

DECEMBER 2023



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8 AM Ladies' Christmas & Christmas Lights 5 PM
3 Worship Services 10:45 AM 5:00 PM WMU & Deacons Mtgs 6:00 PM	4	5	6 Truth Seekers 6:00 PM Youth and Business Meeting 6:30 PM	7	8	9 Young Adults & Young-at-Heart Adults Christmas Party 5 PM
10 Worship Services 10:45 AM 6:00 PM	11	12	13 Happy Birthday, Jesus Party 6:00 PM Youth and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 PM	14	15	16 Youth Thanksmas Party 6 PM
17 Worship Services 10:45 AM 5:00 PM Christ- mas Dinner	18	19	20 NO Truth Seekers Youth and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 PM	21	22	23
SISD CHRISTMAS BREAK						
24 / 31 Worship Services 10:45 AM	25	26	27 NO Truth Seekers Youth and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 PM	28	29	30
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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
 31st..... Liah Kellam
 31st..... Quentin McLarry



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

14th..... Cecil & Lillie Gonzales
 18th..... Richard & Judy Pound

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & GROWTH

December 2 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am.

December 2 - Ladies' Coffee and Christmas Lights Tour in Ardmore ... bus leaves at 5:30 pm.

December 3 - WMU and Deacons' Meetings at 5:00 pm.

December 6 - Monthly Business Meeting at 6:30 pm.

December 9 - Young Adult and Young-at-Heart Adult Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall at 5. Please bring finger foods.

December 13 - Happy Birthday, Jesus party for our kids in Fellowship Hall from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

December 16 - Youth Thanksmas Party at the Nabors' House begins at 6 pm.

December 17 - Church-wide Christmas dinner in Fellowship Hall beginning at 5 pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

December 20 and 27 - No Truth Seekers due to Christmas Break.

*A huge thank you from Lisa Carter to everyone who donated, packed, and prayed for our OCC Shoebox ministry. We have sent **264** Gospel Opportunities to children through a shoebox this year.*



Church Family,

Christmas time is here, decorations are going up, presents are being wrapped, and family get togethers are being planned. This is all happening because of Jesus. "Unto us a Child is born." While we celebrate His birth on December 25th, it is a fact that we do not know for sure what month or day Jesus was born. While it is true that we do not know what time of year Jesus was born, what is also true is that the birth of Jesus was celebrated in the Bible. Angels, shepherds, and later wise men would come to celebrate the birth of the King of kings. God came to earth to dwell with us. Jesus became flesh and was born of a virgin in Bethlehem. God's own Son came to earth. "For unto us is a Child is born." His birth was a miracle and so was His life. He came to give life and to give it more abundantly. What a Savior! He truly is wonderful. As wonderful as He is, it is no wonder that His birth was celebrated in the first century and still celebrated all over the world today.

All over the world, our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering helps the entire world to hear and know who Jesus is. **100%** of what we give in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes to take care of over half of the needs that Southern Baptist IMB missionaries have. I ask you to prayerfully consider giving a gift of sacrifice to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our participation in this offering will help engage and reach people groups and others that have yet to hear the following Scripture: "For unto us a Child is born. Unto us a Son is given;" (Isaiah 9:6a).

Our church-wide Christmas dinner is set for December 17th, at 5:00PM. The church will provide the main course for this dinner, but we are asking everyone to bring a side dish or a dessert. I really look forward to this time because of the sweet fellowship. While seating space may be limited, the love and fellowship among the brethren will not be. I urge you to use this time to engage conversation with new members, members you do not know, and as always, our guests.

I Love You,
 YOUR Pastor
 Luke 2:7