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YELLOW RIBBON CEREMONY

A Yellow Ribbon ceremony will be held this Sunday, December 4th, in Muir Field following the 10:45 service. We will honor Jim Medley serving in Korea and Christopher O'Francia deployed in Afghanistan.

CHURCH BOARD MEETING

This Sunday, December 4th
In the Sanctuary
Immediately following the 10:45 worship service

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Next Sunday, December 11th
In the Sanctuary
Immediately following the 10:45 worship service

PRIME TIMERS LUNCHEON

This Sunday, December 4th
12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall

PANTRY SUNDAY

Pantry Sunday for Interfaith Ministries will be this Sunday, December 4th. Item to be collected for December is canned soup.

CWF BAKE SALE

Calling all cooks! Pull out your cookbooks and roll up your sleeves! We need 2 or 3 baked items from members for the Christian Women's Fellowship Biannual Christmas Brunch and Bake Sale on December 12th.

Please festively decorate your baked goods and label with the cook's name and the name of the baked good. Items may be brought to the church Sunday morning, December 11. Proceeds from the bake sale benefit our church and community.



Please help in making our deployed members have a merrier Christmas by bringing a Christmas card for each one and putting them in the boxes in the office or narthex. I will be mailing a package each week in December to help brighten their holidays far from home and families. Their names are listed in the Deployed section of the Challenger. Thanks!

*You are cordially invited to the
Christian Women's Fellowship
"Christmas Brunch & Bake Sale"
on Monday, December 12th,
at 11:45 am
in Fellowship Hall
Entertainment by Encore Women's Choir
Holiday baked items will be available for purchase
beginning at 11:00 am
Tickets are available in the church office
for \$10.00 per ticket
What more to put you in the Christmas mood.
Join our festive event!*

This Sunday:

8:45 & 10:45 Services:

"Announcements, Announcements,
Announcements"

Luke 1:26-38

Dr. David B. Hartman Jr.

5:14 CGRM Worship Service:

Kathleen Sartin

Across Dave's Desk...

WAITING, WAITING, WAITING

When I was young, a year lasted a year. Now that I'm sixty, a year lasts about three months. When I was a small child, though, around five or six, the month before Christmas lasted what seemed like an eternity. However long it lasted, though, it was still eventful. Helping(!) Dad drag the Christmas tree up three flights of stairs and helping Mom put decorations on it; seeing wrapped presents magically sprout underneath it; trying desperately to stay awake the night of Christmas Eve to hear Santa arrive (since we lived in a 3rd floor walkup apartment next to a shipyard, and didn't have a chimney, I was told he would clamber up the fire escape); there was just so much *waiting*. But what made it bearable was that I knew when it would come. We didn't have an Advent calendar in our apartment, but we had one from Sears and Roebuck's, and every night in December as my sister and I were tucked into bed, my Mom would take a red teacher's pencil and X out that day to show us how much closer we were getting to December 25, Christmas Day. I don't know if I could have stood it if I didn't know exactly when Christmas was going to get here. I don't even know if I would have believed such a thing as Christmas existed if I'd had to wait and wait without knowing when it would arrive.

Today is the first day of Advent. Advent is not Christmas. Advent is about waiting. The ancient Jews had to wait 700 years after Isaiah first foretold a Messiah for Jesus to arrive. Now that Jesus has come, Christians are waiting for him to return in glory. The first Christians thought his return was imminent. The oldest Christian creed is, "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again." The oldest book in the New Testament is probably Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, written some 15-20 years after Jesus had ascended into heaven. In that letter, Paul spoke of Christ's impending return:

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died... ^{15,117}Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸..5Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters... ³⁴the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night... ⁵⁶But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief... ⁵⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober... [I Thessalonians 4.13-5.8a]

But we've been waiting a long time. *When* is Jesus Christ going to return in glory and what are we supposed to do in the meantime?

