

Pastor's Lines

Dear Church Family:

I was trying to think of my most memorable Christmas and a couple of thoughts came to mind....

I remember getting a "Spirit of America" world speed record car one year. It was shaped like an airplane without wings and it was chrome. Boy, was that car fast!!!

I remember the birth of our first child. Lindsey was born on December 19th in New Orleans. We brought her home on December 23rd in a snow storm in New Orleans. I slipped on the ice coming in the house and wrenched my back on the ice. I was incapacitated for Christmas. What a memory.

But, I guess the most memorable Christmas of all was one that started in a crisis. When I was in college, my parents arranged for us to have Christmas in Angel Fire, New Mexico. We planned to drive out to New Mexico and go snow skiing for Christmas. It was a wonderful plan. We got to Angel Fire a few days before Christmas. The snow was a foot deep all over the place. It was beautiful. After a day of learning to ski, we decided to try the harder slopes. My dad was skiing away when his ski got caught in the snow...and, and...snap went his knee. He shattered his knee (and required knee replacement surgery). They air lifted my dad and mom to Taos, New Mexico on Christmas Eve. Me and my sister woke up on Christmas morning to an empty condo. The snow was still coming down and the "pass" to Taos was tricky to navigate. Me and my sister decided we were going to be with mom and dad in the hospital on Christmas day no matter what!! Somehow, we made it across the pass and got to the hospital. Dad was in terrible shape. It was scary. But, WE WERE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY! (and dad eventually healed up just fine)

I remember sitting in the hallway of that hospital singing Feliz Navidad with my sister and a friend. It was a sad time. But, Jesus was there, too. And We made it through a difficult time.

Some Christmas's are hard. Some memories are not happy. But Jesus is still on His throne, and he is near to our hearts. Call on Him today, and every day as we approach His Birthday.

We love you,
Dr. j

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The **Lottie Moon Post Office** is now open in the front foyer. Lottie Moon Stamps may be purchased before or after the morning service or in the church office during the week.

Proceeds from the stamp sale go to the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. The stamps can be used to put on Christmas cards for our church family. Cards with the Lottie Moon Stamp can be mailed in the Lottie Moon Mail Box.

The Post Office will close on January 5th.



WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY

PSALM 23: The Shepherd With Me
Jennifer Rothschild

"It's more than a psalm that comforts in death; it gives confidence in life."

Wednesdays, January 8th 5:45-7:00
Sundays, January 12th 5:15-6:30

Workbooks are \$14
To sign up contact Rene 513-7470

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BYAH Luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 17th in the Family Life Center. Plan on gathering about 10:30am and lunch will be served at 11:00am. We will be enjoying a tasty pork roast for lunch. Please bring a side dish or dessert to complement our meal. This is our **Christmas Party** and we will play the **White Elephant** gift exchange "steal" game. Please bring a gift, inexpensive, unique or recycled from years past to help create some fun and laughter. Merry Christmas

See You Then, Bro. Brian

Wednesday Night Meal
Wednesday, December 18
4:30-6:00pm in the FLC Dining Room.

Cost : \$5.00 Adult

Reservations are required so that we can plan on the amount of food that needs to be prepared.



Our Jail Ministry workers are collecting Christmas Cards and postage stamps to give to inmates. If you would like to help with this ministry, Christmas cards, postage stamps, or donations can be dropped off at the church office from now **until December 16th**.

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Student Ministry
students.fbcjennings.com

Students from 7th - 12th grade are encouraged to join us each Wednesday from 5-7 pm for Bible study.

Opportunities to join in Student Ministry:
Wednesday Nights: 5-7pm
Sunday Mornings: 9:15 - 10:15am
Sunday Nights: 5 - 6:30pm

Youth Volunteers

Our student ministry is looking for anyone who is interested in serving in our church next year. We are looking for someone who is willing to hang out with and love on students on Wednesday nights. If it is something you are interested in, contact Derrick for more details @ 356-6334.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY
Great Big food Giveaway - December 19



Finance Committee Meeting TODAY at 4pm
in the Family Life Center.

BUSINESS MEETING WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 18TH
IN SANCTUARY 6:00 PM
Presentation and Discussion of
Proposed 2020 Church Budget