



# December 2023



**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00pm**  
Church Board Meeting

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Ugly Sweater

**Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Morning Service**  
Christmas Program / Potluck  
Soup Chili & Stews  
(NO Desserts)

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm**  
Candle Light Service @ FCC



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# Prayers for Healing

**General:** Isabella Barger, Jim Butler, Kevin Chrisman, , Amanda Collins, Wayne Collins, Theresa Comer, James Corwin, Frank Cuff, Donny Curry, Carolyn Denny, Hadlee Denny, Michael Diver, Bill Eaton, Terry Franklin, Dennis Fujii, Judith Gregory, Kaitlin Grim, Running Bear Grimmet, Ashley & Noah Haddock, Veronica Handcock, Josie Harris, Elizabeth Hinojoso, Amanda Holt, Nanette Holt, Mike Hyde, Debbie Isaacs, Chelsie & Samuel Jones, Spook Lacey, Lisa Lawson, Madilyn Lens, Ken & Norma Littledeer, Fran Lockhart, Roger Lockhart Jr, Nancy McLemore Don Mann, Donna Mary, JoAnn Massengale, Linda McBroom, Ivory McDonald, Kate McDonald, Dora McDowell, Ronnie McGuire, Jeff & Tammy McLaughlin, Carthel Means, Tanya & Victoria Owen, Lenox Price, Brian, Chris, Lucy, Jack, Kathy & Rick Ritter, Johnny Ross, Kota Ross, Melvin Ross, Rogelio Salinas, Curtis Smith, Bob & Charlene Swepston, Titus Vaus, Geoff, Beth, Kayden Whitworth, Steve Wilson & Linda Woodward.

**Cancer:** Billie Asbill, Lisa Lindsay-Benge, Declan, Callahan, Derek Ceola, Patricia Dority, Norma Eli, John Garrett, Jenny Guthrie, Amy Hammer, Jeremy Isaacs, Jimmy Jones, RD Ketcher, Viola Lopez, Natisha Martin, Cathy Matthews, Joe Means, Steve Meredith, Steve Murray, Hunter Nichols, Dashika Ray, Shannon Rock, Becky Salinas, Dee Spinner, Danielle Unger, Jerry Wallace, Madeline Watkins, Larry Wilson, John Winkler & Donna Wolf.

**Military:** Casey Eubanks - Air Force; LT. Jack Greer - Army; Spencer Simmons - Army; Alan Starr - Air National Guard; & World Revival.

**Special Prayer:** Teresa Comer needs continued prayers, Nanette Holt will be having surgery this month so pray for all who will be helping her, Norma Littledeer still needs prayers for healing, David Roberts needs prayers, Kota Ross had knee surgery last month & needs prayers for healing, & pray for the unspoken prays not listed here.



## Missions we support:

ACRC Food Pantry; Northeastern Christian Campus Fellowship at NSU; Cookson Hills Christian Children's Ministry; Ozark Christian College; Good News Productions; CIY/Christ In Youth; Pioneer Bible Translators; Nino's De Mexico; Mexico Christian Children's Home; Jim and Terri Riley-Honduras; Collegio Biblico; India Christian Bible College; Stilwell Ministerial Alliance; Sunset Bible Camp; Bridge Church, Brent & Leslie Montgomery.

# December Serving List:

## 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Table:** Grady Ritter & Rex Earl Starr

**Distribute:** Larry Roberts, Dan Butler & Heath Guffey

**Announcements:** Grady Ritter

**AV Tech:** Celena Bray

**Prep:** The Dotson's

## 10<sup>th</sup>

**Table:** Cy Bray & Fred Holtz

**Distribute:** Rick Eubanks, Cole Hill & Justin Spear

**Announcements:** Rick Eubanks

**AV Tech:** Brian Johnson

**Prep:** Melissa Cole

## 17<sup>th</sup>

**Table:** Daryl Johnson & Lynn Carson

**Distribute:** Warren Golden, Matthew Howard & Dan Butler

**Announcements:** Daryl Johnson

**AV Tech:** David Dotson

**Prep:** The Bray's

## 24<sup>th</sup>

**Table:** David Dotson & Charles Benham

**Distribute:** Heath Guffey, Larry Roberts & Cy Bray

**Announcements:** David Dotson

**AV Tech:** Cy Bray

**Prep:** The Ritter's

## 31<sup>st</sup>

**Table:** Grady Ritter & Fred Holtz

**Distribute:** Cole Hill, Rick Eubanks & Warren Golden

**Announcements:** Grady Ritter

**AV Tech:** Brian Johnson

**Prep:** The Holtz's

**Nursery:** Liz Brown & Shelbie Ross

**Greeters:** The Bray's



## From The Minister



In 2006 Dr. Samuel Weinstein, the chief of Pediatric cardio – thoracic surgery for a major hospital in New York, traveled to El Salvador to perform life-saving operations on children with severe heart problems. One of his many patients was an eight-year old boy named Francisco. During his surgery, Francisco lost too much blood. He required an immediate transfusion. But Francisco’s blood type was B - negative - - a blood type shared by only 2% of the population. His chances of survival were slim.

Until Dr. Weinstein began rolling up his sleeve. He shared the same rare blood type as Francisco. So Dr. Weinstein laid down his surgical tools, scrubbed his arm and let a nurse draw a pint of his own blood. When he re-started the surgery on Francisco, it was his own blood that flowed through the little boy’s veins and likely saved his life.

