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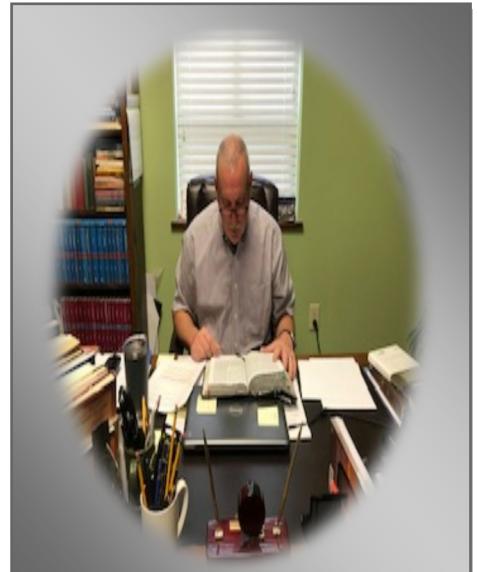


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From The Pastor's Corner:

As I sit here trying to put my thoughts down on paper, I find myself struggling to come up with the words or truthfully to even understand my thoughts at all. Another year has come and gone, and as a church family, we have experienced many highs and lows. For most of us, it is easy to spend our time focusing solely upon the lows and forget about the highs, or the good things in our lives. David so famously said in Psalm 23:4-6, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: (why?) for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. (5) Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. (6) Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."



Not one of us knows what the upcoming year has in store for us as individuals or as a church, but what we do know is that God is already in next year. He is working everything out for our good, and if we believe that then we should be able to be happy and glorify Him in all the good that we have in our lives and in our church in the present. I also realize that this is much easier to say than do, as I also struggle with that.

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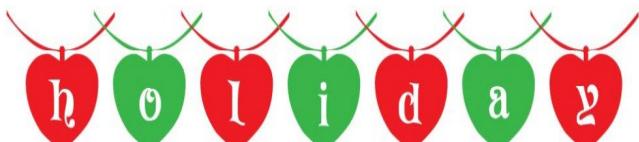
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As we wind down this year, January 1 is just a few short days away, and although it is just another day, it symbolizes a fresh start, a time to make some positive changes in our lives, a time to assess what the future holds. The last couple of Sunday evening services we had, we were all meeting and praying about the direction and future of our church. We did not get to meet as many times as I had hoped for, but I hope that each of you continue to spend time in personal prayer.

On a different note Our choir has been practicing faithfully for the Singing Christmas Tree. I have no doubt that it will be absolutely beautiful and meaningful as the message of Christmas is given in song. My prayer is that God would use that message to draw people closer to Him. For those of us that get to just sit back and enjoy it, make sure you thank those that make it all possible. May the Holy Spirit of God start a fire in each of us as we make our way through the Christmas season and start a new year. May we all say “God, here am I, use me!”

May God Bless WCBC,
Pastor Robert

the joy of



giving

Last month was busy with so much holiday activity. Thank you to all those who supported the special programs and events, as well as our backpack stockings, our children's bus ministry, and our Lottie Moon Christmas offering just to mention a few.



Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD. Psalm 27:14



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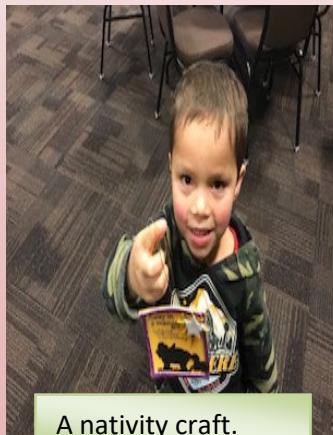
Playing "Dance Freeze" - The kids "dance" to the music and then "freeze" when it stops.



Ornament decorating!



We had a great time at last month's Parents Night Out. We had 30 children and youth and tried a new rotation program in the multi-purpose room. After our bible lesson, the Christmas story, we had five rotations consisting of cookie decorating, ornament decorating, crafts, recreation and a gingerbread nativity decorating exercise. We also played games indoors due to the frigid outside temperature! Please pray for the volunteers in that we are able to provide effective coverage to continue with the program. Looking forward to next month's meeting, January 2nd!



A nativity craft.



Nativity ginger bread decorating.



**Daughters of the King Meeting
Saturday, January 10th**



All women are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship, breakfast, and planning! We'll be discussing upcoming missions and outings as we prepare for an exciting season of service and connection.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Valerie Bowen

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Children's Church:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a good Christmas. I know the past weeks have been busy with shopping, and family and church events. I hope everyone was able to enjoy time with family and friends. As we go into a new year, we can all set the goal of growing closer to God. I want to say thank you to all the kids and volunteers with the play. I am very proud of all the kids and youth, and I am looking forward to what God has in store for this year.

