

CALENDAR

Thursday, December 24
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 6:00 P Christmas Eve
 Candlelight Communion
 Service

Friday, December 25
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, December 27
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10:30 A Worship, short business
 meeting after worship

Extended Teaching Care
 Valerie Barnes, M.E. & Bryan Hart,
 Donna Patterson, Circe Bridges,
 Laurel, Jennifer, & Sam Fishburn

Monday, December 28
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 30
**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
 OR ACTIVITIES**

LLL

Thursday, January 14
 Civil War Battlefield Tour,
 Vicksburg, Mississippi, and
 lunch afterwards at Walnut
 Hills Restaurant. Space is
 limited, so please reserve
 your spot by calling the
 church office. \$45 per per-
 son includes tour, lunch,
 and a motor coach.

Friday, February 19
 Potluck, Church Activities
 Hall, 11:30 a.m. Entertain-
 ment by Baton Rouge Cho-
 rus. Bring a side dish/
 dessert to share.

Thursday, March 17
 Tour of Longue Vue House
 and Gardens in New Or-
 leans and lunch afterwards.

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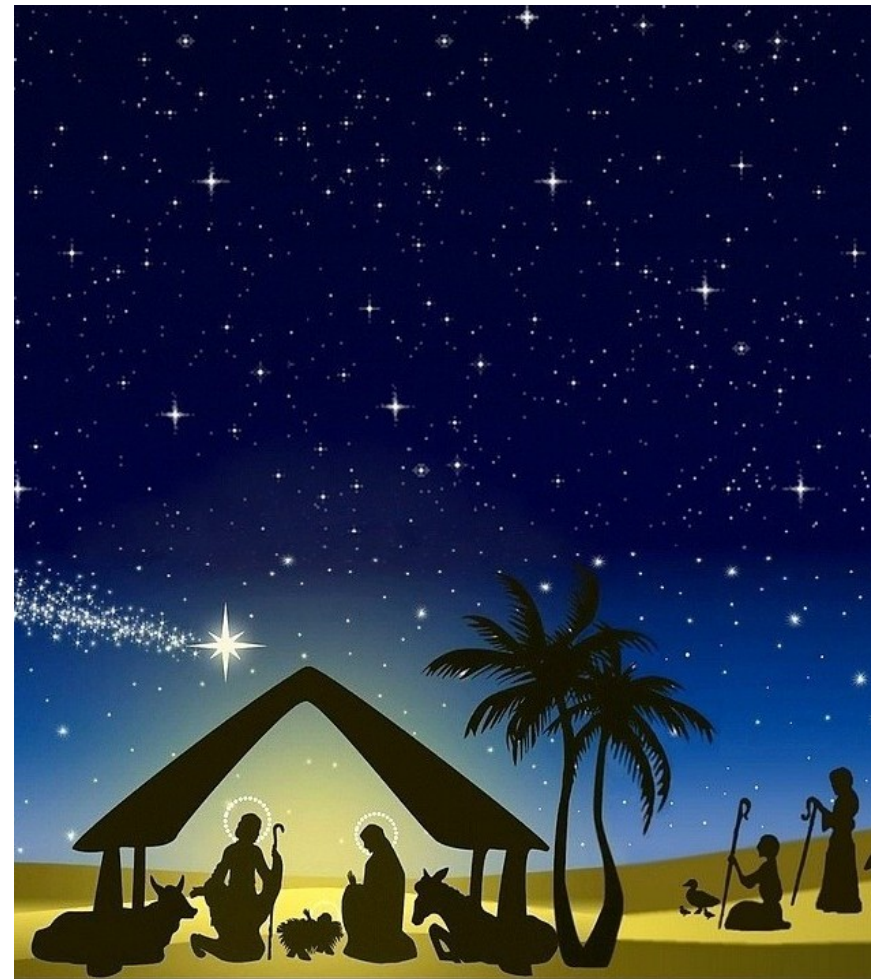
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For unto you is
 born this day
 in the city of David a

Savior

which is
 Christ the Lord.

