



# THE MESSENGER

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



### Sermon Series - Reactions to a Star

This Christmas, we're exploring Reactions to a Star—four responses to the light of Christ that still shape our lives today. From Herod's fear to the Wise Men's pursuit, Joseph's obedience, and Mary's surrender, each week shows how God's light exposes, guides, and invites us into hope. Whether we come anxious, seeking, uncertain, or willing, the same Star that shone over Bethlehem still calls us to worship with fresh faith and wonder. Join us as we celebrate the Savior who meets us where we are and leads us forward.

### Upcoming Events

- DEC 5-7 6:30pm - 8:30pm | First Christian Church  
**Live Nativity**
- DEC 9 5:30pm | Mike and Marsha Millers home  
**Sonshiners Christmas Party**
- DEC 11 6:00pm | Bonnie Kirkland's home  
**Sister2Sister Christmas Party**
- DEC 13 9:30am | Family Life Center (Gym)  
**Deliver Food Box Flyers**
- DEC 14 5:00pm | Family Life Center (Gym)  
**Church Christmas Party / Packing Food Boxes**
- DEC 20 9:30am | Family Life Center (Gym)  
**Deliver Food Boxes**
- DEC 24 6:00pm | First Christian Church  
**Christmas Eve Service**

**For more information, see  
the Information Board in  
the main hallway.**



# Angel Tree



If you have taken an angel from the Angel Tree, please place unwrapped items with the angel in EDW 101 by Sunday, December 14th.

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES

### Items needed

- canned chicken
- canned tuna
- spam
- green beans
- corn
- instant potatoes
- packs of gravy
- boxed dressing
- cake mix
- frosting



## Children and Youth

### Saltshaker Youth Ministry (Grades 7-12)



This year, we've followed the story of Christ. What He's done, who He is, and what that means for our lives. Now we come to the culmination of it all: **Our Living Hope**. Through November and December, we'll explore how hope reshapes our identity, our trials, and our future, showing us that even in the midst of fire, God is with us, making something beautiful and new.

Our focus for DECEMBER is **1 Peter 1:7-9 - Perseverance**: Trials prove and strengthen faith until the day our faith becomes sight. Hope isn't just something we have - it's how we live.

### Little Lights Sunday School (Newborn - 6th Grade)

## Let's Have A Celebration!

Let's Celebrate Jesus' birth with a party! 🎉🎊

**When: Sunday, December 21st @ 10am**

**Where: The Children's Church Room**

**For: Preschool through 6th Grade**

**We will have a story, games to play, a craft and snacks will be provided!**

**Come in your Christmas jammies or Christmas outfit.**

