

## DECEMBER 2024 - JANUARY 2025



### **Christmas Angel Tree**

Greetings! The holiday season is upon us. This is the season that we get busy with the cooking, family and shopping! We are preparing to buy those special

gifts for the people we love and care about. However, for some, this time of year is depressing and lonely and there isn't a special gift exchange. We have a wonderful opportunity to give back to the children in our community and surrounding area this

the children in our community and surrounding area this Christmas! We can spread a little Christmas cheer and shower some of these foster kids in love, an emotion that some of them have not felt in quite some time, if ever. So, we will have a small Christmas tree in the foyer that will have some Christmas angels on it listed with a few gifts that each foster child might like to have for Christmas. If you feel led to do so, please pick one up and bring the gifts back with the angel to the church office. There will be a Christmas Party in the Winfield area on Tuesday, December 17th and those gifts will be given out to the kids for Christmas. There are a few of us foster parents who will be attending. If you have any questions please ask LaTonya McGathy.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Unfortunately, this year there will not be a Children's Christmas Program. However, you are encouraged to get involved in some of the activities going on at church throughout the holiday season! Please take advantage of the opportunities to serve and give back to others as well!

## New Year's Eve Family Game Night— December 31st

If you enjoy playing games and eating food, this will happen on **New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31** at **6:30pm in the FLC.** Bring your favorite card/board games to play with others and a snack to share. We will stay until the new year, if people can last that long, praying together before we leave, to welcome in the new year.

# **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

This is my favorite time of year! There is so much to be thankful for and sometimes I forget about counting my blessings! But the holidays remind me to give the glory back to Him, as He is where they all come from! As we bring in 2024, let us all remember to put Christ first in everything we do and pray over our lives to be fixed on Jesus!



### Dear Lord,

We thank You for giving us another year of blessings and much to be thankful for! With every new year there are so many new beginnings, but with You nothing changes. Your abundance of love, grace and mercy remain the same and are unwavering. You never fail us. Your promises are unshakeable and infinite. With the new year, help me keep my eyes fixed on You, trusting that whatever lies ahead, You are with me every step of the way and if you brought me to it, then you will guide me thru it! And there is victory waiting on the other side!

# Happenings:

- † **Sunday School** 9:15AM 10:15AM
- † **Children's Church** for children 3 years old 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade during the message time of our worship service
- † **AWANA club** Wednesdays 6:15 P.M. 8:00 P.M. No club Wednesday's Dec. 25 and Jan. 1st club resumes Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- †Christmas Caroling and Chili Cook-off

Sunday, December 8th beginning at 5pm, meet in the FLC to go caroling and then we will come back to the church after for the Chili Cook-Off! Bring your best pot of chili!

†Salvation Army Bell Ringing Saturday, Dec. 7th from 10am-6pm. Sign up sheet in the foyer!

† Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

at 6:00 P.M. Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. *Includes a children's message and a gift for each child.* 

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