



Birthdays

Garrett Patterson 12/12
Lila Beth Davis 12/14

Anniversaries

David & Laurie 12/17
Dak & Cory Jones 12/18

December Assignments

Welcome/Prayer: Carl Lucas
Song Leader: Jim Barnes
Scripture Reading: Cliff Nevins
Philippians 3: 8-11
Lord’s Table:
Bread Prayer – Gary Patterson
Fruit of the Vine Prayer – Ron Spencer
Attendance cards: Bryce Thompson
Luke Smith



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¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 29:18-20

TO:

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TIME OF SERVICES

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday pm 7:00 pm

It Is Christmas Time!

It is December and as usual I am asking, “Where has the year gone?” In every store I visit I see Christmas displays. As I drive through the neighborhood I live in, there are Christmas lights and decorations everywhere. I wonder if we really understand the significance of Christmas. Many celebrate Christmas as a religious holiday and others as simply a time of gift giving and joyful celebration. Over the years there has been much written about this very special holiday. The birth of Jesus has been attached to the holiday, but we really do not know when he was born. In the De Pascha Computus, an anonymous document that may have been written in North Africa around 243 CE, suggest that Jesus birth occurred on March 28. Clement, a bishop of Alexandria (d. ca. 215 CE), thought that Jesus was born on November 18. Based on historical records, Fitzmyer, a noted theologian and historian, guesses that Jesus was born on September 11, 3 BCE. On and on we could go with our guesses.

Some would try to cast Christmas as a bad thing because of its connection to paganism. “Roman pagans first introduced the holiday of Saturnalia, a weeklong period of lawlessness celebrated between December 17 – 25. During this period, Roman courts were closed, and the Roman law dictated that no one could be punished for damaging property or injuring people during the weeklong celebration.” (www.simpletoremember.com) In the 4th century, December 25th was designated by the church as the birthday of Jesus in hope that it would replace the pagan celebration, Saturnalia.

Whether you celebrate Christmas as a religious holiday or not, let’s rejoice that (1) **Jesus was born**. Luke 2:4-7 says “So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and the line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. “Let’s celebrate his birth, not just on December 25th but all year long. What kind of world would we live in if the Christ had not been born? It would be cold and dark, and we would have no hope and no salvation. Let’s rejoice that (2) **Jesus was born to save the lost** (Luke 19:10). If you have ever been lost and did not know how to get home, you can appreciate this fact more than others. However, he was not born to show us a way to some address, but he was born to save me from my sins. Even his name means “God saves!” (Matthew 1:21). Acts 4:12 says, “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” There are so many other reasons to celebrate the birth of Jesus: (3) He was born to be our **King** (Matthew 2:2,6) (4) He was born to be our **High Priest** (Hebrews 2:17). (5) He was born to experience life as a human so he could **run to our aid and understand our needs** (Hebrews 2:18; 4:15-16). (6) He was born to **atone for sin** (Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:1-2). (7) He was born to **fulfill all righteousness** Matthew 3:15) (8) He was born to **fulfill Old Testament prophecies** (Matthew 1:21-23). Therefore, let us celebrate his birth on December 25th but much more than that. Let us celebrate his birth every moment of everyday. Hallelujah Christ was born!

~ Scott Sides

Prayer List

Wade Kennedy will have eye surgery on December 16th to repair complications from his chemo treatment.
Frances Kennedy has had another stroke and is now on hospice.
Iva Haren, sister of **Ruby Atkins**, has cancer in both lungs.
Ann Beavert continues with dialysis 3 times each week.
J. D. & Runez Pruitt need our prayers.
LaVerne Walden had surgery and prayers are requested for her recovery.
Joy Fowler is continuing with cancer treatments. She received news that the treatments are working, and the cancers are shrinking. Continue to pray for her full recovery.
Lesa Spoon’s (caregiver of Dorothy Jones) twin sister, **Angie Hart**, has Asherson’s syndrome along with lupus. Please pray for Lesa’s sister.
Donna Way had knee replacement surgery on November 16th. Her rehab is progressing slowly.
Patty Hampton’s sister, Lorraine passed away last week from cancer.
Randy Roach, former Police Chief and Mayor of Collinsville passed away December 1st. Pray for his family.
Logan Eschenfelder is home from the hospital after a seizure.
Carol Axe’s sister **Mary Eckers** passed away on Sunday, December 5th. Pray for the family.
Rona Payne, daughter of **Lila Beth Davis** has pneumonia and is very sick. Pray for her.
Linda Barnes niece in law needs prayers for thryroid testing.
Kim Patterson’s grandmother, **Renee Hickman** fell and broke her hip. They did surgery Tuesday and she is now recovering.

