

THE OUTLOOK

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It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!

Dear Church Family,

In Luke 2:11 the angel said to the shepherds in the field, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." We are coming upon an exciting time of the year. We will be thinking a lot about Jesus' coming to earth as a little baby, born of a virgin. Certainly we reflect on this miraculous event and praise God. However, it is important that we always remember the purpose of Christ's coming. Just as the angel said, there is a baby born in the city of David and He is the Savior, Christ the Lord. Jesus was born to die. That was His ultimate purpose in life. He was born so that He might go to a Roman cross and bear our sins in our place. He was to be the Savior!

I am excited to spend the Christmas season with you reflecting on our Savior's coming to earth. I will be preaching on that in the weeks leading up to Christmas. We are going to be taking some Old Testament passages and seeing how they foretell the coming of Jesus to be our redeemer. I am excited about this series of messages and I look forward to our time together in worship over the next few weeks. On Christmas day we will have one service at 10:00 a.m. and I hope you will be in attendance for that service. It will be a wonderful

time of worship.

With Christmas time there is always great music and singing and we will have two great Christmas musicals very soon. On Sunday evening, December 4th the adult choir will perform. They have been working extremely hard on this and it would be great if we all invited someone to come be a part of this Christmas event at Cherry Ridge. The next week on Sunday evening, December 11th the children's choir will perform their Christmas program. I thank the Lord for parents who have their children involved in these ministries of the church. Also, thanks to all who serve in our children's choir coordinating this musical. I know we will all be blessed by these events!

And, finally, I want to go back to the last day of October and, once again, thank everyone who made Happy Town such a great success, especially James Mardis. James has done a tremendous job leading the way with our youth ministry and in this outreach ministry. We did not get a count as to how many were in attendance but I would estimate at least 500 people were on our church campus for Happy Town. We received a great deal of information on people who have no church home so we certainly want to continue to get to know these folks in the days ahead. Events like this used for

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ministry is what it's all about and I am thankful our church has a heart to reach the lost and the unchurched of our community.

Please know that I am praying for each of you. It is a privilege to serve as your pastor!

In Christ,
Bro. Kyle

From the Heart of James

Well it's that time again. It seems that every other week I get nudged to write another letter for the mail out. I always heard that the older you get the faster time goes by and I'm seeing that it's very true. The time between Happy Town and the Christmas Holiday goes by so fast. We are so busy that sometimes we forget to enjoy the season. One of the upcoming specials is the Christmas Parade which is on December 3rd. I'll need help designing and building the float. Contact me if you can help. The Children's and Youth Christmas Program will be on December 11th during the evening service. We'll have a rehearsal and Children's Christmas party on the 10th at the church. The

Youth Christmas Party will be on the 10th also but in the evening at the Womack's house. By doing the program early, we hope to slow down and enjoy the season.

Starting the week after Thanksgiving (y'all remember that very special day don't you?) I'm going to begin a study with the Youth called "The Purpose of Christmas." It's a little book by Rick Warren and I found it be very informative and uplifting. The four areas of study are, "The Purpose of Christmas," "A Time for Celebration," "A Time for Salvation," and "A Time for Reconciliation." Each week we'll take one area and study it on Sunday night and Wednesday night. I hope to impress on the Youth that

regardless of their background, problems or circumstances, Christmas really is the best news you could get. I hope to show how God designed Christmas to meet their needs.

One of the things that impressed me, and after I thought about it, realized how true it is, is that Christmas is the largest celebration in the world. Most of our other holidays get a day or maybe a couple of days, but Christmas gets a whole month. During that month billions of people decorate their homes and businesses; cities and towns put out lights and displays; parades and parties are everywhere; people travel great distances to be with family. When Christmas comes it's

everywhere.

Think about how the birth of a peasant boy two thousand years ago in the Middle East has changed the world. Every time you check a calendar you are using Jesus Christ as your reference. His birth divided history. Every event in history is dated by how many days and years it has been since His birth, even your own birth. What other event has God sent that has so changed the world. Remember that "Jesus is the reason for the season" and we should be very grateful that God loves us that much. Continue to pray, support and love each other.

