



CBC Ladies,  
Thank you so much for bringing us a freezer meal when we had Covid. It was greatly appreciated to have a nice, warm homecooked meal.

Many thanks,  
The Hatmakers

CBC Ladies,  
Thank you so much for my turkey casserole and cinnamon raisin bread. You ladies are well appreciated in everything you do. I love my church family and you as well.

Love always,  
Pat Hyatt

CBC Family,  
Thanks to everyone at CBC for the cards, phone calls and visits during the loss of my daughter. I really appreciated all of the kindness.

Charlene Prince

CBC Family,  
Thank you so much for the delicious food and homemade bread from the Ladies Ministry. It was greatly appreciated.

Violet Mers

Our Church Family,  
Thank you for the calls, cards, visits, food, and especially the prayers during Alvin's recent illness and treatments. Also, thank you to the Willing Hands Quilters for the beautiful, warm blanket. We are so thankful for our church family. May God bless each of you.

Alvin and Carol Stamper

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*We pray you experience the joy of  
Christ's birth this holiday season.*

*Central Baptist Church Staff*



## MICKEY'S MUSINGS

A Word of Thanksgiving...

...is offered to the many who serve in the worship ministry—in service to the Father— with me. As you sing songs of worship, as you hear deacons reading scripture and praying, as you walk by the production booth in the sanctuary or watch/listen to the service at home, say a prayer of thanksgiving for those who have answered the call to ministry to make it happen.

### December Happenings

December 4

Music Makers Rehearsal from 9:00 am – 10:00 am  
Boomers and Seniors depart for UK Collage at 11:30 am

December 5

Music Makers Worship Service at 6:30 pm

December 8 & 9

Worship Choir rehearsal at First Baptist Church 6:30 pm

December 11 & 12

Christmas Presentation of RUN TO THE HOPE at FBC 6:30 pm

December 19

Carols and Candies in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

December 24

Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary at 9:00 p

Blessings,  
Mickey Ballard



## Jonny's Corner

Hello Church Family,

It is hard to believe that 2021 is about over and we are looking toward 2022. This past year, there have been hills and valleys. But the one thing I can honestly say that has stayed consistent throughout this year is God. Psalm 115:1 says, "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!"

God's loves his church, even when times seem tough, no matter the situation in life, God's love is efficient. At the end of the day, even though I fail because I am a sinner, I take a look back and ask if I tried my best to seek God and serve him. Some days are better than others, but I am thankful that I serve a merciful God. His love is stronger than sin. Jesus proved this on the cross.

As we enter the Christmas season, I know things can become hectic, I know things can become busy, but take the time to reflect on the blessings that God has blessed us with. We celebrate Christmas to glorify the birth of our Lord and Savior. We celebrate Christmas to be reminded how blessed we really are, Christ came into the world, so that sinners may be saved through faith. Enjoy this time with family, church family, and friends. But also remember why we truly celebrate Christmas, the birth of our living Savior, Jesus Christ.

Church, take the time to check on one another. Take the opportunity to make a phone call, text, or visit, and check on one another. Let's be more active in

showing God's love to others through our words and actions, not just church members, but also others in the community. Through this Christmas season take the time to share a little of the same love that Christ has for us.

December is a very busy month with a ton of activities going on. Children's ministry is having their annual Christmas Party on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. There will be a lot of fun and food for the kids. Parents, we would love to have your help at this party. If you have a preschool to elementary student that would like to attend, or you're a parent that would like to help, please sign up on the board next to my office.

The student ministry is having their annual progressive dinner on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The students will be dividing a meal, appetizer, main course, and dessert, between three different houses and the student white elephant gift exchange will be held at the home hosting the dessert. This is a lot of fun, if there are any middle and high school students that want to participate, please sign up on the board next to my office. Any adults that are willing to help with preparing food, please contact me and I can get you more information.

I am looking forward to what God has planned in 2022. Please be in prayer for our church family and seek opportunities to become more active in the church and serving others to the best of your ability. Please make sure to check the bulletin and listen to announcements in the service - there is a lot going on in the month of December.