In Matthew 25, shortly before Jesus talks about returning to judge the nations ("I was hungry and you fed me, naked and you clothed me...for inasmuch as you did it for the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me") there's a parable by Jesus that has been dubbed "The Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids." In it, ten bridesmaids are waiting for the bridegroom to arrive so they could escort him and his bride to the wedding feast. The parable is largely an allegory, and for the most part it's pretty obvious who represents whom. Since the Church is sometimes referred to as the Bride of Christ, the bridesmaids are the Christians waiting for the bridegroom, Jesus Christ. The marriage feast is Christ's return in glory and the establishment of the Kingdom of God. But in the parable, the bridegroom is delayed, and when he finally arrives, it is dark, and all of the bridesmaids are asleep. Five of them had anticipated that he might come after nightfall and had procured extra oil for their lamps. The other five bridesmaids hadn't. By the time they got the oil they needed, the door to the wedding

feast was closed. That closed door represents the last judgment. The largest question in the allegory, of course, is what is the lamp oil supposed to represent? Some of the ancient Church Fathers said the lamp oil was good works, while Martin Luther said it was faith. But the interpretation that appeals to me the most is that the lamp oil—the thing that provides light in the darkness—is enduring love; the holy gift of being able to hang in there, to forgive, to *love*, and to trust that God keeps God's promises, even if the waiting seems to last forever.

We are always waiting for something. Waiting for Christmas to get here, waiting for the check to arrive in the mail, waiting to walk across the stage at graduation, waiting for the test results, waiting for an employer to say, "You're hired," waiting for the trial to be over, waiting for the chemotherapy to end, waiting for the pain to stop, waiting for the war to conclude, waiting for our loved one to come home, waiting by a bedside for the last labored breath, waiting for Christ to come in glory. Waiting...waiting. For the most part, God gives three answers to prayers. The first is "Yes." The second is "No." But perhaps the most frequent answer to our prayer is "Wait." It's hard for us to wait when in so many other areas our desires for things like food and entertainment can be so instantly gratified. But yet we are learning what the Bible has long affirmed, which is that times of frustration, days of burnout, years of impasse and enforced stillness are often the soil from which grow insights and knowledge and blessings that cannot be achieved, but only *received*.

God does not intend for us to squander our present while we are waiting for our future, and waiting in faith for the guidance of God is not squandered time. But as we are waiting for that guidance to speak to our present needs, we should heed the guidance God has already given us about things we ought *not* to wait for. The time to come aboard the Ark is not after it has sailed. The time to tell someone we forgive them is not after the bridges have been burned. The time to tell our people we love them is not after they have died. The time to claim Christ as Lord and Savior is not after he has already returned in glory. For these things, we ought not to wait.

For everything else...in God's good time.
Adapted from the message on Sunday, November 27.

Dave

Prayer: God of grace and hope, we thank you for life, love and good memories, for the gift of age, and for the wisdom that comes from experience. We bless you for your constant presence, for with you there is fullness of joy. Give us the courage and faith to accept life as it comes, confident that the future is yours and that we belong to you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (From The Book of Common Worship.)

ADVENT WORKSHOP

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to help children with their craft, helped out in the kitchen, helped make gingerbread houses and cookies and those who helped children get their pictures taken to mark the wonderful event to kick off the Advent season.



FIRST TIME VISITORS

We are excited to report that the following persons visited for the first time on Nov. 20th were Don & Pam Briix, Lauren Campbell, Brynne Carter, Mallory Crawford, Robert & Sally Hastings, and Amali Randoz; and first time visitors on Nov. 27th were Lisa Flores.



Brett Briefly...

AN INVITATION

One of my all-time favorite movies is *Field of Dreams*. In case you've never seen the movie, it's about an Iowa corn farmer who hears a voice, plows up part of his crop to put in a baseball field that allows players from the 1919 White Sox team to come out of what is left of the corn and play on it, then travels to Boston to pick up Terence Mann (played by James Earl Jones), then to Minnesota, then back home.

