



December 2013

Greetings again church family,

Please join me in welcoming Hardy Yeatts to our church. Hardy will begin serving as an associate pastor and helping with administrative duties in the office. I think this will really help our church moving forward. Hardy has already jumped into his new role and I think he will make a huge difference. Please be in prayer for him and his wife Patti as they begin work in our church. During the month of December we will continue looking at the different meals in Scripture. Hopefully this will show you a wonderful story of what God has done for us through his Son Jesus Christ. I hope it will be interesting for you. Please plan to be with us on Sunday mornings. Please also plan to be with us on Sunday evening, the 22nd of December. We will have a candlelight service that I know will bless your heart this Christmas Season. We always want to remember our savior Jesus Christ during the holidays. He is the reason for the season. I hope you all have a blessed Christmas.

Bro. Keith Payne

Random Acts of Kindness

The Helen P. Staples Food Pantry, sponsored by Bethany Baptist Church would like to say THANK YOU to the Cub Scouts Pack 229 of Elysian Fields, Texas for their generous gifting of all food items collected from their Annual November Food Drive to our pantry. This Cub Scout Pack has been supporting our pantry for several years with their Annual Food Collection and it has made it possible for us to continue to meet the needs of those in our surrounding communities that sometimes, need that little extra help.

We would also like to say THANK YOU to all of the families that received and filled the bags that were left at their door for these young men to pickup.

We give a very special THANK YOU to Becky Beasley for her help with the Scouts and her time spent in organizing and making this possible. We recognize Becky because she is our contact person but we also extend our thanks to any and all that have a part in working with the Scouts and making this possible.

In Christ Service

Food Pantry Workers

From My Desk

Dr. David Jeremiah made this statement and I quote, "The more we study the Bible, the more we want to sing. Our hearts become a virtual doxology. The doxology comes from two Greek terms: Dox, meaning praise, and -logos, meaning word. It's a word or a burst of praise. The most famous doxology was written in 1674 by Thomas Ken, and begins: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.' It's one of the oldest English hymns, but as doxologies go, it's the new kid on the block." And I'm the new kid on the block!

I started last week by establishing my office hours as Monday, 9 am - ?, Wednesday 9am - 6:30 pm and Friday 9am- 12 noon. If you need to talk or just pass the time, or you have something important to say you are always welcome.

I will not grow your church by myself. But I can give you some ideas and work alongside with you as we work together. You all have a spiritual gift or gifts, so let's use them together and build God's Kingdom.

Bro. Hardy



AWANA December schedule

1st: Candy Cane Night

8th: Decorate Your Leader Night

15th: Jesus' Birthday Night

22nd: Candlelight Service Night

29th: No AWANA

