

# BAPTIST MESSENGER

## December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Special Edition



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Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:45 (visit [canadianvalley.church](http://canadianvalley.church) for other activity/study times) Office Hours M-Th - 8:30-4:30

We are discontinuing the church's **Baptist Messenger subscription**. We will need every family to provide the office with their **e-mail address** for distribution of a weekly newsletter. Thank you for your prompt response.



**CVKids Jam**  
We are presenting our Christmas Musical this Sunday morning.

We have changed the **security system** for CVBC. Those who have keys or have used the old security code will need to see the office or Mike Harcrow to get a new code. The old code has expired. Our new security monitoring company has also offered us **FREE LIFETIME MONITORING** if seven households sign-up for security monitoring and mention the church. We are using ALCOM (405.732.9000)



### Holiday Season Schedule

Dec 20 No Wednesday evening activities  
Dec 23 @ 6:30 pm Candle-light Christmas  
Dec 24 @ 10:30 am\* Christmas Eve Worship  
Dec 25 - 29 Church office closed  
Dec 27 No Wednesday evening activities  
Dec 31 @ 10:30 am\* New Years Eve  
(\*No Sunday School)

**Christmas Services** - This year we are having two special services that you will want to attend. We are partnering with the Good Fight Church here at Canadian Valley Baptist **Candel-light Service** - Saturday, Dec 23 at 6:30pm we will have a special service that focuses in on the night of Jesus' birth. Pastor Cameron will preach.

**Sunday Morning Worship** - Dec 24 at 10:30am (no Sunday School) we will celebrate the arrival of the Savior. Pastor John from Good Fight will preach, and we will take the Lord's Supper together.

We will be collecting the **Lottie Moon** offering during December.

## From the Youth Guy

Over the past few months our students have been learning about a topic we each face every day. Temptation. We've talked about specific temptations like pornography, addiction, and sex outside of marriage. We talked about overcoming temptation, and how Jesus modeled this when he was tempted in the wilderness by the devil. Here is some universal truth: everyone is tempted and everyone fails. This defines what it is to be human. But, overcoming temptation is possible. It takes spiritual strength. Let's say you've decided you want to put on some muscle. You have to start by making it to the gym and getting in a workout. Additionally, you've got to eat extra protein, drink plenty of water, stretch, take supplements, etc. Growing our spiritual muscle is no different. In order to build muscle, that muscle has to be placed under tension, it has to feel the resistance, push through, and overcome the load that has been placed against it. Spiritually speaking that tension is temptation. Temptation provides the opportunity to build our spiritual muscle. When we overcome temptation it builds our confidence in God. However, if we never went to the gym and decided to enter in the world's strongest man competition we would not perform well. This is because we hadn't trained. Spiritual muscles require training too. Jesus overcame temptation by quoting scripture. There is power in the Word, but if we don't know it- we can't use it. When face-to-face with temptation, you do not have time to google a verse on sexual purity or how to handle anger. Without preparation we fail. Without a prayer discipline, we fail. We see Jesus going to the Father in prayer often, seeking counsel, asking for help, and interceding for others. Without a community of believers around us, we fail. Jesus built a community of believers around himself; they are known as his disciples. They ate together, laughed together, worked together, learned about scripture together... They did everything together. Here's my challenge: stop letting sin win. Pick one of these disciplines where you could do better and get after it. If you would say, "Tyler I don't ever really face temptation" then I would ask you this, "are you even in the fight?" Lastly remember this, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." 1 Corinthians 10:13.

Tyler Barnes, Student Minister