

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec 13 6:30 pm Beautiful Feet “Great Neighborhood Christmas Caroling Blitz hayride caroling trailers are needed. These are loaded with gift items and singers to share them. See David Pearson to be a blessing in any way.

Jan 5 2:30 pm Baby Shower for Becca & Mike Chisholm It’s a girl! They are registered at Target & Amazon. To be a hostess or give on a group gift, please see Ashley Hall or Paula Hall.

Beautiful Feet has urgent need of: Small tents and coats. Place your donations in the marked bin in the foyer.

Spring Family Campout at Cleburne State Park, April 17-19, 2020 Sign up ASAP! Flyers are in the foyer! Cabins and Shelters are extremely limited. Contact Lance or Ashley Hall with any questions.

Winter (Dec-Feb) Bible Class Teachers are Needed Signup sheets are in the foyer. Curriculum is provided.

We’ll be assembling **35 Holiday Cheer Baskets** this year and need your help to make them special. The church will provide the fruit but will need donated items such as **individually wrapped or packaged** cookies, breads, candy bars, Kleenex, hand lotion, chap stick, gum, snack mix. Please place your donated items in the annex kitchen by Fri. Dec 13.

Sympathy

Rick Gilliland (Sterling’s dad) passed away on Nov 11. There will be a celebration of life come and go get together on today from 12-3 pm at Lake Worth Boat & Ski Club (4001 Marina Dr. 76135)

Glee Sims (Jon Bailey’s Grandmother) passed away on Nov 30. They had a private family burial service in Gainesville on Friday.

Youth Connection

Dec 18 Christmas Caroling Meet in Gym at 7 pm. We’ll load in vans and carol at a few homes then come back to enjoy cookies & hot chocolate

Dec 29 GRUB of the New Year Lock-In for JH & HS Begins at 7 pm. Bring \$2. Games, Pizza, Devo. Concludes 9:30 🕒 📅

HALLMARKS

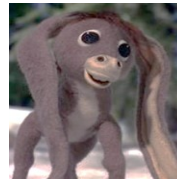
“Nestor’s Gift”

In 1977 Rankin/Bass productions, the company behind the Christmas stop-motion classic “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer”, created another instant Christmas classic. 1977 brought us “Nestor, The Long-Eared Christmas Donkey”, complete with a theme song by Roger Miller. I may have exaggerated a little. Maybe Nestor never made it to the Christmas classic level, and maybe you have to search really hard to find the one showing each Christmas on cable tv. The whole story is rather bizarre, but it has become a family favorite of ours because of the bizarre-ness. The story is eerily similar to Rudolph. Nestor, with his incredibly long ears, is made fun of and endures a series of unfortunate events that leave him alone and unwanted. Along the way, Nestor meets an angel who reminds him his large ears are truly a gift. The angel proceeds to help Nestor meet up with Mary and Joseph who are on their way to the census. As they cross the desert together, clouds roll in and obscure the night sky making it hard for them to navigate to Bethlehem. Nestor, however, has learned throughout his life to use his gigantic ears to listen to the “breeze”. He listens as God guides him to the stable where our Savior would come into the world.

In the Bible, a popular phrase of Jesus was “He who has ears, let him hear.” It can be found throughout the Gospels and in Revelation. My hope for you is that this Christmas, you can use the gift of your ears to listen for the gentle whisper of your creator. In a holiday time that can often be filled with abundant hustle and bustle, I pray this gentle whisper leads you to the stable of the Savior and the greatest story of all! Merry Christmas!

Lance Hall (lhall2525@gmail.com)

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:10-12



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship in Song

Byron Dial

Come Let Us Sing with Joy

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer

Charles Jennings

Scripture

Luke 18:1-8

There’s A Stirring

Prayer

Glorious Impossible

O Holy Night

Lord’s Supper

Brad Gilbert	Lance Hall
Mike Hall	Danny Webb
Brett Cheatham	Steele Pennington
Kenny Couch	Adam Johnson

Offering

Ray Hall	Doyle Sisk
Brian Sisk	Bradley Bryant

655 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Teach Me Lord to Wait

Sermon

“Waiting” James 5:7-12

David Bennett

328 *Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand*

Prayer

Dustin Tidball

660 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

LESSON LINES

Waiting James 5:7-12

What are we Waiting For? Vv. 7-8

Who are we Waiting For? V. 9

How Should we Wait? Vv. 10-7-8

Take Home:

