



The Beacon



Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." John 8:12

December 2022



Children's Ministry Christmas Party

All children, Kindergarten - 5th Grade are invited to a Charlie Brown Christmas Party, Friday Night, Dec. 2nd in the Family Life Center at 6pm.

Please contact Heather Glenn or Karen Hall or Chelsey Mullins or Donna Reitz for more info.



Christmas Caroling



Join us Wednesday Night, December 14th at 6:45pm to go caroling to our members who are unable to attend church services.

Church Choir Christmas Celebration Sunday, December 18th ~ 8:45am & 11am

Our Church Choir will lead us in worship during both services, to celebrate our Lord and Savior!



"New life, new hope, new joy He brings.
Won't you listen to the angels sing,
'Glory, glory, glory to the new born King'."

Christmas Play & Fellowship Sunday, December 18th ~ 6:00pm

Join us as our children present our annual Christmas play followed by a finger food fellowship.

Bring your favorite finger foods and sodas. Children will also enjoy a visit from Santa Claus!

Christmas Card Mailbox

Want to send Christmas Cards to your church family? Save your postage and place your cards in the mailbox cubicle located in the Welcome Center.



Please be mindful and only place cards to those that attend in person, as the church will not mail your cards to the intended member. Any cards remaining in the cubicles after Christmas will be discarded.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our Church Goal is \$3,300.



One hundred percent of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering enable gospel transformation among the unreached.

Week of Prayer for International Missions: Dec.4-11

<https://www.imb.org/generosity/lottie-moon-christmas->



**Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month**

People have different perspectives when it comes to Christmas. Some see Christmas as a time to take vacation and spend time with family. Others see Christmas as a time to give and receive gifts. Some view Christmas as a time to enjoy good food and nice decorations. Some people don't like Christmas or don't even celebrate it. What is your perspective when it comes to Christmas?

Another way to think about this topic is to ask, what type of impact does Christmas have on you? When we stop and think about what Christmas is truly about, we should have a different perspective than the people of the world. Christmas is the time that we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Now think about what all that entails. It was because Jesus came and died on the cross for our sins that we can have forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. We can have a relationship with God and the assurance of going to heaven.

When we stop and think about what Christmas is truly about and how it impacts our lives, we should have the same response as the shepherds in Luke 2:20 which says, "Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them." The shepherds couldn't help but to worship and praise God for seeing King Jesus as the Savior of the world. This Christmas let's worship and praise God like never before for the coming of King Jesus!

For His glory,

Pastor Dave



**Building
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(as of 11/11/2022)
\$ 283,279



Tuesday, Dec. 6th ~ 6:45p
(1st Tuesday of each month)
"Better" By Jen Wilkin - Session 10

Baptist Women News

You can purchase **RADA Cutlery** and other kitchen products by clicking this link:
radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946

Ladies, you are invited to a luncheon with the **Roxboro Christian Women's Club**, on Thursday, Dec. 14th, at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. The cost is \$14. Please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by Dec. 11th. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for upcoming events.

Women of Joy Conference
May 5th - 7th, 2023 at Myrtle Beach

A sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center.
\$25 deposit is due Dec. 2nd.
Make checks out to Red Mountain Baptist Church. Please contact Jenn Shull for more information.

Get Ready for the
Best Weekend Ever

The 'Fun Bunch' will tour Christmas Lights and Dine together on Thursday, Dec. 22nd at 6pm. Please sign up in the Welcome Center.



Thank you' to everyone that donated shoeboxes for OCC. We collected 81 boxes to help spread the gospel to an estimated 810 souls.



Monday, Dec. 19th ~ 7:00p
(3rd Monday of each month)
'33 The Series - A Man and His Design'

33 The Series is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue Authentic Manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in the 33 years He lived on earth. Each lesson is a stand alone study. So, if you missed the month before or will miss the month after, you're not behind.

"As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." Proverbs 27:17



**We Received a
Thank You Note From:**

- ✍ The Joey Glenn Family
- ✍ Rodney and Dorinda Laughinghouse



New Members

Tim and Shannon Barry
(by profession of faith)



*We extend our sympathy
and prayers to:*

- ✎ Don Garrett and his family in the death of his cousin Sheila's husband, Kevin, and also his cousin, Mike Garrett
- ✎ Heather Gentry and her family in the death of her grandmother, Christine Minshev

An eight-year-old boy had been pestering his father for a watch for Christmas. Finally his father said in exasperation, "I don't want to hear about your wanting a watch again." At dinner that night the family each gave a scripture verse at the dinner table, and the boy... Mark 13:37. "And what I say unto you I say unto all, watch."