So as I'm reflecting on invitations in this passage and in the Bible, the movie had reached the point where Shoeless Joe Jackson was leaving to go back to wherever it was the cornfield led the players. He stopped, turned, and said, "Hey, you want to come with us?" Ray Kinsella (the farmer played by Kevin Costner) asks, "You mean it?" Shoeless Joe says, "No, not you. Him", and points to Terence Mann.

At this point Ray gets upset, asking, "Wait a second. Wait a second. Why him? I built this field, you wouldn't even be here if it weren't for me. I want to know what's out there. I want to see it."

Shoeless Joe just looks at him and says, "But you're not invited." Which gets Ray even more upset. "Not invited? What do you mean, I'm not invited?" He can't believe he's not invited!

Have you ever been "NOT INVITED" to an event? Was there ever a time in elementary school where a classmate had a birthday party and you were "NOT INVITED"? Or maybe in High School when someone you thought was your friend has a party and you're "NOT INVITED"?

It's probably happened to you. If you're not part of the "in crowd", you are left on the outside looking in. If you were on the outside, how did that make you feel? I can tell you from experience that it's not a good feeling.

Invitations are often very restrictive. Wedding invitations are given to relatives and close friends; celebration dinner invitations are often restricted to top people in business or politics.

Fortunately, the message of Christmas is that everyone is invited. Whether you are a lowly shepherd or a great king, you are welcome at the foot of the Christ-child. Later in the life of this child, he would again remind us that all are invited to worship at his feet—this time as they are nailed to a cross.

Christmas may occur at the end of our calendar year, but it is by no means the end of the story. The story of Christmas carries on throughout Jesus' life all the way to the cross and the empty tomb. But then again, the cross and the empty tomb are not the end of the story, either. The story of Christmas—literally, Christ's Mass—continues today as Christ shows forth his grace and love and life through us and in us. We are part of the story. We are gathered with the shepherds and the cattle. We are invited to come and worship Christ the king. Let us accept the invitation.

Grace and peace,

Brett

WE HAVE A NEW TRAILER!

The Discovery Class would like to announce that they have purchased a new cargo trailer for the church. It is a 6x12 Elite Series trailer made by Cargo Craft. It is 10' in the box with a 2' V-nose. It has an inside light and a spare tire. It was bought with the money they have raised through hosting the Hotter than Hell Hundred bike riders in August.

MEMBER NEWS

♥Hospitalized: no one.

♥Military Deployed: are Wade Bouldin, son of Mike & Candy Bouldin & grandson of Betty Crane; Jim Collins, son of Diana & Doug Collins; Michael Jenks, husband of Michelle Jenks (former visitors); Jim Medley, husband of Wendy Medley; Jason Moen, brother-in-law of Karen & Mike Murdock; Bob Smyth, husband of Angela Smyth; Christopher O'Francia, a Marine adopted by Dolly Sloan. Please keep them in your prayers.

♥A memorial service for Paul Irwin will be held this Saturday, December 3rd, at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

♥Congratulations to BJ Barrett, who received the Youth Appreciation award from The Optimist Club & Sunrise Optimist Club of Wichita Falls for his volunteerism at the Boys & Girls Club-Southwest Branch.

♥Congratulations to Peggy Conley, who will have a piece of artwork displayed in the show "A Realm Beyond Memory: Paintings by People with Dementia" at the Museum of Art MSU. There will be an opening reception on November 30th at 5:30 pm and viewing will be through December 20th.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Are you looking for a place to gather and visit with your church friends on Sunday morning while you are home for break? Take advantage of The Meeting Place. Call your friends and tell them you will see them at The Meeting Place around 9:30ish, to share a cup of coffee and catch up on the latest.



OUR SOCK TREE

For the 16th year the Sock Tree for Fain Elementary School students is up in the church office. Let's decorate it again with colorful socks, hats and gloves between now and December 11th!



