



First Family News

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MERRY CHRISTMAS church family!

One thing you ought to know about me is that I do not try to hide my Christmas spirit. AT ALL! In fact, you can often hear Christmas music playing in my office year-round. Spoiler alert: I'm listening to Christmas music as I write this article! But it seems like I almost always have to "defend" my choice in music and every year the back-and-forth banter about this topic never really changes anyone's mind. You either listen early or you don't. For me, the Christmas season brings a joy that I can't easily put into words, but it almost always starts when I hear a special Christmas hymn or some instrumental version of one of my favorite songs.

One hymn in particular, "O Holy Night", is a favorite of mine. This hymn focuses on the incarnation of our Savior. "O holy night! the stars are brightly shining; It is the night of our dear Savior's birth." Here the song describes the night as holy. A holy Savior has come to be born of a virgin. God became like man that we may have eternal life and I'm thankful for that every day. Then it describes the stars brightly shining. Now, I'm not sure we can know for certain what the weather was like on the night Jesus was born, but we do know at some point there was a star shining so brightly that it led the Three Wise Men to Jesus. Perhaps using that as a reference, the author describes a night full of brightly shining stars and I can picture it in my mind. One of my very favorite things to do is look up on a clear night in some remote location and gaze in wonder at God's creation. How marvelous and vast is the night sky! That coupled with the holy birth of my savior calms me and fills my heart with such JOY and a PEACE which surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7).

Then, we have HOPE. "Long lay the world in sin and e'er pining, 'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices," The weary world rejoices indeed! Sin is exhausting. Period. Our constant pursuit of earthly things leaves us weary like the hymn suggests. But the good news is, it doesn't have to be that way. God sent his son so that in him we can find HOPE. How much lighter do my shoulders feel when I am no longer pining over my sin, but remember instead that my Savior came to earth to die for my sins? I will rejoice because I know the truth, and the truth has set me free (John 8:31-32).

Then the call to LOVE one another. "Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace." God calls us to love one another (John 13:34), not fight over politics, money, and religion. He does want us to "be on guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. [And] Do everything in love." (1 Corinthians 16:13-14). But in LOVE is the key and I need this reminder daily! God loved us so much that he sent his one and only son to save us (John 3:16) and in a world full of hate, let us be guided by LOVE not only during the holidays, but all year long.

So... church family, the next time you hear a Christmas song, hymns specifically, I encourage you to view it from a point of worship, not just a seasonal obligation. We don't have to limit the celebration of the birth of our Savior to a few weeks a year. Love came down to earth so that in him we can find JOY and PEACE and HOPE and LOVE forevermore.

Merry Christmas. I pray you and your loved ones are blessed this Christmas and all year long.

With love,

Lindsay



- 01 Christopher Gabel, Jacob Stroder
- 02 Layden Dunn, Linley Dunn, Shasta Smith
- 03 Alexander Jenkins, Jordan Willis
- 05 Sarah Anderson, Christi Bennett, Levigh Dunn
- 06 Paola Chernosky, Tricia Miller, Barbara Peppers
- 07 Cal Emery
- 10 Courtney Firebaugh, Ashlynn Schlegel
- 12 Deborah Lubke, LeAnne Self, Jay Smith
- 14 Beverly Papan, Malinda Scharnhorst, Thomas Willis
- 15 Diana Richardson
- 16 Sandy Horton
- 17 Pat Elliott, Cindy Farmer, Sean Gray
- 18 Jeff Hudson
- 19 Janet Fulford, Mark Stodghill
- 20 Dovie George, Melody Stroder, Rylee Waits
- 21 Tanner Mitchell, Tim Wallace, Joe White
- 22 David Bridge, Laurie Caro, Tyler Poynter, Zachary Stewart
- 23 Holt Higgins, Ross Gaston
- 24 J. Michael Chernosky
- 26 Harlan Hanson, Marie Moore, Ethan Yates
- 27 Alesha Davis
- 28 Josiah Ishmael, Nicole Ishmael
- 29 Codi Collins, Kaitlyn Kharrazi, Logan Strona
- 30 Robert Clark, Brandon Cummings
- 31 Jacyn Akers, Tessa Martinez, Noah Pippin

DECEMBER DEACONS ON CALL

- 01 Rustin Mayse 903-229-0591
- 08 Jon West 916-837-5003
- 15 Kenneth Pipes 817-648-6048
- 22 Wally Pippin 817-648-8342
- 29 Robbie Mayse 254-231-1431

Holiday Basket Goodies Needed!



