



"Thankful for the Uneventful Life"

According to an ancient legend, St. Francis of Assisi and two other monks were once traveling to a far-off monastery. Upon arrival, each shared the story of his journey. The first monk recounted a story of danger when his horse bucked and nearly sent him to his death. He thanked God for his miraculous arrival. The second monk told a story of falling into a deep river and nearly drowning until God provided a branch to save him. He also thanked God for his miraculous arrival. Finally, St. Francis said to them, "I did experience the greatest miracle of all on my way. I had the smoothest, most pleasant, completely uneventful trip."

As usual, St. Francis in a few words exposes a common problem and illustrates a divine solution. Most of us look for the miraculous only in the *big* miracles. Absent those, we really don't see much to be thankful for.

Someone told me recently that when I wake up in the morning I should be able to think of ten things right then that I'm thankful for. Things like having a loving spouse, a bed, a home, air

conditioning, actually waking up, etc. Those are little things that most everybody has. Of course, the fact that billions of people can't even match my short list underscores the miracle of the normal. I take for granted the things that other people only dream of.

Each one of us is a walking miracle. On Wednesday night Bible studies lately I've been talking about the incredible artistry of the universe in general and ourselves in particular. All the artistry points to an Artist.

If that's the case, then the miracles go all the way down to the arrangement of atoms that make up the molecules, that compose the cells, that enable you to read this column. Think about the miracle of that; of your next breath, of your awareness of God in your life, etc. etc. etc.

If we wait for a *big* miracle before we're really thankful, then chances are we'll never be really thankful.

The fact is, every miracle is a big miracle. The uneventful life is a miracle! That's what we celebrate this Thursday.

Grace,
Terry Ellis

ADULTS



Interactive Christmas Dinner Theater

Performances:

Friday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 7, 11:30 a.m.

Menu: Hamburgers, French Fries and Ice Cream Sundaes

Tickets are \$10, and can be purchased in the church office. Limited seating. Bring 2 cans of food per person to benefit Southeast Ministries.

First Place For Health

Tuesday, December 2
5:30 p.m.

Church Decorating Committee

December 2, 9:00 a.m.

The committee will meet in the sanctuary to decorate the church for Christmas.

Broadmoor Subdivision Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 6
2:00 p.m.

The Cast of "Uncle Phil's Diner" will be representing BBC in this first annual subdivision parade. The parade begins at Broadmoor High School. The entire parade route can be found on:

www.broadmoor-br.org

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call the church office. Large poinsettias are available for \$40 each, and small poinsettias are \$10 each.

Church Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 14
6:00 p.m.

\$5 per person

Menu:

Bacon Wrapped Chicken Breast,
Twice Baked Potato Casserole,
Green Beans, Red Velvet Cake

Please make reservations for dinner in Sunday School or by calling the church office.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

BRG Bluebonnet
Malcolm Tolbert

OLOL
Angie Edwards

ADVENT CALENDAR

November 30

December 5

December 7

December 12

December 13

December 14

December 17

December 21

December 24

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (*Hope*)

Uncle Phil's Diner, 6:30 p.m.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (*Peace*)

Hanging of the Green, 10:30 a.m.

Uncle Phil's Diner, 11:30 a.m.

Youth Christmas Party, 7 p.m.

Children's Christmas Party, 6-8 p.m.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (*Joy*)

Children's Music during Worship

Christmas Dinner, 6 p.m.

All Church Caroling, 6 p.m.

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (*Love*)

Adult Choir Program, 10:30 a.m.

The Longest Night Service, 6 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service,
6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT

Our Christmas mission project this year will be to host a small Christmas party and provide gifts for the residents of Oak Park Plaza, a VOA low-income senior community. The apartment complex houses 100 men and women, most of whom do not have family, and very limited means. We are asking the adult Sunday School classes to get involved in one of three ways:

1. Purchase small gifts for a portion of the residents (We have a list of names, gender, and gift ideas)
2. Wrap the gifts collected by the classes
3. Plan and host the party on December 20th from 1-3 p.m.

A class representative can call the church office to a) get a list of residents to purchase gifts for or b) to volunteer to host the party. What a great way to spread some Christmas cheer and experience the true meaning of the season!

CALENDAR

Thursday, November 27
THANKSGIVING -
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 28
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Sunday, November 30
9:00 A Library Opens
9:15 A Bible Study
Book Study, Rm 218
When God Comes Down
10:30 A Worship, *First Sunday of Advent*

Extended Teaching Care
D'Wana & Sarah Chiles, Danielle Gremillion, David Marcase

4:00 P Youth/Uncle Phil's Rehearsal
5:45 P Belles & Beaux
6:00 P Ultimate Frisbee

Monday, December 1
6:30 P Women's Book Study

Tuesday, December 2
9:30 A Yoga
5:30 P First Place For Health

Wednesday, December 3
7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast
5:00 P Library Opens
Chapel Bells

5:15 P Dinner
6:00 P Children's Choirs
Uncle Phil's Rehearsal
Adult Prayer Time
6:20 P Adult Bible Study
6:40 P Children's Mission Group
7:00 P Sanctuary Choir
8:30 P College Bible Study, LSU

Thursday, December 4
10:00 A BBQ
2:00 P St. Joseph Hospice Memorial Service

Friday, December 5
6:30 P Uncle Phil's Diner
Saturday, December 6
2:00 P Broadmoor Christmas Parade

CHILDREN

Christmas Party
Saturday, December 13
6-8 p.m.

For preschool through 5th grade, in the church activities hall. We will watch the movie *The Polar Express*, make crafts, and eat pizza.

YOUTH

Ultimate Frisbee
November 30
6:00-7:15 p.m.

Christmas Party
Friday, December 12
7:00-9:00 p.m.

At the home of Greg and Erika Futch, 8535 Wildwood, Denham Springs.

Youth Ringing Bells for Salvation Army
Saturday, December 13
O'Neal Lane Wal-Mart
10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Call Dave to sign-up.

COLLEGE

Christmas Party
Friday, December 12
6:30 p.m.

Join us for fun and fellowship at Bobby & Kelli Rayburn's home.

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First Sunday of Advent

God with Us

November 30
10:30 a.m.

When God Comes Down

An exploration of the Season of Advent



begins
Sunday, November 30
9:15 a.m.
Room 218

All are welcome to join