESDAY'S ACTIVITIES

TeamKid (K-5) 6:00 pm
 Remix (6th & 7th) @ FBCCO 6:00 pm
 Youth 8th - 12th @ The Refuge 6:00 pm
 Prayer Meeting in parlor 6:00 pm
 Benevolence 7:15 pm