- Luke 2:11

Merry Christmas
 &
Happy New Year
 from your church staff

Bobby, Paul, Dave, Tracey, Felicia, Angie & Monica





"A Grinchy Christmas"

At this time of year I have often been asked to share my favorite Christmas movie. While *White Christmas*, *Christmas Vacation*, *Home Alone*, and others rank high on the list, perhaps my favorite Christmas movie of all is *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Now I'm sure like most others I share that with, you are sitting in your chair thinking, "I feel like we should have dug deeper in his personal life before we hired Paul...there is so much we missed!"

Although there may well have been all kinds of crazy you missed, or simply overlooked when I came to BBC, the reality is there is much we can learn from this simple children's story about love, transformation, and even salvation. Recall with me the words of this classic story:

He stared down at Who-ville!
The Grinch popped his eyes!
Then he shook!
What he saw was a shocking surprise!
Every Who down in Who-ville,
The tall and the small,
Was singing! Without any presents at all!
He HADN'T stopped Christmas from coming!
IT CAME!
Somehow or other, it came just the same!

And the Grinch, with his Grinch feet ice-cold in the snow,
Stood puzzling and puzzling:
"How could it be so?"

It came without ribbons! It came without tags!
"It came without packages, boxes or bags!"
And he puzzled three hours,
`till his puzzler was sore.
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!
"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!"

Christmas IS so much more than the ribbon, tags, packages, boxes, or bags, and the Grinch had to learn that the hard way. It usually takes me a reset like this story to remind me what this season is about. Even though we're talking about a children's story here, it is always worth the time to remember the meaning of Christmas: real, transformational, all-in sacrificial love; a love that sent Jesus from the perfection of heaven to a cold, imperfect, grace-void earth. People all around us, maybe even you and I, need to remember that this Christmas. Share the gift of Christ's love.

Merry Christmas,

Paul

ADULTS

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Communion Service**
Thursday, December 24
6:00 p.m.

**First Place
New Session Begins**
January 5, 6:00 p.m.

Day of Caring
Saturday, January 23
9:00 a.m.

As part of our Member Care *Dawnings* initiative, we will have breakfast together in the Church Activities Hall, then disburse to visit the homebound members of our congregation.

Sam Bandela
Sunday, January 10

BBC will welcome Sam Bandela, CBF Missionary to India during the Sunday School and Worship hour. During more than a decade of ministry in India, Mr. Bandela has provided disaster relief ministry to tsunami survivors, planted numerous churches across South India and established medical clinics in the most remote areas of the country. With a passion for bringing transformation to neglected and marginalized peoples, Bandela has lived into his calling to spread Christ's love. Over the past 5 years, Mr. Bandela's ministry has put sewing machines in the hands of more than 400 women and taught them to sew, thanks to the generous financial support of CBF churches. With this marketable skill, these women are able to earn a living and avoid becoming trapped in a life of prostitution.

**Men's Prayer
Breakfast**
Resumes Wednesday
January 6, 7:00 a.m.

**Children's Committee
Meeting**
Wednesday, January 6
7 p.m.

Trustee's Meeting
Monday, January 11
6:00 p.m.

Family Gathering
Sunday, January 17
11:30 a.m.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

BRG-Bluebonnet
Bob Waggener

Thank You

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from **Bob Pfrimmer**

Congratulations

Susan and Michael Tucker on the birth of their son, Clayton Percy. Proud grandparents are **Susan and Horace Elkins**.

Diane and Ken Sneed on the birth of their grandson, Brandon Eric Sneed.

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to **Wendy and Dwight Gilley and family** on the death of her father.



2016 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your offering envelopes in the hallway outside the church office. Envelopes will only be mailed to homebound members.

Just a Reminder
No Newsletter
or
Wednesday Night
Activities
December 30

Remembering Our Commitments

Only ONE Sunday remains in the year for church members to complete their contribution commitments to the 2015 Church Budget. To achieve this goal, we ask you to remember and honor the commitments made to our church's ministries. **All financial gifts made to the church must be post-marked by Thursday, December 31 to be counted for 2015.** The church is counting on your stewardship faithfulness!