

The Drumbeat

Relaying the Message of God's
Love Through Our Lives

December 2017



Changing Lives
through
God's Love



Elk City
Church of God

FROM OUR PASTOR...

Hope to a Dark World

During World War II, six pilots took off from an aircraft carrier in the North Atlantic to scout some enemy submarines. While they were gone, the captain of the carrier was forced to issue a blackout alarm. The ship went totally dark.

When the pilots tried to return, they could not find the ship. They radioed, "Give us some light, we're coming home." The ship's radio operator replied, "Order: blackout. I cannot give you light." In turn, each pilot desperately radioed the same message: "Just give me some light and I'll make it." Each time, the operator had to radio back, "No light—blackout!" Because there was no light on that ship, six young pilots went to their graves in the icy North Atlantic.

(Adapted from, Paul Tan, *Encyclopedia of 7,700 Illustrations* [Assurance Publishers], # 5366).

We live in a dark world that desperately needs light. The birth of Jesus Christ, who is God's salvation, brought the light that offers hope to a world of despair. "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5 NIV). The light of Jesus brings hope because He reveals to us the love of God. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16). God's love brings hope for we know that by accepting the love offered to us we have eternal life and are not doomed to the grave of eternal damnation.

This Christmas share the Hope of Christ with a dark world.

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Pastor Joe



December 17th

Goal \$3000

You give Hope to the World when you give to
Christ's Birthday Offering

LAUGH AWHILE!

Two snowmen in a field, one turned to the other and said "I don't know about you but I can smell carrots.!"

Q: What type of cars do elves drive?

A: Toy-otas.

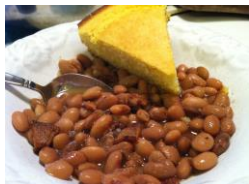




December Sermons Come Lord Jesus

December 3 rd	I Am Still Hopeful
December 10 th	A Call to Respond
December 17 th	The Miracle of Christmas
December 24 th	Experience Peace
December 31 st	A New Thing

**Beans and Cornbread
Fundraiser
December 8
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.**



A fund raiser to help buy a new worship presentation computer for our worship center. Any funds raised above the needed amount will go to women's and men's ministry. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of a computer, please see Pastor Joe.



Ladybugs

The Ladybugs women's group will meet December 10th at 6 pm at Connie Whittenberg's house. Please bring an ornament and a pair of Christmas socks for the Christmas exchange

Christmas Baskets

**December 16th 8am
From St Matthews Church**
Make Christmas brighter for someone by donating at the Elk City Daily News or by helping to set up at 9am December 15th or deliver at 8 am December 16th



MISSIONS...

Your support of missions helps God's work go around the world.

GOAL

October 2017 to September 2018	\$5000
Amount received	\$ 400

Your Dollars go to support

The Torgeson's - Living Link Missionaries
The Langford's - Living Link Missionaries

Mid-America Christian University
Meals on Wheels Help Inc.
Work Camps Scholarships
Children of Promise Local Missions Projects
See an update from Children of Promise on the back of this month's calendar.

Church Decoration

December 2nd 10am

Come help us get our facility ready for the Christmas season



Hanging of the Greens 6 pm

Join us as we are reminded of Christ's Birth by the decorations. Refreshments to follow.

New Year's Eve Party December 31st 6:00 p.m.

Join in the fun with finger food, games and a movie



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