- **Check In** every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 in the gym. Grades 6-12. This is a time to "check in" with one another in the middle of the week. Games, chill time, worship, and communion. Come support each other as we continue to do life together.
- **The Life** meets every Sunday from 6-8 in the gym. Grades 6-12. Join us for a time of fun, fellowship, worship, and discipleship. We will have gathering worship, then break into small groups for deeper discussion and learning, then come back together for fellowship and communion.
- **Christmas Party** will be December 11. More details to come.
- **Mystery Trip** on Sunday, December 18 @ 6. More details to come.

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUPS & CHOIRS

- 3:00 – Chancel Ringers (Grades 9-adults) (Stratten Hall)
- 4:15 – B.L.A.S.T. Choir (Grades K-5) (Rm 10)
- 5:00 – B.L.A.S.T. Youth Group (Grades K-5) (Rm A2)
- 6:00 – The Life (Grades 6-12) (Rm A3)



Thank you for your loving gifts to the church, gifts of time and talent and offerings. We trust that we will together, as the Body of Christ, provide for our church in the year to come. If you have not turned in your Estimate of Giving for 2012, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so soon. Each commitment enables us to be faithful stewards when planning our church's budget for 2012. **We will begin our follow-up campaign on Sunday, December 4th.** Thank you for your generosity and may God richly bless you and your loved ones.

RESULTS AS OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011

TOTAL ESTIMATES OF GIVING

<u>TOTAL FOR 2012</u>	<u>FINAL TOTAL FOR 2011</u>
108 CARDS = \$397,425.00	202 CARDS = \$689,402.00

FROM THE MAILBOX. . .

*The family of
Angela Vallejo
requests the pleasure of your company at a
reception, in celebration of her graduation from
Midwestern State University
Sunday, the fourth of December
from two to four o'clock
First Christian Church Parlor
3701 Taft, Wichita Falls, Texas

*Midwestern State University
announces that
Angela Christine Vallejo
is a candidate for the degrees of
Bachelor of Business Administration
with a major in General Business
and
Bachelor of Arts
with a major in Spanish
on
Saturday morning, December tenth
Two thousand and eleven
at ten o'clock
Multi-Purpose Event Center
Kay Yeager Coliseum
1000 5th Street
Wichita Falls, Texas

*You are invited to join Betty & Bud Rafuse
at 2770 Maverick Trail
on Sunday, December 11,
for their annual Christmas Open House
from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm*



**TIME TO ORDER
POINSETTIAS!**

We will be using 100 Poinsettias to decorate the Chapel & Sanctuary for Advent. If you would like to furnish one in memory of honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and return it with your check to the church office. The poinsettias are \$8.00 each and the deadline to order is December 4.

Donor _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

For office use only: date received _____ # ordered _____

Total \$ paid _____ Cash/Check # _____



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Brady Burross	14	Jenny Denning	27	Mrs. A.L. McAlister Andy Robinette
2	Virginia Krebs Dwight Ross IV	15	Camille Brookshire Hannah Koch	28	Jeff Briscoe Jimmy Carroll
3	Kathy Boren	16	Mary Brock Opal Noble Angela Vallejo	29	Louie Huffman Ted Lively Ashlen Loskot
4	Brandi Brannon Weldon Brunson Helen Jackson Bill Jennings	17	Kaye Holland	30	Angie Craig
7	Ewell Cason Kyle Johnson Sherry Martin Jerry Nabors Michael Pettibon Angela Smyth David Wyatt	18	Ann Cocke	31	Dana Boswell Kristen Burross Mil Dinnin James Morris
8	Harvey Coombs	19	Glenn Briscoe Ida Jo Duncan		
9	Diane Brown Tony Nicholas Sarah Sparks	20	Connie Ramsey		
10	Ted Lauck	21	Teresa Caves Kay McQuiston April Rushing		
12	Pat Thacker	23	Meredith Buckley		
13	Jack Bearden	24	Bobby Dean Jr.		
		25	Eric Best Alvin Burge Alice Vallejo		
		26	Patty Nabors		

& ANNIVERSARIES



*Happy
Anniversary!*

7	Larry & Debi Ballard	30	Richard & Phyllis Hiraki
10	Tres & Julia Ward		
15	Art & Lauri Litteken Jr.		
18	Randy & Sue Wineinger		
28	Gordon & Alice West Jr.		