DECEMBER 2022

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Memory Verse “Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.” Luke 2:20				1 <i>Garnet Ellis</i>	2 Youth FNF 6p K-5th Grade Christmas Party FLC 6p <i>Hailey Crabtree Jacob Murray</i>	3
4 Lord’s Supper/ Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am	5	6 Women’s Bible Study 6:45p	7 Wed. Night Service 7p	8	9	10
Week of Prayer for International Missions (4th - 11th)						
Deacon’s Mtg 4p	<i>Amber Grinstead Robin Pendergraph Sheila Sanders</i>			<i>Annette Glenn</i>		
11 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch.10am <i>Lyndsey Wilson</i>	12 <i>Joy Cummings Janice Ellis</i>	13	14 Christmas Caroling 6:45p <i>Mary Oakley</i>	15 RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p <i>Cody Ellis</i>	16 <i>Debbie Copley</i>	17 <i>Crystal Propst</i>
18 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch.10am Christmas Play & Fellowship 6p	19 Men of Iron 7p	20 <i>Connie Garrett Annabeth Riggs</i>	21 Business Mtg 6:45p Wed. Night Service 7p <i>Don Garrett</i>	22 Fun Bunch Christmas Lights/ Dinner 6p <i>Shirley Ellis</i>	23 <i>Joan Hill</i>	24 <i>Jordan Davis Hunter O’Briant</i>
25  Family Christmas Service 10:00am <i>Tammy Ellis Debbie Long</i>	26	27	28 Wed. Night Service 7p <i>Vann Marshall</i>	29	30	31 <i>Teresa Ellis Judy Stancil</i>



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The Most Important Christmas Choice

Tracie Miles

"Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.'"

Luke 2:13-14 (NLT)

Tis' the season to be merry... and stressed. Although it should be a season of peace, this month can often make us feel more tangled up inside than a messy string of Christmas lights.

Some people dread the hustle, bustle, and emotional rustle this time of year brings, knowing that irritability, loneliness, or depression will threaten. While there are others who may love the Christmas season, but worry, busyness, family conflicts, and unmet expectations take their toll.

In either case, we have a decision. We can choose to get bogged down with stress or we can choose to bow down in worship.

Scripture gives us a beautiful picture of praise in Luke 2:13-14. When Jesus was born, an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds sharing the good news. Then many other angels joined together and praised God.

"Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.'" (NLT)

That's not the only place the Bible records angels worshipping the Lord. In Hebrews 1:6 it says, *"And when he brought his supreme Son into the world, God said, 'Let all of God's angels worship him.'"* (NLT) And Revelation 5:11-12a says, *"Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. And they sang in a mighty chorus."* (NLT)

Angels serve as role models of worship. They bow down before Jesus. They shout with incredible joy as they sing songs of praise. Through worship, angels spread the news of God's glory and exhibit holy reverence. Angels intentionally and deliberately spend time praising God.

Keeping Christ in Christmas is more than just a cliché. It is an intentional act of worship. It requires a heart of adoration, much like the angels had. When Jesus is the focus of our holiday, we're centered on His love, peace, and joy.

This prompts us to be His hands and feet to others in need. When worship fills our hearts, it leaves little room for aggravation in long lines at the store. We focus on what

Christmas is truly about—the amazing gift of a Savior—rather than stressing out over buying the perfect presents. We exhibit grace to someone when we'd rather do otherwise. Worship turns our attention to giving thanks to Jesus for all He has done, rather than letting stress strip His joy from our hearts.

And it might even mean joining in with the heavenly chorus to sing praises to Him, even if we can't carry a tune!

The holidays can bring a flurry of heightened emotions and can often result in an unhealthy level of stress which can prevent us from engaging in worship and praising the One we are supposed to be celebrating.

There will be lots of choices to be made during the month of December: where to serve, what gifts to buy, and how many events to attend. The most important choice we can make is to worship and sing praises to our Lord. For His gift. For His love. For His peace.

And when our hearts are at peace, our holidays can be too.

Lord, I choose to intentionally worship and praise You during this Christmas season. Help me stay focused on You and Your goodness. Amen.

<https://proverbs31.org/read/devotions/the-most-important-christmas-choice>

Traditions and Christmas

By: Dave Branon

As you savor a candy cane this Christmas, say “danke schön” to the Germans, for that confectionary treat was first created in Cologne. As you admire your poinsettia, say “gracias” to Mexico, where the plant originated. Say “merci beaucoup” to the French for the term *noel*, and give a “cheers” to the English for your mistletoe.

But as we enjoy our traditions and festivities of the Christmas season—customs that have been collected from around the world—let's save our most sincere and heartfelt “thank you” for our good, merciful, and loving God. From Him came the reason for our Christmas celebration: the baby born in that Judean manger more than 2,000 years ago. An angel announced the arrival of this gift to mankind by saying, “I bring you good news that will cause great joy . . . a Savior has been born to you” ([Luke 2:10-11](#)).

This Christmas, even in the light of the sparkling Christmas tree and surrounded by newly opened presents, the true excitement comes when we turn our attention to the baby named Jesus, who came to “save his people from their sins” ([Matt. 1:21](#)). His birth transcends tradition: It is our central focus as we send praises to God for this indescribable Christmas gift.

<https://odb.org/US/2017/12/25/traditions--christmas>