



I'm 'Different' this Christmas

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ (1Cor. 12:12).

In my article in last week's issue of *The Clarion* I referenced how 'different' is this Christmas. I mentioned that our families and our church family are experiencing and 'doing' Christmas in different ways this year due to COVID-19. But 'different' is Okay, because Jesus and the Christmas message remain the same.

This week it's personal. Not only is Christmas 'different' this year. I'm different. Sure, Christmas comes along every year and no one is exactly the same as they were the prior Christmas. But in this pandemic year I'm feeling this more acutely. Our church family has lost many fine members in 2020. We do every year. But because of the coronavirus it's been different for families, for our church family and for me. Much of the pastoral care for these members and their families through sickness, death, and grieving has occurred more remotely than I or anyone prefers. For me this loss has compounded the loss. I grieve this double loss – loss of my brother or sister in Christ and loss of hands-on, up close love and ministry.

So...I'm different this Christmas. I'm sure you are too. I'm reminded of just how 'one' we are in the family of God. We love one another. We long to be near. We're meant to hands-on. We're designed to be 'in-person' with others and physically close with one another. Losing this and losing dear believers during the pandemic has been doubly hard.

"So how are you different?", you ask. First, I realize how much God shapes me for the good through you, my church family. Next, I have a greater love and appreciation for my brothers and sisters in Christ. And third, I long to know you and love you better.

*Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.*

Cecil Sanders



Christmas Eve Service **Thursday, December 24th at 5:00 PM**

In-person Service

Limited Seating, so tickets are required. Please pick up tickets at the Church Office or Information Desk. Please take only what you will need so others may attend.

Online Service

Facebook: FBC Headland, Alabama; YouTube: FBC Headland

If your family chooses to observe *The Lord's Supper* during the online service, you may provide your own elements or secure these from the Church Office during regular office hours. Families may also choose to have candles available to light at home during the closing of the service.

Bridge to Tomorrow Fund	
Giving 12-13-2020	\$830.00
Total Giving to Date	\$641,464.44
9-28-2020 Fund Balance	\$51,580.43

Our People Gave December 13, 2020	
Weekly Need	\$22,317.74
Weekly Received	\$18,330.69
Over (Under) Budget	(\$3,987.05)

2020 Year-To-Date	
Budget Required	\$1,115,887.00
Budget Received	\$1,084,522.38
Over (Under)	(\$31,364.62)
Worship 12-13-2020	199
Lottie Moon	\$139,838.82

Services Online

www.fbcheadland.com
FBC Headland (YouTube/Facebook)

Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday

Weekly Announcements & Devotion

Wednesday

6:00 PM Devotional & Prayer Time

Thursday

7:00 PM Bible Studies for Life

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Fourth Sunday Dec. 20
Karl & Heidi Condrey & Family



Christmas Eve Dec. 24
Carey & Shelli Solomon

2020 End-of-Year Giving

Thank you for your faithful giving throughout the year. Please remember that the IRS requires any cash gift credited to the 2020 tax year must be turned in to the Church office no later than Thursday, December 31, 2020. If you mail your gift to the church, the postmark on the envelope must be on or before December 31, 2020. Any stock donations must be received either at the church or transferred and posted to our brokerage account by December 31, 2020. Online giving must be posted to our bank account by December 31, 2020, in order for it to be counted in your 2020 giving. Please note that online giving takes several days to post to our bank after you have made the donation online.

Food Bank Donations

Please Bring to Worship on Sunday, December 20th at 10:00AM.

We will be collecting food for the Judson Baptist Association to help our community during this holiday season. Please bring canned foods, macaroni, crackers and especially soups. There will be a drop box at each entrance. Thank you in advance for your help.

Christmas Schedule

Due to the Christmas Holiday, Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study will not meet on December 23rd or 30th. The CDC and Church Office will be closed on Thursday, December 24th, and Friday, December 25th.