Life here changes radically when we learn the lesson of Christian waiting.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Cyndi Arbuckle is undergoing some general diagnostic testing.
Sarah Bleakney is having two tests on Dec. 10th at Cook's. This testing should assist with understanding her ongoing iron issue as well as helping to determine other matters that may need addressed.
Nancy Curlee's testing indicates wide-spread stage IV cancer. They need a couple of more markers to decide what course of treatment to pursue.
Marjorie Dupey (Marleen's mom) was moved to a hospice house on Thursday afternoon.
Erin Hall (Pat & Lisa) is still awaiting results from her thyroid sonogram to see what the next step of treatment will be.
Jack Head had a thyroid sonogram and brain scan last week and is awaiting results.
Belva LaRoux (the mother of a very good friend of JD & Mozell Davis) needs prayers at this time.
Doreen Mount fell and broke her pelvis.
Fred Purser was released from Weatherford Rehab on Wednesday and is now home.
Sandra Roe had her pic port removed last week. She is able to discontinue her antibiotic regimen and is encouraged to increase her food intake.
Susan Stiockstill has renal cancer. It appears operable with the hope of saving the kidney. Further scans are needed to be certain nothing has spread. The initial indicators are that it is contained.
Peter Schneider is having hernia surgery Dec 12 at Harris SW.
Roy Stone is in Wise Health System (West Campus) for rehab Rm. 108 (WHS Inpatient Rehabilitation 2000 S. FM 51, Decatur.) He hoped to go home this past Friday.
Jim Wilson (Marianna's son) has Stage IV advanced metastatic cancer. This will require both chemo and radiation. His prognosis is not encouraging.
Dale Cleveland (Kindred Hospital Rehab in FW), **Patsy Draper**, **Bettye Hall** (Ray's Mom-College Park in Weatherford), **Barbara Liggett**, **Don Moore**, **Cynthia Newby**, **Rachelle** (Miller's daughter), **Stan Stockstill**, **Janet Hawkins** (Kimberly Vick's Mom)

Birthday & Anniversary
December

- 08 - Jared Dipprey
Pat Rhodes
- 09 - Byron Dial
- 10 - Lisa & Kirk Lambert
Everett Webb
- 11 - Nancy Curlee
- 12 - Brett Cheatham
Isaac Saldivar
- 14 - Denise Taylor
- 15 - Sandra Huskey
Richard Terrett
- 16 - Melissa & Emmanuel Garcia
- 17 - Jessica Alvis
Koby Rogers
- 18 - Tabitha Tucker
- 19 - Ashley & Lance Hall
Nolan McGrath
Allison Pennington
- 20 - Mike Hall
Christine Sugg

Daily Bible Reading
1Cor 7, 1Cor 8, 1Cor 9,

Records 2019

Bible Class.....	140
Worship	295
Weekly Budget	\$7,934
Contribution.....	\$8,408
Baptisms	4

Worship Times

Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Building Life Group.....	12:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study.....	7:00 pm
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class...	10:00 am

You will find a yellow prayer request sheet in the foyer, for a continued list of church family and friends in need of prayer. Please contact

Bible Classes for All Ages

Cradle Roll A (0-18 mo)...	S. Hall Room 15
Cradle Roll B (18-24 mo)...	S. Hall Room 11
2, 3 & 4 yr old	N. Hall Room 6
Pre K & K.....	N. Hall Room 2
1 & 2 Grade.....	N. Hall Room 4
3 & 4 Grade.....	N. Hall Room 7
5 & 6 Grade.....	N. Hall Room 3
Jr High & High School.....	Ministry Building
Young & Old.....	W. Side of Annex
Family Matters	Ministry Building
Mixed Age	Auditorium

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But those who FOR
WAIT THE
LORD
WILL RENEW THEIR
STRENGTH
They will mount up like *Eagles* with **WINGS**
THEY WILL RUN AND
NOT Be Weary They will walk and
NOT FAINT **ISAIAH 40:31**

VISITORS WELCOME!
We are glad you have come our way. We would like to have record of your attendance. Please fill out a yellow registration card and place it in the contribution tray as it passes this morning. Also, we have a gift for you today as you exit, please be sure to stop by the information desk in the foyer. You may go to www.scoctx.org for more church information.

ALL are welcome to use the back of the registration card for prayer requests or general communication.