



First Baptist Church

Tipton, Oklahoma

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HELLO

December

YOU'RE THE LAST ONE

SO BE THE **BEST** ONE

NEWSLETTER 2017

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Morning Worship 10:50 A.M.

Evening Worship 6:30 P.M.

**Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study
7:00 P.M.**

Come Join Us!



Moderator - Lynn Pinson

December 2017

MODERATOR MESSAGE

By Butch
December 2017

Boy, what a revival we had! The attendance was great, the offerings were great, Bro. Doug raised the roof with his singing and playing, and Bro. Harold preached five outstanding messages that we really needed to hear. Let us all "Seek God's Face," look for Him every day, and then listen to what He has to say to us. Like Bro Harold said, "God loves this church, and Tipton needs this church."

There was good attendance at the community Thanksgiving service held Sunday evening November 19th. Bro. David Jones from the Methodist Church and Pastor Gaines from Lawton along with the group from Mt. Gilead Baptist Church joined us for an evening of worship. We had special music by the folks from Mt. Gilead and Benjie sang a special. Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings prepared by Crystal Spedding and Betty Manriquez with help from other ladies was served just prior to the service. It was a good evening!

It seems strange for us not to be looking forward to a Christmas Cantata this year. Feels like something is missing, and it is. Dale Degan always got the choir pumped up in early September to prepare for a special time of Christmas music and that didn't happen this year. But never fear! Karen Kirk has taken the initiative and is working with the choir members and Tim, Paul, Rebecca and others. We will have not one, but several services with lots of Christmas music, including some music from a previous cantata.

Speaking of Karen..... usually very, quite unassuming, and soft spoken, but has stepped up and filled the gap in our music program left by Dale. My dear old Sunday School teacher Lawrence Richards used to say, "I'm only a gap filler," and Karen, too, has led the choir members in a special song which will be presented soon at one of our worship services. "Thank you Karen!"

Christmas is only a few days away. As usual, thoughts turn to family, trees, sparkly lights, gifts, and food, but let us not forget that the Christmas season should be a reminder that Jesus Christ our Lord was really born a baby human being, sent here by the Heavenly Father to prove to us He loves us by providing a way of salvation and forgiveness of our sins. Plans for Christmas Eve are to have a brunch hosted by Tim and Kathy at 9:00 a. m., regular Sunday School at 10:00 a. m., and regular morning worship services at 11:00 a. m. There will also be a candlelight service that evening.

"God Bless!"

Pastor Praying!

Music Minister

Dale Degan

Musicians

Karen Kirk

Lois Degan

Secretary

Newsletter

Carl Ann Ward

SUNDAY

Sunday School

9:45 AM

Morning Worship

10:50 AM

Adult Choir

5:30 PM

Discipleship

Training

5:30 PM

Evening Worship

6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Children's

Worship

7:00 PM

Prayer Service

Bible Study

7:00 PM

Youth

6:30 PM

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NOTES FROM THE LOFT Christmas Special