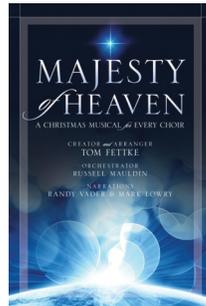
Merry Christmas and may God bless you and yours this upcoming year.

James, Nicole, Makenzie and Riley

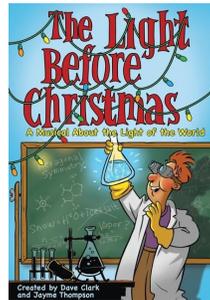


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A Note from Donna



Adult Choir
 Christmas Musical
 December 4th
 6:00 P.M.



Children's Choir
 Christmas Musical
 December 11th
 6:00 P.M.



ADVENT
 Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord during the morning services in December. May we all find the true meaning of this special holiday

A Taste of Christmas

During the months of November and December, we will not have a lunch to benefit the Multi Ministry building fund. In its place, we will be planning "A Taste of Christmas" This will benefit our fund as well as help with Christmas baking.

We need as many people as possible to volunteer to make their "specialty" goodies. These items will be placed in containers provided by us and sold. We need items like cookies, candies, sweet breads, cakes and pies. Some cakes may be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Mixed in with all this will be a fellowship of tasting, laughing and loads of fun! Plan to be a part of this event to jump start your holiday week.

DECEMBER 18TH

New Pictorial Directories

Please read the enclosed letter with all the details and do your part to make our pictorial directories complete. Olan Mills will do a turn-key job so that all we have to do is show up and have our picture taken. There is NO OBLIGATION to purchase anything! There is no cost to the church and Olan Mills will donate \$2 for every family photographed to our Shoe Box ministry. Help us make this the best directory yet!

Sympathy

The church family wishes to express Christian sympathy to :

Thank You

Thank you notes have been received this month from:

Mark, Ken & Scott McKane
The Paul C. Blood Family
Sanctuary Quartet

Memorials in Sept. & Oct.

Multi-Ministry Building Fund

In Memory of **Helen Smith, Bob McKane, Joseph Nall, Johnny Lambert, John Bennett, Margie Beach and Louise Cain** by Myrtis Lambert.

In Memory of **Joseph Nall** by Sandy Dunlap and A.P. & Judy Owens

In Memory of **Ray Hicks** by Men's II Sunday School Class

TV Ministry

In Honor of **Freda & Alan Burgess** by Elizabeth Williams

Shoe Box Ministry

In Memory of **John Bennett** by Men's II Sunday School Class.

In Memory of **B.J. Green** by Catherine Green

In Honor of **Mark, Tommy, Eddie & Jan** by Liz Williams

Keenagers & Library Funds

In Honor of **Storehouse Workers** by Jim & Jo Amerson

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**Cherry Ridge
Baptist Church
Lottie Moon
Goal**

**2011 Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering®**

\$10,000

National Goal: \$175 million

Week of Prayer for International Missions: December 4 – 11, 2011

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DECEMBER 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 11:00 am Ladies 3 Christmas Party 6:00 pm Hour Class Christmas Party | 3 |
| 4 3:00 Finance 4:00 Deacons 6:00 pm Christmas Musical Adult Choir | 5 6:30 pm Angels meet at Vivian Eppinette's | 6 | 7 | 8 10:00 a.m. Ladies 4 Christmas Party | 9 6:30 pm Deacons/Widows Banquet | 10 10:00 am Children's Choir Rehearsal and Party 6:30 pm Youth Christmas Party |
| 11 6:00 pm Christmas Musical Children's Choir & Joyful Tones | 12 11:00 am Keenagers Meeting | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Co-Ed Christmas Party | 17 Ladies I and Men's I Class Party |
| 18 7:00 pm A Taste of Christmas | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Office Closed | 24 Christmas Eve |
| 25 10:00 am Service ONLY | 26 Office Closed | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Office Closed | 31 New Year's Eve |