SERVING SUNDAY

Roger DeVilbiss, Robert Hernandez; Jim Hay, Presiding

DIACONATE COMMUNION VISITATION

Mark Turnbow, Donn Von Loh, Julia Ward

DECEMBER DIACONATE SERVERS

B.J. & Joe Barrett, Larry Carr, Sarah Cook, Shirley Craft, Curtis & Mary Kay Dolberry, Harry Gordon, Shirley Harris, Lauren Johnson, Hannah Koch, Nancy Newsom, Dwight Ross IV, Maggie Ross, Sandra Ross, Mark Turnbow, Donn & Laura Von Loh, Julia Ward.

SUNDAY ELDER COMMUNION VISITATION

The Elders will be happy to take communion to anyone who can't come to the worship service. Call the church office and your name will be added to our list.

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 4, 2011

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PANTRY SUNDAY

8:45 Worship (Chapel)

9:30 Sunday School

9:45 Journey Through Scripture (Parlor)

10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)

12:00 Yellow Ribbon Service (Muir Field)

12:00 Church Board Mtg (Sanctuary)

12:00 Prime Timers Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

12:00 Chancel Ringers (Grades 9-Adults) (Stratten Hall)

2:00 MSU Graduation Reception for Angela Vallejo (Parlor)

NO BLAST Choir (Grades K-5) (Rm 312)

4:30 Women's Bible Study (Rm 310)

5:00 BLAST Youth Group (Grades K-5) (Rm 405)

5:14 Recovery Ministries Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 The Life (Grades 6-12) (Rm 403C & Gym)

6:00 Family Challenges Support Group (Rm 310)

6:00 Alcohol & Substance Abuse Recovery Group (Rm 306)

6:00 Women's C.A.R.E. Group (Rm 307)

6:00 Anger Recovery Group (Rm 305)

7:00 Recovery Groups Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, December 5, 2011

7:30-6:00 Children Come First (M-F)

9:00-11:45 Young Ages School (M-F)

10:15 Staff Meeting (Rm 310)

7:30 Boy Scouts Troop 15 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

2:00 Library Cmte (Library)

4:00 Encore Choir (Stratten Hall)

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

7:00am Elders' Breakfast (Rm 402/Chapel)

9:30 Encore Choir (Stratten Hall)

5:30 Respite Service (Chapel)

6:30-8:30 Check-In (Grades 6-12) (Rm 403C & Gym)

7:00 Chancel Choir (Grade 9-Adults) (Stratten Hall)

Thursday, December 8, 2011

1:30-3:30 Knitting Group (Parlor)

THE CHURCH STAFF . . .

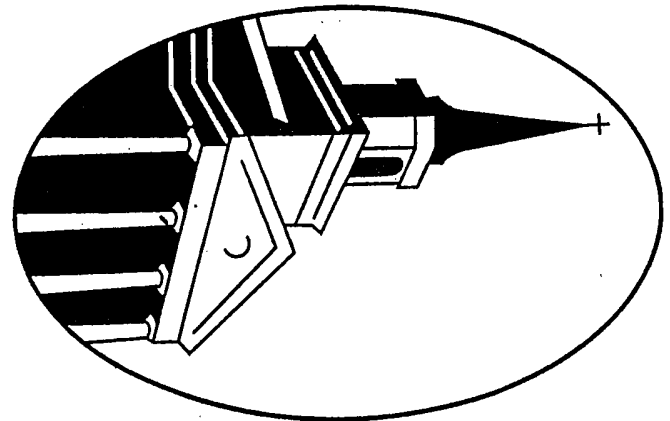
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FOR THE RECORD . . .