**Sunday, December 17, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

**Directed by Karen Kirk
Children Directed by
Shea Crites & Helpers**

**FBC Christmas Eve Service
December 24th at 6:30pm**



Church Roof Repairs Fund

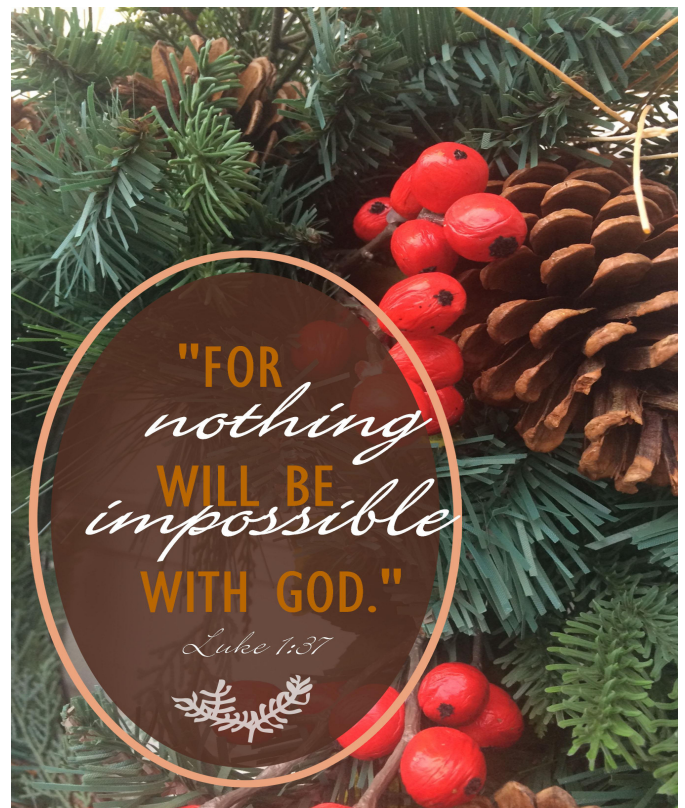


A Roof Fund has been set up for this project.

Total cost for the roof is
\$50,000.00

Donations to Date:
\$24,531.59

**Donate, (Tax Deduction) please mark your check
"Roof Fund" or mail to First Baptist Church
P.O. Box 170, Tipton, OK 73570."**



Note: FBC Newsletter

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CHRISTMAS

FOOD BASKETS



Christmas Food Baskets

Food Collection due 12-18-16

\$15.00 for a Ham

- 1 pkg. Instant Potatoes, or 2 boxes scalloped/au gratin
- 3 Cans of Green Beans
- 3 Cans of Whole Kernel Corn
- 1 32 oz. Spaghetti Sauce
- 1 16 oz. Pkg Spaghetti or 3 Boxes of Mac & Cheese
- 2 15 oz. (or larger) Cans of Fruit or Yams
- 1 Cake Mix and 1 Ready to spread Frosting
- 1 Box Dry Cereal (for children)
- 1 Pecan or Pumpkin Pie (Pie of Choice)
- 1 Box Hot Chocolate Mix (10 envelopes)
- 1 Loaf of Bread or Dinner Rolls
- 1 Dozen Eggs

Deliver Baskets December 19th

If you know a family that needs a Christmas Basket please call the Church office: 667-5501

FOR TO US
A SON IS GIVEN



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Keeping Christmas

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world - stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death - and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem (two thousand) years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love?

Then you can keep Christmas. And if you can keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone.
— Henry Van Dyke

FBC Tipton Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 24th

Brunch at 9:00am

Sunday School at 10:00am

Worship at 11:00am



Lottie Moon Post Office

For all your Christmas Cards





PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

TIM GRAY

KATHY GRAY

BOBBY WARD

JIM MCPHERSON

BENJIE MILIGAN

ALTERNATE – LARRY KIRK



PULPIT SUPPLY COMMITTEE

BILL JOHNS,

SCOTT SMITH

JARROD SPEDDING



LIFT OUR CHURCH, MODERATOR, LYNN PINSON, PASTOR
SEARCH COMMITTEE AND PULPIT
SUPPLY COMMITTEE IN PRAYER DAILY!



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Week of Prayer, 12-03 thru 12-10

FBC Goal: \$2,500.00,



This is what we were created for.

DAVID PLATT, IMB PRESIDENT

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
First Baptist Church Tipton

Goal: \$2,500.00



For every \$25.00 a Star will be added to the tree!



YOUTH GROUP EVENT

Upcoming Events:

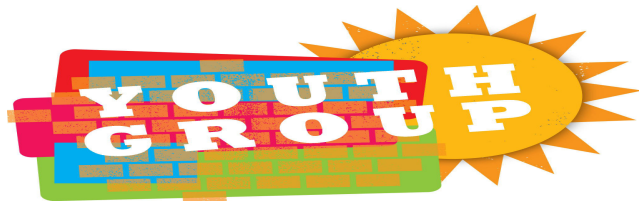
12/10: Youth SMAC

12/13: Youth Christmas Party, White Elephant Gift

*Bring gift for gift Exchange! \$10.00 and under!