REHAB / LONG TERM
Tyrena Jones is in Cedar Ridge Rehab in Pilot Point after breaking her hip. She is also recovering from COVID but is feeling better.

Military		
J.R. Lance	Matt Frizzell	Zack Turpen
Chad Lorenz	Trea Baker	Matt Upton
Logan Nielsen	Seth Rodriguez	Brock Murray

Bible Class Opportunities

9:30 am Sunday Adult
Auditorium / Ricky Patterson
9:30 am Sunday Young Adults with children in school
Fellowship Hall / David Davenport
9:30 am various Bible classes throughout the building for all ages.
10:30 am Worship in Auditorium and on Facebook
6:00 pm Worship in Auditorium and on Facebook
6:00 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall for 3rd through 12th grade students.
7:00 pm Wednesday evening class in the auditorium as well as on Facebook. We are continuing our series on “Discipleship”.
6:30 – 8:00 pm Thursdays Christian Life Class in the Fellowship Hall. This class is providing a good foundation for new believers / Jim Barnes

Men’s breakfast and Bible class will meet at 7:00 am on Tuesday, January 4th.

Ladies Bible Class is Wednesday at 10:00 am. Studying the book of Revelation.

We received a Thank You card from Evorie Graham for the Thanksgiving meal she received.



Those to continue to remember in Prayer

Marion Farrell Mimi Tate Logan Eschenfelder
Gene Hampton Becca Foster Don Shirley
Joy Fowler Billy Don Smith Rob Hampton
Linda Clark Tom Byerly Cindy Schindler
Ann Butler Courtney Thomas J.D. & Runez Pruitt
Frances & Wade Kennedy Rob Hampton Iva Haren
Ann Beavert Loretta Sills Marva Worsham
Iva Hampton Marjorie Grady Lana Henderson
Brendon Grindstaff Tammy Sides Doug Davenport
Melba Welch Eddie Baker Carl Reed
Stephanie McWilliams Adell Thomson Chase Reed
Lacie Bridgman Juvean Snell Lila Beth Davis
Zoretta Smith Teresa Davenport Ann Butler
Betty Baker Sherry Hodges sister



Calendar of Events

December 11th – We will have a “Youth Gathering” at Kevin & Jill Hampton’s house at 5:00 p.m. 848 West Line Rd., Whitesboro, TX 76273. Hot dogs and smores will be served.
December 12th – Elders and Deacons meeting following the evening service.
December 15th – There will be a Holiday Luncheon following the last Ladies Bible Class of the year. Class will resume on January 12th.
December 19th- Our annual Christmas party will be held at Wayne McCorkle’s home immediately after evening services.
December 22nd - We will hold our Wednesday night service at the Care Center here in Collinsville at 7:00 p.m. We are to bring Toboggans and mittens as well as candy for them. If you don’t want to purchase them, donations toward this would be appreciated. If you buy them, please leave in the Fellowship Hall no later than December 20th.
December 31st – 8:00 p.m. Youth Lock-In in the Fellowship Hall. See Carl Lucas for more information.

WinterQuest Youth Retreat at Petti John Springs Camp is scheduled for January 14 – 16, 2022. Cost is \$58. Please register by January 3rd at the latest. Youth gathering is 3rd-12 grades. Youth retreat is 8th-12th grades.



Vital Statistics

Sunday Morning Bible90
Sunday Morning Assembly.....171
Sunday Morning Online Viewership.....130
Sunday Evening Assembly.....61
Sunday Evening Online Viewership115
Ladies Bible Class13
Wednesday Evening Assembly.....47
Wednesday Evening Online Viewership60
Weekly Budget.....\$4,643
Contribution Last Sunday.....\$6,563

Sunday Sermon Titles

Sunday AM: “Let’s Be Thankful Series”
Lesson 6
“Being Like Barnabas” – “The Search for Gold”

2 Timothy 4: 11

Sunday PM: “Here We are But Straying Pilgrims”

Hebrews 11: 13-16

Trivia

We hope you were able to answer last week’s trivia question.

Last week’s question..... Name the city where Jesus was born. *Bethlehem*

This week’s question.....Who was Saul?



Who is this little baby?

****Last week’s picture was Terry Davis**

