

**Come join us in December for ...**



**It's a great time of year as we celebrate the story of Jesus' birth. This year, we are again going to do it all together as a church FAMILY! As in 2016, this Christmas season is a continuation of our emphasis on the overall "church family" theme. In addition to being together for our weekly time of ENCOUNTER at 10:30am, we are going to do some things many families might do during the Christmas season.**

**Here are the Sunday-by-Sunday specifics for December:**

**December 3**

**Normal 9am programming ...** nursery, Sunday School classes for kids/youth and regular Connect Groups.

**ENCOUNTER at 10:30am ...** all kids' programming will be as normal for this time slot (up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade).

**A church FAMILY "Thanks-Mas Dinner" from 5-6:30pm ...** just as this is a season for sharing a meal together with loved ones, so will we – a time of food, fun and fellowship as a church FAMILY. *See the back for more details.*

**12/3 (cont.)**

**A church FAMILY “Thanks-Mas Dinner” from 5-6:30pm ... Southland will provide the meat, potatoes and drinks (plus, of course, all the plates, utensils, etc.).**

**We want you to bring the following:**

**Last names A-J – vegetable side dishes**

**Last names K-P – desserts**

**Last names Q-Z – salads**

**December 10**

**A church FAMILY fellowship time with breakfast starting at 9am ... a time to connect with others; breakfast will be served until 10am.**

**ENCOUNTER at 10:30am ... C.O.P. performance included. *For this Sunday, nursery will be available up through age 3; kids ages 4 & up will remain with their families.***

**December 17**

**Normal 9am programming ... nursery, Sunday School classes for kids/youth and regular Connect Groups.**

**ENCOUNTER at 10:30am ... all kids’ programming will be as normal for this time slot (up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade).**

**Singing Christmas carols at Quail Creek (1:15pm) ... join us as we spread some Christmas cheer to the residents there.**

**December 24**

***No programming at 9am.***

**ENCOUNTER at 10:30am ... all kids’ programming will be as normal for this time slot (up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade).**

**Christmas Eve Service at 6pm ... a 40-45 minute service to celebrate Jesus’ birth (an entirely separate service from 10:30am) – no nursery care or kids’ programming.**

**December 31**

***No programming at 9am.***

**ENCOUNTER at 10:30am ... all kids’ programming will be as normal for this time slot (up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade).**

*Our goal in all this is to enjoy this special time together. We hope you come and join your Southland FAMILY in celebrating Jesus’ birth during this 2017 Christmas season!*