12/16: Christmas Lights, Chickasha @5:30

1/14-15: YEC cost \$15.00



Every Week @FBC

Sundays:

9:45am Sunday Morning Bible Study

10:50am Morning Worship Service

5:30pm Discipleship

6:30pm Evening Worship Service

Wednesdays:

6:30–8:00pm 412 Student Ministries

Youth Directors: Jarrod & Crystal Spedding

Youth Assistants: Evan & Jenifer Stevens



KIDS Connect

Wednesday's Nights 7:00 p.m.

Director: Shea Crites



The perfect Gift

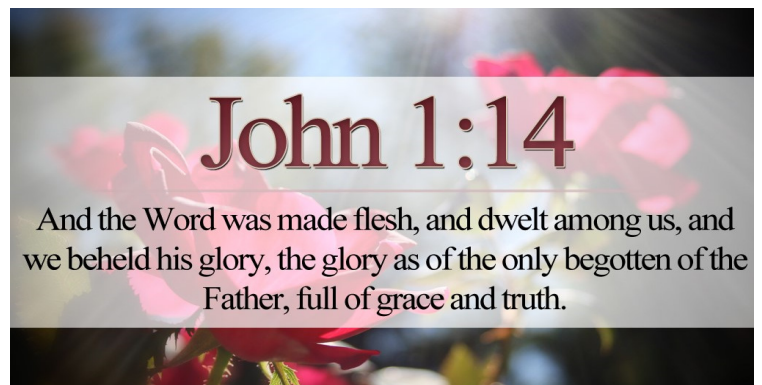
Do you stress about finding just the right gift for everyone on your Christmas list? Does it make the season more a hassle than a joy? Pastor Mike Slaughter reminds us that Christmas isn't about perfect presents for people, as if it were their birthday — or ours. Christmas is about the perfect presence of Immanuel, God with us, through the birth of Jesus; it's his birthday, after all!

In *Christmas Is Not Your Birthday* (Abingdon), Slaughter writes, "How funny that it can be so hard to find gifts that will please certain family members or friends — the people who seem to have everything — and yet it is so clear what the Lord of lords and King of kings wants for his birthday. God wants you — your time, your talent and your treasure — used in service to others."

God With Us

God comes to us across this brief and wondering season, tracing the ways of pain and song. Sharing beyond all rhyme or reason, this long year's darkest days. 'Til we can face his radiant bearing in the stable place of peace.

—J. Barrie Shepherd



WORSHIP AND SERVICE



12/3: 1st Sunday of Advent

12/03-10: Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Mission Offering

12/10: Deacon's Meeting, 7:30pm

12/13: Monthly Business Meeting 7:00pm

12/17: Christmas Presentation "He's Magnificent"

*6:30 pm Evening Service

12/18: Christmas Food Baskets Due to the church.

12/23-26: Office Closed

12/24: Christmas Eve Morning Service

*Christmas Brunch, 9:00am

*Sunday School, 10:00am

*Christmas Morning Service, 11:00am

12/24: Christmas Eve Service, 6:30pm



12/25: Merry Christmas

"Happy Birthday Jesus"

Office Closed 12/25 - 12/27



12/31: The Lord's Supper, PM Service

1/01: Happy New Year 2017!

1/02: Office Closed

Designated Funds: Contributions to existing designated funds are welcome. The church is not bound to honor specific suggestions for that fund. Should the church vote to close a fund, the remaining balance will be under the discretion of the Church and Finance Committee.

***Note Per Business Meeting 1-9-13.** Should at any time in the future the church vote to change or close any fund, all the money in the fund at that time will go in the general budget of the Church.



History Lesson

By Butch Pinson
December
2017

"DID YOU KNOW?"

On October 22, 2017 at the annual meeting of Southwest Baptist Association, the proposal to merge Southwest Association and Beckham-Mills Association was adopted. The new Association will be ha a membership of 52 churches and known as "Great Plains Baptist Association." "Greater is size, greater in strength, greater in mission and service!"

Question:

When was the street paved in front of the church?