Help us to bring good cheer and love to those in our congregation in need of some TLC. Folks are asked to bring goodies for our holiday baskets that will be assembled and delivered by our youth. Some suggestions are: fresh fruit, baked goods (cookies, muffins, breads, brownies, jellies), nuts candies, crackers, hot chocolate, coffee, etc.

Please deliver your goodies to the church office or Youth Room no later than 9:15am on Sunday, December 1st.

Have questions? See Eric Waits.

It will be a
"Cozy Christmas"
 this year at the
Ladies' Christmas Tea
 Saturday, December 7th - 10 AM
 Tickets are \$15
 Anyone interested in hosting/ decorating a table,
 please contact the church office.

CDO Events December

12/5	Disney Day
12/8	Christmas Program at FBC @ 11am
12/19	Early Release & Christmas Parties
12/23 - 1/6	Christmas Break



Gingerbread Bash

Wednesday, 12/11

6 - 7:30pm

Worship, Food, Fun, and Fellowship

all building materials will be provided

Meet in the Sanctuary at 6pm for a time of worship, followed by dinner and gingerbread building in the Fellowship Hall.



Join us as we share the joy of Christmas through song as we go caroling throughout the Grandview community on Sunday, December 22nd. We will first meet at 5:00pm in the choir room to rehearse a few Christmas carols. Then we will load up on trailers and share our Christmas message and cheer with others. For more details, contact Ethan Yates.



Monday, December 2

12:00pm Primetimers Luncheon

Saturday, December 7

10:00am Ladies' Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 8

11:00am CDO Christmas Program

2:00pm GV Nursing Home

6:00pm Deacons Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 10

CDO Pre-K Trip to Casa Manana

Wednesday, December 11

6:00pm Gingerbread Bash

No Wed PM activities

Saturday, December 14

6:00pm Grandview Christmas Parade

Thursday, December 19

CDO Christmas Parties & Early Dismissal

Saturday, December 21

9:00am Grandview Counseling 5K at Grandview City Park

Sunday, December 22

5:00pm Christmas Caroling

Tuesday, December 24

6:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24—Thursday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 29

11:00am Combined Service

No Sunday School

No Children's Church

Tuesday, December 31

7:00pm New Year's Eve Party

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Sundays -		Wednesdays -	
Traditional Worship*	8:30am	Student Ministry	6:00pm
Sunday School	9:45am	FBC Kids	6:30pm
Contemporary Worship*	11:00am	Ladies GROW Grp	6:30pm
		Men's GROW Grp	6:30pm
		Prayer and Psalms Grp	6:30pm

**In house and on Facebook*

Address Service Requested

December
1–8

Church Goal:
\$4000

Week of Prayer for International Missions
&
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

GOLDEN GIRLS EXERCISE GROUP
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS @ 9AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
CONTACT PERSON: JEAN MARTIN

Primetimers Luncheon
MOVED TO DECEMBER 2nd @ noon in the Fellowship Hall.
Bring a “Thanksgiving Leftover” dish to share.

According to IRS regulations, the 2024 contributions must be postmarked, received, or posted online by December 31, 2024. Keep in mind the church office will closed December 24th—27th.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
COUNTDOWN PARTY
DEC 31 | 7PM
GRADES 6-12 - YOUTH ROOM
FAMILIES - FELLOWSHIP HALL



FBC Caroling.....Sunday, December 22nd, 5pm
No Wed PM Activities.....December 25th
No Children's Day Out..... December 24th, 26th, 31st
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service..... December 24th, 6pm
Church Office Closed.....December 24th 25th, 26th
Combined Service @ 11am.....December 29th