

"I Have Called You Friends." John 15:15

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Newsletter:

December

Letter from the Pastor:

"God's my size!" The three-year-old girl jumped up to tell her mother. "Mom, God's my size!" She got the idea while lying on her stomach looking at the manger scene beneath the Christmas tree. Eye level with a baby is a good position from which to do theology.

Adults look at the baby and say, "This can't be God! This is a bawling baby!" The protests are diverse. "This can't be God! This baby is Jewish. This baby is poor. This baby is illegitimate. This baby is male. This baby is traditional. This baby is a refugee. This baby is, well, a baby." Children look at the baby and say, "God's our size!" Adults look at the baby, shuffle their feet in the straw, and mutter to each other.

This Christmas let us view Christ from a child's point of view. The God of the universe left His glory above and chose to enter the world as a baby born to poor parents in a back corner of the world. God became a man and experienced the human condition. The Word became flesh and dwelt (tabernacled) among us. God came down to our level that He might bring us to be with Him.

"God's my size!" He became like us to show us the way to the Father, to be THE way to the Father. Jesus was born to be our savior, to die for our sin. God has shown Himself in the person of Jesus. Christmas is when God invaded history. Celebrate this Christmas with this in mind. Praise God!

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Randy





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Choir Practice 6:30PM	2 Precept Christmas Luncheon 11AM Outreach 11:30AM - Lane Tree Church Family 6PM	3 Youth Group 6:30PM Branches 6:30PM	4 Bible Study 6:30PM	5	6
7 Worship 10:45AM	8 Choir Practice 6:30PM	9 Ministry & Counsel 7PM	10 Youth Group 6:30PM Branches 6:30PM	11 Finance Meeting 6PM Bible Study 6:30PM	12 Set Up for Breakfast with Santa	13 Breakfast with Santa 9AM FH Reserved 5:30PM
14 Worship 10:45AM	15 Choir Practice 6:30PM	16 Monthly Meeting 7PM	17 Youth Group 6:30PM Branches 6:30PM	18 Hope Sisters 6:30PM Bible Study 6:30PM Singles Seniors Holiday Lunch - 12PM	19	20
21 Worship 10:45AM	22 NO CHOIR PRACTICE	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 6PM	25 MERRY Christmas	26	27
28 Worship 10:45AM	29 Choir Practice 6:30PM	30	31			



Our Single Seniors group will meet one week early on December 18th. This will be our Christmas Lunch to close out the year. We are asking for each attendee to bring a side dish or dessert. Elaine Edwards or Edie Mitchell can be seen to sign up for the dishes. We cannot wait to enjoy this time with each of you. Spread the word and invite a friend. Merry Christmas everyone.

Celebrating Milestones

Happy Birthday

- 1st Everly Dawson
- 2nd Noelle Hicks
- 5th Jeva Jones
- 7th Brodie Carter
- 8th Rodney Pittman
- 12th Larry Kearney
- 13th Mary Lou Garner
- 14th Jamie Gardner, Ruby Boyette
- 16th Craig Smith, Hannah Brown, Jack Worrell
- 17th Denise Batson
- 24th Virgil Edwards
- 25th Kristen Pittman, Timmy Walker
- 27th Paula Deaver
- 29th Tracy Case
- 30th Cindy Ayres
- 31st Elizabeth Boyette, Mitchell Harrell, Peggy Adams

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 9th Cole & Kelly Dawson
- 15th Ervin & Jeva Jones
- 17th Jim & Bonnie Best

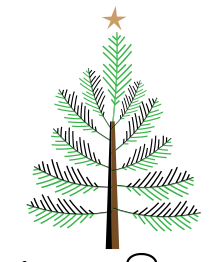
December Connect Team:

Rita Pate, Will Eberwein, Todd Williams, Stella Clark



Members from our church will meet Sunday, December 7th to go Christmas Caroling at 4PM for anyone interested. Afterwards, they will return to the church to enjoy a dinner of soups and sandwiches.

Announcements



Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, Dec. 24th at 6PM:

We are excited to be together again this year for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the coming of our Savior. We will collect a Christmas Eve love offering that night that will go towards our general fund.



Thank you to Pam Edwards and Elroy Farms for the beautiful tree adorning our worship area. We always appreciate the lovely gift you give to our church family each year.

Gideons "Birthday for Jesus"

The Birthday for Jesus program is a part of the GideonCard Bible Program of The Gideons International. Donations through Birthday for Jesus goes to the printing, purchasing, and shipping of Scriptures, and it allows for Gideons and their wives to place God's Word locally and around the world with a word of witness. Get your Birthday for Jesus ornament today.