Church School	123	
8:45 Worship . . . 51		10:45 Worship . . . 241
5:00 CGRM Worship Service	25	
Total Worship	317	
Sunday Receipts Needed Per Week		\$15,956.24
Sunday Receipts for 11/27/11		\$9,452.82
Through Oct.: Income \$644,583.05		Expenses \$666,560.20



CHRISTIAN CHALLENGER
 First Christian Church
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 Wichita Falls, Texas 76308

The Meeting Place

A place for everyone between services

A place for sharing love within the family

Coffee is available for everyone in the hallway.


Get your first cup with us!

Running late to class or early to church?

Find rest at The Meeting Place

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<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Offering 11</p> <p>10:45am Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata (Sanctuary) 12:00pm Congregational Mtg (Sanc) 3:00-8:00pm Choirs & Youth Groups 5:14-7:30pm Recovery Ministries</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 1:46-55</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>10:15am Staff Meeting (Office) 10:30am CWF Board Mtg (310) 11:45am CWF Brunch & Bake Sale (FH) 7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 15 (FH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2 Corinthians 3:13-18</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>1:00pm Movies with a Message (TR) 2:00pm Library Committee (Lib) 4:00pm Encore Choir (St. Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Isaiah 40:1-5</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>7:00am Elders' Breakfast (402/Chapel) 9:30am Encore Choir (St. H) 11:30am Women's Bible Study (402) 5:30pm Respite Service (Chapel) 6:00pm Christmas Fellowship Dinner (FH) 6:30-8:30pm Check-In (403C & Gym) 7:30pm Chancel Choir (St. Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2 Corinthians 9:6-15</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>9:00am CWF Grp 3 Birthday Bkfst (Hwy Café) 1:30pm Knitting Group (Parlor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 46:1-11</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>Young Ages School Last Day until Jan. 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 1:15-20,57-79</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Romans 12:9-23</i></p>																																																	
<p style="text-align: center;">Soldier Sunday 18 Christmas Offering</p> <p>NO Choirs NO BLAST Youth Group 6:00-8:00pm Youth Groups 5:14-7:30pm Recovery Ministries</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Revelation 21:1-7</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>10:15am Staff Meeting (310) 1:30pm CWF Group 1 (TBA) 1:30pm CWF Group 3 (Parlor) 5:30pm CWF Group 2 (Applebee's) 7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 15 (FH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Philippians 2:1-11</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>2:00pm Library Committee (Lib) 4:00pm Encore Choir (St. Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 23</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>7:00am Elders' Breakfast (402/Chapel) 5:30pm Respite Service (Chapel) NO Check-In (403C & Gym) 6:00pm Chancel Choir Party (FH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 2:1-20</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>1:30pm Knitting Group (Parlor) 6:00pm Christmas Eve Rehearsal-Sanct.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1 Samuel 1:1-18</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>6:00pm Christmas Eve Rehearsal (Sanc)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ephesians 1:3-12</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>6:00 & 11:00 pm (Sanctuary)</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Genesis 18:9-15</i></p>																																																	
<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas 25</p> <p>NO Journey Through Scripture 10:45am Combined Worship Services (Sanctuary) NO Choirs & Youth Groups NO Recovery Ministries</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ephesians 3:14-21</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Building, Offices & All Programs Closed For Christmas Holiday</p> <p>7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 15 (FH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Romans 5:1-10</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>2:00pm Library Committee (Lib) 4:00pm Encore Choir (St. Hall) NO Executive Council Mtg</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>James 3:1-12</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>7:00am Elders' Breakfast (402/Chapel) 5:30pm Respite Service (Chapel) NO Check-in (403C & Gym) NO Chancel Choir (St. Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 106:1-12</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>1:30pm Knitting Group (Parlor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 11:2-4</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1 John 4:7-16</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Joshua 1:1-9</i></p>																																																	