God Bless,  
Jonny



In his book, *The Care Effect*, David Crosby answers the question: do people still go to church? Crosby, who currently serves as pastor emeritus at First Baptist New Orleans, said the question “indicates a fundamental problem – church perceived as a destination.”

Crosby continues:

“People go to church. Churches don’t go to people. We would never really think to reverse the question. The church in rural America sits at the crossroads with easy access from all directions just like a major retail outlet. The rule is location, location, location.

That’s not wrong. It’s right. Church buildings need to be visible and accessible. That’s certainly better for the churches than being invisible and inaccessible.

What if the church’s visibility was about its work in the community? What if its accessibility was about its presence among neighbors in need? What if we reversed the mindset that church is a destination and instead conceived of the church as an air compressor for the purpose of strategic release aimed to make a big difference?”

Interesting way to think of the church, isn’t it? We come in, to be sent out.

During the Christmas season, and especially during this season of prayer and giving for International Missions with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering opportunity, your CBC WMU invites you to come alongside missionaries in every way you are able.

Give. Pray. Go.  
On Mission,  
Kristy  
Hebrews 10:39

#### **December AWANA Calendar**

There will be no AWANA meetings  
for the month of December.

#### **Deacon Senior Adult Christmas Dinner**

December 17th 6 PM

Signup sheet on Registration Counter

#### **Church Office will be closed**

Friday, December 24th &

Monday December 27<sup>th</sup>, Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> for the for the Holidays.

#### **Average Giving Report through November**

Year to Date Budget Giving \$397,034.14

Year to Date Budget Required \$394,327.08

Budget Surplus \$2,707.06

#### **November 2021**

Average Sunday School 101 Average Worship 154

#### **Toy Store is Here!**

Our annual Toy Store will be held December 7<sup>th</sup>  
1PM -6 PM or longer if needed, volunteers are  
needed, so please plan to help. Signup sheet on  
registration counter. Toys are still needed!!

#### **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

All money given to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering supports our missionaries serving abroad with the International Mission Board (visit [www.imb.org](http://www.imb.org) for more information). Please consider how you can generously give this Christmas to help make disciples around the world. Our goal this year is \$5,000 and we have collected \$1,035 as of November 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **International Missions Week of Prayer**

November 28<sup>th</sup> – December 5<sup>th</sup>

**CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY BOX** for attending friends and family of Central Baptist Church will soon be up and ready. The box will be located in the library this year.

# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9 AM Music Makers Practice			1 Music Makers in sanctuary 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting FH	2	3 6:30 PM Children's Christmas Party	4 2 PM UK Collage
5 Advent Peace	6 6:30 PM Children's Music Makers Deacons Meeting	7 Toy Store 1-6 PM	8 10 AM Staff Meeting Christmas Musical Rehearsal 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	9 Christmas Musical Rehearsal	10 11 AM-1 PM Sisters in Christ	11 11 AM-1 PM Sisters in Christ Christmas Musical 1st Baptist Church
12 Advent Joy Christmas Bless- ings Due Christmas Musical 1st Baptist Church	13 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch @ Lill's	14 10 AM Staff Meeting 1 PM WMU 6:30 PM Business Meeting	15 10 AM Staff Meeting 1 PM WMU 6:30 PM Business Meeting	16	17 6 PM Deacons Adult Christmas Dinner	18 Youth Progressive Dinner Deacon's Food Baskets
19 Advent Love 6:30 PM Christmas Carols & Candy	20	21 Articles due	22 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	23	24 Church Office <b>CLOSED</b> for Christmas Holiday 9 PM Christmas Eve Service Lord's Supper	25 Christmas Day
26 No PM Activities	27 Church Office <b>CLOSED</b> for Christmas Holiday	28	29 No PM Activities	30	31 Church Office Closed New Year's Eve	

## *Our Ministry Opportunities*

**Sunday:**  
 9:30 AM - Sunday School for ALL Ages  
 10:45 AM - Worship Service  
 6:00 PM - REV 3 Ministries (Youth)  
 6:00 PM - Prayer Time in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM - AWANA (no meetings in December)  
 6:30 PM - Bible Study

**Wednesday:**  
 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting & Music Makers  
 7:30 PM - Choir Practice

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 also scan the QR code below with your phone's camera to be  
 directed to the link.



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