To God Be The Glory,
Pastor Jesse



Pastor Jesse's Thought for the Day:

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing: now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:18-19

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Youth Ministry:

This month we went to the Charlotte Motor Speedway to see the Christmas lights. See photo below.



Children's Church Schedule:

Jan 4 th	Mike and Melissa Tabor
Jan 11 th	Sam and Jeanna Gregory
Jan 18 th	Sherri Hannah
Jan 26 th	Mike and Angela Hinson

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Let's Celebrate!!

Happy Birthday to.....

Spencer Hensley – 1st

Elaine Boyles – 3rd

Judy Cox – 5th

Megan Greene – 6th

Sam Gregory – 6th

Valerie Bowen – 12th

Shelia Morton – 13th

Tony Morton – 14th

Jeremy Dalton – 14th

Richard Bean – 18th

Tena Stimson – 20th

Scott Hardwick – 22nd

Hailey Walton – 23rd

Faith Smith – 24th

Terry Hunt – 28th

Bill Moore – 29th

Tina Sechler – 29th

Sherry Ratcliffe – 30th

Brenda Aldridge – 30th



January Events:

Jan 1st

New Years Day

Jan 2nd

Parents Night Out

Jan 10th

Daughters of the King

Jan 11th

Deacons Meeting

Jan 18th

Business Meeting

Jan 25th

Baptist Men

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Happy Anniversary to...

Jesse and Hannah Walton – 20th

Garry and Nell Weddington – 27th

Bill and Willaree Beaver – 31st



This month's shout out goes to our Minister and Music, Dean Orbison, and our choir for all their hard work and dedication in presenting "Christmas is Jesus" in the Singing Christmas Tree. The singing, assembly, decorating, sound and lighting, narration, practice schedules, etc., requires a great effort and commitment. Thanks to all who played a part in this year's performance! See the last page of the newsletter for several photos.



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On December 28th , Estuardo and Callie Lopez with Chispas of Change, joined us during the morning worship service with an update on their mission work in Guatemala. A love offering was collected to help with their expenses. Please continue to pray for the Lopez family as they continue with their ministry.

OUTREACH

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Drive - Thru PRAYER

Several folks stopped by last month's prayer tent. Please pray for direction with this outreach opportunity and watch your bulletin for the next date.

Lottie Moon

Thank you to all those who donated to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering which supports international missions. We collected \$4,525 as of December 21st with yet another week to go!



The Activities Committee

Thank you to all those who brought side dishes to the December holiday events. If you recognize your dish below, it's been washed and ready for pick up in the kitchen!





Joy in the Worst-Case Scenario

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Habakkuk 3:17–19

Sometimes we face trials so intense that they bring us to the brink of our most dreaded what-ifs. We look ahead and glimpse our worst fears—not hazy and distant, but clear and close. And we wonder how we'd ever survive if they really came to pass. In Habakkuk 3:17–19, the prophet Habakkuk anticipated one of the worst scenarios that could befall an ordinary Israelite in biblical times: the complete loss of crops and livestock. Such a loss spelled starvation. And the famine Habakkuk envisioned wasn't merely theoretical—it was a real possibility in light of Babylon's impending invasion of Judah. Yet, Habakkuk didn't panic or despair. Instead, he resolved to rejoice. Not because famine would be pleasant—it wouldn't be—but because God would still be worth celebrating. In a situation where human strength failed, God would still serve as Habakkuk's strength. Instead of stumbling along life's difficult path in fear and defeat, Habakkuk could walk securely, with the hope, purpose, and freedom that came only from following God.

Like Habakkuk, we can find joy in our worst-case scenarios by rejoicing in God and leaning on His help. God's love, majesty, wisdom, and power never change. Even in the worst situations, He is near us—within our reach, ready to guide and strengthen us. So, when you face fears, choose to rejoice in God. Recall what He's done for you in the past. Thank Him for who He is and for always being with you. And when fears threaten to become realities and your strength fails, cry to Him for help. Trust Him to give you what you need in order to navigate the hard path ahead. He has sustained you this far. He'll keep sustaining you, even through your worst-case scenario.

--Megan Bean



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Christmas is Jesus

Glad Tidings and God Rest Ye
Merry Gentlemen

Joy, Joy

That Little Baby with Joy to the
World

Jesus the Savior is Born with Joy
to the World

Simeon

Jesus, You Are Him

Something to Shout About with
Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Christmas is Jesus

Born This Day with Christmas Is
Jesus, Silent Night and O Come,
All Ye Faithful

Your Presence for Christmas

Finale



Singing Christmas Tree 2025