12/1: Madison Petty

12/03: Bob Kays

12/6: Sharon Johns

12/7: Daniel Petty

12/13: Bonnie Breeze

12/14: Mikayla Shell

12/15: Carla Fancher

12/19: Kelsey Flood

12/21: Biancia Puente

12/26: Butch Pinson

12/27: Bobby Ward

12/27: Adam Miligan

12/3: Marilyn Good

12/5: Jarred Galvan

12/7: Jim Kerbo

12/10: Landri Mains

12/13: Becky Henry

12/15: Chris Rhodes

12/17: Kayla Witt

12/20: Kayli Boothe

12/26: Sarah Russell

12/26: Tim Gray

12/27: Ryan Spedding

12/27: Bryce Cornado

* **Listen to Sermons** – www.fbctipton.com

Go to the Info Center, and Sermons.

Donna Smith's Corner

"Happy Birthday, Dear Jesus...."

Sometime ago, while shopping at an area market, I discovered that many businesses did not allow their workers to wish customers "Merry Christmas"; instead, they must say "Happy Holiday." As I pocketed my change, the checker leaned over and whispered, "Merry Christmas!" I started to respond, but she interrupted me with "I'm sorry, but we're not allowed to say that aloud anymore."

I patted her hand, gathered my bags, and when I reached the door, I turned and shouted, "Merry Christmas!" Immediately, throughout the store, came the clapping of hands and shouted responses one after another... "Hurry back!" "Hurry back!" "Come again... soon!"

Later, I shared the experience with another, who said she agreed with "Happy Holiday" rather than "Merry Christmas." Her explanation: "We don't know when Christ was born, so why should we celebrate His birthday?" That comment struck my heart to the point I was drawn to research.

Even though we do not know the specific date on which our Savior was born, He does deserve a birthday party. In studying the Scripture reference of the date of the birth of John the Baptist and that of Jesus, we find that likely Jesus was born in late September or early October.

An historical date, one of many credited to the ancient Romans, is the observance of the winter solstice—the shortest day of daylight—as proclaimed by the Julian calendar in 46 A.D. At that time, the date was dated as December 25. On that date, although Christmas had been officially established by Rome in the fourth century, a festival, the Tenthonic Feast of the Twelve Nights, was practiced. This practice was based on mythological warfare between the forces of nature, winter, which signified death, vs. the sun god, representing life. Centuries later, the meaning of that day, the signal of the end of one time and the "birth" of another, shifted to symbolize the birth of the Christ. Or as some have interpreted: Instead of worshipping the sun god, now worshipping is for the Son of God.

Think about it: If we no longer celebrate Christmas as Christ's birthday, how many millions of children may never hear of the Virgin birth of the Son of God? If we no longer celebrate Christmas as Christ's birthday, how many beautiful, worshipful songs will never be sung? If we no longer celebrate Christmas as Christ's birthday, how many services to those in need may never be offered again? If we no longer celebrate Christmas as Christ's birthday, what other day would be set aside to celebrate God's having sent His Son as the Gift to mankind?

Scripture says, "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you: he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

I don't know about you, but I believe Christ deserves a birthday party. One of the best ways to get the "good news of great joy" out to all the people is in celebration of Christmas; therefore, I will continue to shout and to sing, "Happy birthday, Dear Jesus! Happy birthday to You!"



Greatest Worth

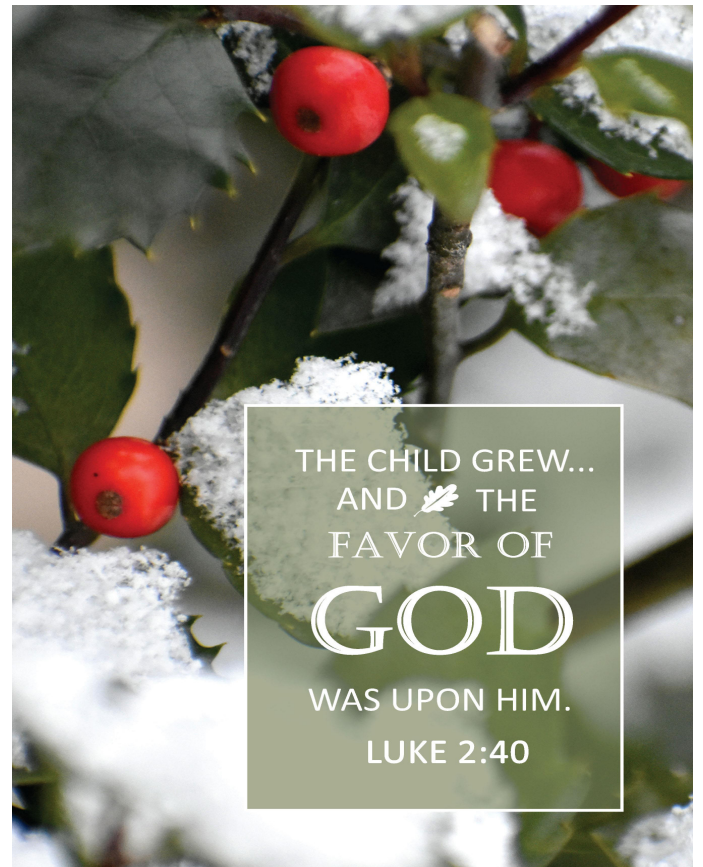
**He came a babe of lowly birth.
He was God's Son of greatest worth.
We, like the angels, sing with mirth
because God sent his Son to earth
to ransom us and claim our worth.
Praise God this babe of lowly birth!**