That’s what God did on our behalf. That’s what we celebrate at Christmas. When our lives were at stake, when nothing else could save us, God laid down His own majesty and authority to come in the form of a helpless baby born to a poor family living under the control of an oppressive government. He lived the life as a traveling rabbi and died a humiliating and agonizing death to save us from our sins.

That’s what Christmas is all about. John 3:16 says it like this, *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.”*

*Brother Eldon*



# Upcoming Events

## Potluck

December 17<sup>th</sup>  
Soup, Stews & Chili



NO Desserts needed

### **Board Meeting**

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> @  
8:00pm

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm** is our annual  
Candle Light Service.  
This year it will be held  
at First Christian Church.



Ugly Sweater &  
Snowball fight  
Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>



## **Children Christmas Program**

### Wednesday Night Practices

@ 7:00pm

### Rehearsal/Cast Party

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 10-12:30pm

### The Christmas Program

December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am

*Any Questions  
See Karen*

**CIY:** Fees Due  
December 31<sup>st</sup> - \$100.00

See Matt Or Brian

## First Christian Church

# Youth Fund Raiser

**Pulled Pork Sandwich**

**Beans**

**&**

**\$10.00**

**A Brownie**

**Thursday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**10:30-1:30pm**

**First Christian Church  
Family Life Center  
306 N. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Enter Building on Pine Street

**Business Deliveries available for large orders. 918-797-8455**



## **Youth Christmas Party**

**December 20<sup>th</sup>**

All youth 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade

are invited to

Join in some fun.

Bring a \$6.00 wrapped gift



# youth

Youth: [fccyouthstilwell@gmail.com](mailto:fccyouthstilwell@gmail.com)

Instagram: youthfirstchristian

# DECEMBER 2023

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1 Charles Benham	2
3	4 Charlie Swepston	5	6	7 Linda Roedenbeck Jane Rhoads	8 Kathy Dimko	9 Trinity Nikolas Rick Doherty
10 Kota Ross	11 Lori Hogner	12	13	14 Zoey Ann Corwin	15	16
17	18 Eldon Wilson	19 Nancy Farrier	20	21	22	23 Dalton Hill
24	25	26 Heath & Jacie Holmes	27	28 Rosslyn Smith	29	30 Maylee Arnett
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



## Anniversaries:

December 19<sup>th</sup> Daniel & Callie Merriott

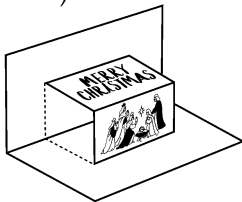


# POP-UP CARD

Share the good news of Jesus' birth with this creative Christmas card.

### What you need:

- Construction paper (two pieces, including one white)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pens
- Glue stick



### What you do:

1. Neatly fold the white paper in half, short side to short side.
2. Draw two parallel lines (at least 2 inches apart) from the fold to about halfway to the edge. Cut along the lines.
3. Fold the cut section back and forth so it pops up.
4. Push the section up so it pops up inside the folded paper. Draw a nativity scene on the pop-up box.
5. Fold the colored paper in half, short side to short side. Place the white paper inside it and glue the white paper down, being careful not to glue the pop-up box.
6. Write a Christmas message and give or send the card to someone.



JOURNEY TO

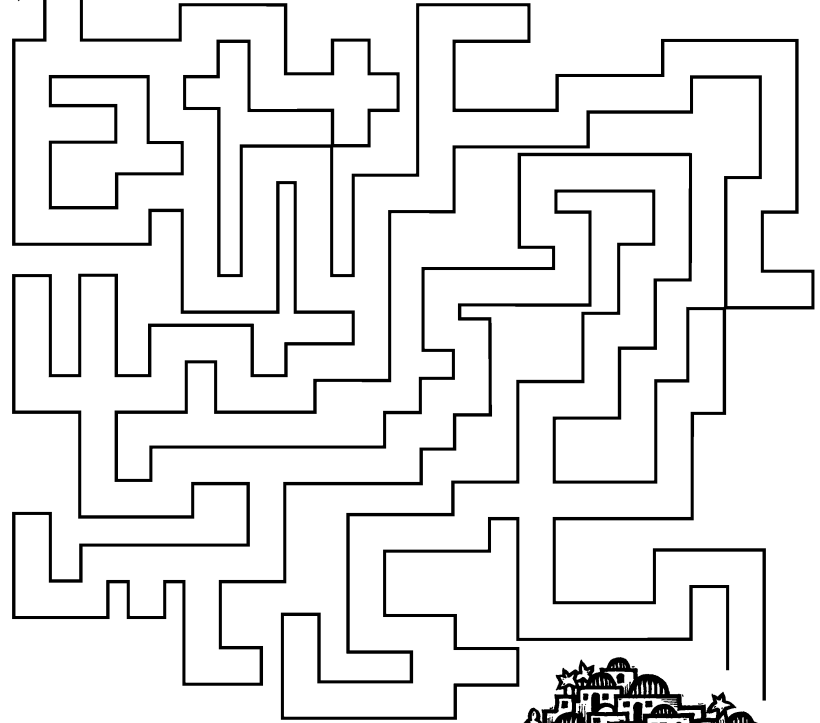
# BETHLEHEM

In the Christmas story in Luke 2, an angel tells some shepherds to go see baby Jesus in Bethlehem.



START

Directions: Follow the maze to arrive in Bethlehem.



BETHLEHEM



Wishing you a very  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

