



Deacon Food Boxes - December 16th

Deacons are once again providing food boxes this Christmas. Collection boxes are located in the hallways. Items needed: peanut butter, cereal/breakfast items, hamburger helper, spaghetti/sauce, macaroni and cheese, boxed potatoes, canned veggies. Monetary donations can be given to any deacon or the church office. All donations are asked to be turned in by December 13th.

Giving Report through November 26th

Year to Date Budget Required \$424,562

Year to Date Budget Giving \$381,818

Budget Shortfall \$42,744

Central Baptist Welcomes New Members

Madeline Morris

Carl Pelfrey

November 2023

Average Sunday School 117 Average Worship 178

Church December Business Meeting December 13th

Church Office will be closed

December 25th & 26th in observance of Christmas

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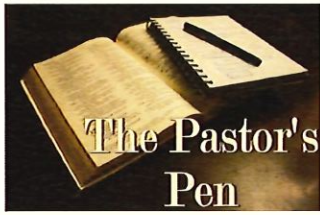
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December 1, 2023



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

Central Baptist Church Staff



Dear Church Family,

It's hard to believe the Christmas season is upon us again. It came so fast this year! As I think about Jesus' birth, I'm reminded of the fact that God's timing is always perfect. It's never a moment too soon, and it's never a moment late. God uses great precision in His timing.

Concerning Jesus' birth, the Scripture says in Galatians 4:4 "But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman..." Only the Lord knew when the time was right to bring about the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy in sending His Son. We can make some educated guesses as to why God chose the timing that He did, but we must admit, that there is a certain amount of mystery to God's timing that we cannot fully understand.

Even though we may not be able to fully understand the Lord's timing in things, we can fully trust that He knows what He's doing and that His timing is always best. At the right time, God answered centuries worth of petitions that were prayed in hopeful anticipation of the coming Messiah. He knew when the time was right.

And He knows when the time is right to answer your prayers as well. It may not be in your timing, but it will be in the right time. Don't lose hope. Don't allow impatience to get the best of you. Trust in the God who sent His Son "when the right time came."

Pastor Josh



Hello Church Family,

It is already December, and as usual, it will be a very busy month. There are several events happening in the month of December, so here is a break down.

- Dec. 5th – Toy Store, 5pm – 8pm
- Dec. 3rd thru 17th – Christmas Blessings Ministry
- Dec. 3rd thru 24th – Christmas card distribution for Church Members (Youth & Children Ministry)
- Dec. 8th - Children's Christmas Party, 6pm – 9pm (Children's Ministry)
- Dec. 10th - Youth Progressive Dinner, meet at church at 5pm. (Youth Ministry)
- Dec. 17th – Christmas Program @ 6:30 pm
- Dec. 21st – Christmas Ornaments and Carols @ 6:30 (Bourbon Heights) (Family Ministry Event)
- Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 9pm.

There are several events happening this month in all ministries of the church. Please be in prayer on how you can serve in these events, and how you can also help serve in the community. Most importantly, take time for God through prayer and His Word. As you celebrate Christmas spending time with family and friends, remember the real reason we celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As always, I look forward to seeing how God is going to use CBC to help further His kingdom. Stay in His Word and be bold proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ!

God Bless,
Jonny

December AWANA Calendar

December 3rd - Regular Club Night (AWANA Store)
No meetings the rest of the month, will pick back up January 7th, 2024.

SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

LUNCH BUNCH

... meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

- No meeting on December 12th
- January 9th at Jerry's

Sisters in Christ

We will be meeting December 9th in the CBC Fellowship Hall from 11 AM until 1:00 PM. Brunch will be served, please sign up at the registration counter.

Deacons Senior Christmas Dinner

December 12th 6 PM

Signup sheet on registration counter.

Christmas Eve

Our annual Christmas Eve service will begin at **9:00 PM** in the sanctuary. Please use this service as an opportunity to invite your family and friends to attend with you!

Mission Moments

WMU met at Lil's for our November meeting. We had a great time of fellowship and great food. We had 5 members present and plus one. Because everyone is so busy during December, we decided not to have a meeting in December. Our meeting in January will be on January 17th, at 1:00. We would love to see as many women as possible at this. Start the new year off right by learning and praying for our many missionaries.