—MaryAnn Sundby

Christmas Wonder

**I want to see into the heart of a thing ... I
want the God-given way of seeing life, not
to possess and to control, but to stand back
in wonder and gratitude.**

—Esther de Waal



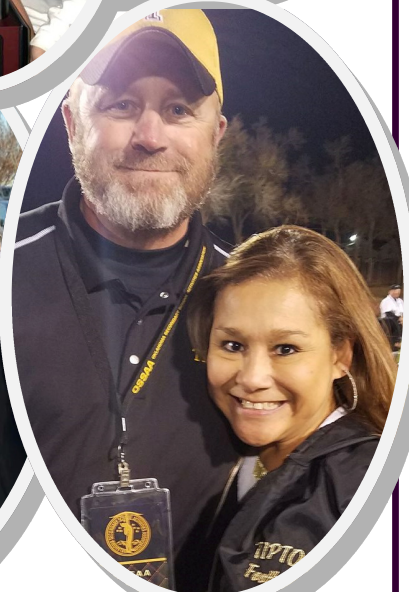
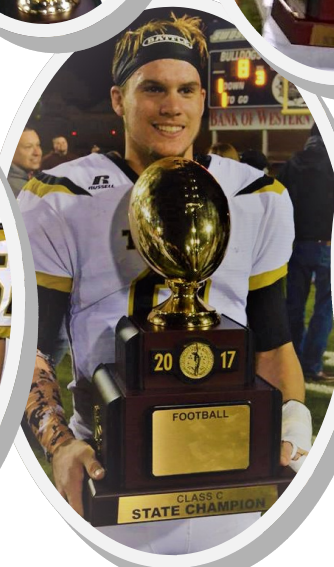
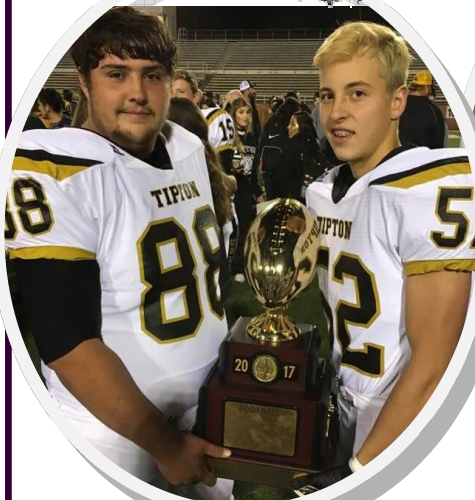
THE CHILD GREW...
AND  THE
FAVOR OF
GOD
WAS UPON HIM.
LUKE 2:40

Class C Football State Champions Tipton Tigers winning Back to Back

Congratulations to our own Coach Jim Kerbo, Teammates Owen Crites, Kolbie Fancher, Trey Mains, Jervon & Jarred Galvan, Blake Daszczuk

Camo Jones, Matthew Western, Senior Crista Jones

Cheer Coach Kenda Potts and Cheerleader Maci Potts



Community Thanksgiving Service & Morning Service

First Baptist Church Tipton, First Methodist Church Tipton, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Tipton



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The Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-20

Christ Born of Mary

And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Glory in the Highest

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.





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