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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 2022



The Holiday Season is upon us! If you are like most then you agree with the songwriter who penned the phrase, “It’s the most wonderful time of the year!” Houses are decorated with lights on roofs while on the inside homes are filled with beautiful trees, seasonal lights, wreaths, presents and FOOD! Families gather together sometimes from all over the country for fun, fellowship, and extravagant portions of turkey and stuffing and ham. As a church family at First B, we gather together this season to sing carols that proclaim the greatest gift of all time—the gift of *eternal life* presented by God through Jesus Christ who came 2,000 years ago as a humble baby born in Bethlehem, fulfilling numerous prophecies along the way to the cross where He willingly died so that all who believe in Him could receive this gift of eternal life. If you are curious what Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled that first Christmas, here is a brief list: **Genesis 3:15** (seed of the woman), **Gen. 22:18** (seed of Abraham), **Gen. 17:19** (seed of Isaac), **Gen. 28:14** (from the line of Jacob), **Gen. 49:8-10** (tribe of Judah), **2 Samuel 7:12-13** (line of King David), **Isaiah 7:14** (born of a virgin), **Isaiah 9:6-7** (a Child and a Son), **Micah 5:2** (born in Bethlehem).



“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made ... and the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the One and Only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:1-3,14).

Singer/songwriter Chris Tomlin celebrates the promise of Jesus Christ when he sings, “Unto us a Child is born, the King of kings and Lord of lords, and HE SHALL REIGN FOREVERMORE!”

Amen and amen! May God abundantly bless you this holiday season and may *you* be a blessing to others as Jesus reigns in your life and we joyfully await His return! Merry Christmas!

In His Grace,

Pastor Matt

★ Thank you ★

Dear FBC Prayer Quilt Ministry,

From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for the quilt. It is beautiful and so very meaningful!

Blessings and Love,
Shannon Vargas

First Baptist Ark City,

We wanted to express our deep gratitude for you and your faithful giving toward our ministry with DiscipleMakers. You are a vital part of the mission of making disciples who make disciples, and we are blown away by how God has provided through you. You are thought of and prayed for regularly as we do our work in the Headquarters.

Also, we are excited to announce we are expecting a baby girl in just two months!

Thank you for your prayers and support of our growing family.

Tim & Holly Howden
DiscipleMakers



New In The Library

1. The Tender Ties, by Kirkpatrick
- #1 A Name of Her Own
- #2 Every Fixed Star
- #3 Hold Tight the Thread
- #4 A Light in the Wilderness, Kirkpatrick
- #5 A Heaven on Earth, by Reid
- #6 Forever After in Apple Lake, by Beckstand
- #7 Kate's Song
- #8 Rebecca's Rose



December 4th | 6:30 PM

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Please make sure you check out all books and videos before you take them out of the Library (**adult or children**). Also try to bring them back on time. You may recheck out your books.

Your Librarian,
Peggy McClure





Dial-A-Devotion

Call (620) 442-5000

for a new devotion every day!

Kierslynn Waggoner	Chris Tackett
Brynlee Smith	Ayla Smith
Becky Widmer	Suzanne Moore
Pam Broce	Kellen Virden
Tomoko Ard	Lucy Harris
Roman Giger	Tracie Gordon
Cooper Webb	Loren Shultz
Anthony Wiley	Lynn Callison
Jean Wissinger	Calvin Herrill
Nicole Rogers	Janet Sparks
	Gracie Webb

1 Shawna Foust	16 Joyce Jordan
2 Twyla Hawkins	17 Larry Longshore
3 Dick Reedy	18 Amber Wiley
4 Suzanne Moore	19 Susie Bolf
5 Larry Longshore	20 Pam Broce
6 Judy Reedy	21 Jan Miller
7 Janet Sparks	22 Jacque Ramirez
8 Lucy Stockton	23 Frankie Meek
9 Ernestine Kennelley	24 Susie Bolf
10 Richard Wamego	25 Suzanne Moore
11 Frankie Meek	26 Arthetta Kimmell
12 Kimberly McJunkin	27 Judy Reedy
13 Dick Reedy	28 Doris Rouch
14 Jason Brewer	29 Mark McGuigan
15 Kathy Foust	30 Kathy Foust
	31 Richard Wamego



Christmas Word Search

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FIRE	PARADE	LIST	JACK FROST	EXCHANGE	SWEATER	IVY
BOOTS	BLIZZARD	EVE	WONDERLAND	NUTCRACKER	RIBBON	ORNAMENT
PRAYERS	PINE CONES	FELIZ NAVIDAD	WINTER	WORSHIP	WISEMEN	JOLLY
MAGIC	FAITH	HOLIDAYS	GREETINGS	LOVE	CHURCH	ICICLE
GARLAND	BOWS	BIBLE	JESUS	JINGLE	FROSTY	BRIGHT
GINGERBREAD	STOCKING	BELLS	SNOWMAN	CANDLE	ANGEL	STAR
HOT CHOCOLATE	PEPPERMINT	MITTENS	SLEIGH	ELF	HOLLY	SNOW
CANDY CANE	BIRTH	PRESENTS	DECORATIONS	LIGHTS	CAROLS	MISTLETOE
EGG NOG	SANTA	MUSIC	NOEL	DECEMBER	GIVING	JINGLE BELLS
CHRIST	PEACE	JOY	BELIEVE	REINDEER	GRINCH	MERRY
CHRISTMAS	GREEN	FAMILY	RED	TREE		

DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 6:00pm No Youth Group 6:30pm Hanging Of The Greens	6:45am Ladies Walk & Pray 9:00am Manna Work 9:00am ABW Meeting 6:00pm Adult Volleyball 6:30pm Engagement Group	7:00pm Men's Fellowship 6:00pm Engagement Group 7:00pm Youth Small Group Study	6:00pm TEAM KID 6:30pm Engagement Group	9:00am Manna Work 1:00pm Quilt Ministry 6:30pm Adult Small Group 6:30pm Engagement Group	6:00am Men's Study 6:30pm Engagement Group	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25 Christmas Day 10:00am--COMBINED SERVICE NO EVENING SERVICES	26 6:45am Ladies Walk & Pray 9:00am Manna Work 6:00pm Adult Volleyball 6:30pm Engagement Group	27 7:00pm Men's Fellowship 6:00pm Engagement Group 7:00pm Youth Small Group Study	28 6:00pm NO TEAM KID 6:30pm Engagement Group	29 9:00am Manna Work 1:00pm Quilt Ministry 6:30pm Adult Small Group 6:30pm Engagement Group	30 6:00am Men's Study 6:30pm Engagement Group	31 New Year's Eve

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220 E Central Ave
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KID'S MINISTRIES

In The Nursery

Dec 4	Katie Schwyhart
Dec 11	Lindsay Allen
Dec 18	Rabia Trenary
Dec 25	Christmas Day!

Kingdom Kids Volunteers

Dec 4	Webb
Dec 11	Tackett
Dec 18	Foust
Dec 25	NO KINGDOM KIDS