Just FYI, during the winter months if we have bad weather and Paris or Bourbon Schools are out because of bad weather, there will not be a WMU meeting. Everyone have a safe and wonderful Christmas. Remember the reason we celebrate Christmas.

WOW we have certainly been busy at the Life House. So many families are in need. We had 48 shoppers in two weeks. We were closed Tuesday before Thanksgiving and we have one more week in November. I am so thankful for each of you that support the Life House, you are not only helping with the physical needs of our shoppers but you are helping spread the good news of Jesus our Lord. Although you don't know the names of our shoppers, please keep them in your prayers. Remember we are always in need of diapers, pull ups, especially bigger sizes, wipes, baby bath and baby lotion. Again, many thanks for all of your support, everyone have a safe and wonderful Christmas, remember the reason we celebrate Christmas.

Judy Jones, WMU Director and
The Life House Committee

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering International Missions Week of Prayer December 3rd – December 10th

All money given to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering supports our missionaries serving abroad with the International Mission Board (visit 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 \$1,152 as of November 26th.

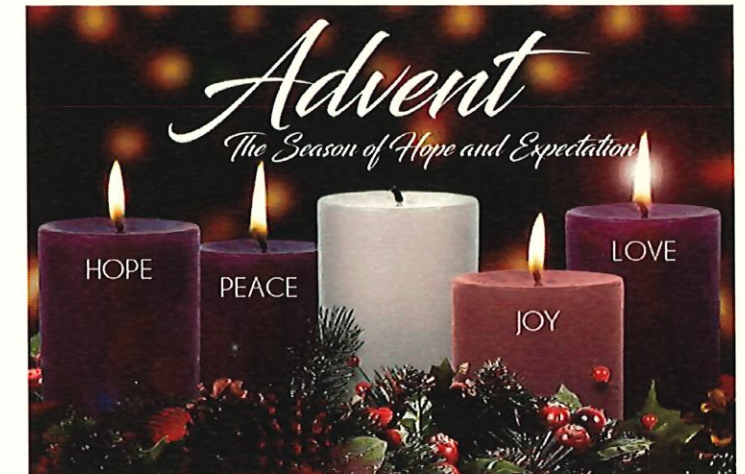
CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS MINISTRY

The Central Baptist Christmas Blessings Ministry has been going on for a few years now. This ministry helps local families provide Christmas for their families. This year CBC has adopted 4 families in our community. Each member of the family, this includes parents and children, will be separated into individual angels with a wish list. We are asking members of the church to adopt an angel, and help provide items on their wish list. This ministry begins on Sunday, Dec. 3rd and all items need to be returned by Sunday, Dec. 17th.

This is a great opportunity to help families in the community. There is no limit on what an individual spends, we ask that you stick to the wish list and give what the Lord allows you to give. I would also like to encourage members to work together on an angel, whether it is a Sunday School Class, or a whole family that takes an angel, please help others see the importance of blessing others with what God has blessed you with. We ask that you prayerfully consider adopting an angel to help for Christmas.

Toy Store

It's that time of year! The Toy Store will be December 5th at 5:00 PM until 8 PM. We will need lots of volunteers, and most of all toys! We especially need items for the older children 10 to 12 years-old, or you are welcome to make a monetary donation if you would rather us do the shopping! We are returning to our original way of doing our Toy Store so that we can minister to the families before they shop. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to let us know where you would like to participate.




December 2023



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

International Missions Week of Prayer
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 CBC Goal \$5,000

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3 12:15 Deacons Meeting	4	5 11-7 Life House Ministry	6 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries	7	8 6 PM Children's Christmas Party	9 11 AM Sisters in Christ at CBC
AWANA 6 PM Youth, Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Worship		5-8 PM Toy Store				
10 Youth Progressive Dinner 6 PM Youth, Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Worship Service	11	12 11-7 Life House Ministry 6 PM Deacon Senior Dinner	13 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Business Meeting Music Makers	14	15	16 Deacons Christmas Food Baskets
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24 9 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25	26 Church Office Closed	27 No evening service or activities	28	29	30
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Our Ministries Opportunities

Sunday:

- 9:30 AM – Sunday School for ALL Ages
- 10:45 AM – Worship and Children's Church
- 6:00 PM – Prayer time in chapel
- 6:00 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
- 6:30 PM – Worship Service

Wednesday:

- 6:30 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
- 6:30 PM – Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 PM – Choir Practice

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