

The Central Line



From the Heart of Bro. Charles

As we move into December, our minds turn to Christmas and celebrating our Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus' birth. I am so grateful that because God so loved us He put on flesh and lived among us! There are many important things I want to remind you of as we move through this wonderful month.

On Sunday night, December 4th at 5:00 p.m., Craig Barrack will be preaching. This service will be followed by a reception for Craig and his family.

On Sunday night, December 11th, we will host the choir of "Teen Life Challenge." This is a ministry to men who are in recovery. One of our own will be part of this service and giving his testimony. We will be receiving a love offering to bless this ministry and the great work they are doing.

On Sunday morning, December 18th, our adult Choir will lead us in "His Light Still Shines Forevermore." This will be a beautiful time of worship through Praise. What a great opportunity to invite friends to come with you.

On Sunday night, December 18th, Tony Dyer will be leading our service. Bro. Tony will be helping us start a Recovery Ministry called "Celebrate Recovery," beginning in 2017. This will be a ministry to our community and will meet on Wednesday nights. Please be praying for this ministry. Many people need to be involved in a Recovery Ministry.

On Saturday afternoon, December 24th, we will have our Christmas Eve service beginning at 4:00 p.m. I look forward to this service as we celebrate Christ's Birthday. He is our guest of honor. It's my belief that I should not celebrate Christ's birth by giving a gift to everyone but the Savior. Part of my love for this service is I get to bring my offering to Jesus in the tradition of the wise men. All money received will go directly to mission. I can't wait!

On Sunday morning, December 25th, we will Celebrate Christmas by coming to the Lord's table! There will be no Sunday School; just a simple worship service at 9:30 a.m. This will be a beautiful time of Worship!

MUSIC NOTES



Praise the Lord! Our adult choir is growing. We have had several new members join the choir during the past couple of weeks. And there is still room for you! We would love to have even more in the choir leading in worship each Sunday. Our Christmas program is in just a few weeks and then we will start on some exciting new music at the beginning of the year. Now is the time to join!

Our adult Christmas program is on Sunday, December 18th, during the morning worship service. It is going to be a wonderful presentation of the gospel message through music and song. God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Light in this dark world; to save us and give us an eternal hope. And His Light Still Shines Forevermore!

His
LIGHT
*Still Shines
Forevermore*

**Central
WORSHIP ARTS
MINISTRY**

Christmas Program
Presented by the Central
Celebration Choir

Sunday, December 18
10:15 am

Join the Central
Celebration Choir as we
prepare for this
opportunity to share the
gospel through music.

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BREAK THE YOKE
CENTRAL BAPTIST YOUTH

December marks the beginning of the Christmas season. Unless, of course, you work in retail sales. Then it starts in mid-March. Many of us are resistant to that. I think it is because of the commercialization of the season. I have to be honest, if

American Christmas was as much as Jesus as it is about sales, I could do Christmas all year long.

December is filled with lots of things going on for everyone. So, I offer a few choices for youth group fun and service this Christmas season.

- **Tree of Hope** Each year our church participate in Tree of Hope. Needy families all over our community trust our church to help in times of need during the Holiday season. This year, I am challenging students to be a bigger part than ever before in the way they help support this cause to reach out to our community.
- **Stalos (Dec. 11)** Youth are encouraged to join the adults who travel to downtown Dallas to minister to the homeless and distribute clothing. Bus leaves a 6:00 a.m. and returns to church in time for Sunday School.
- **Trip to the Galleria (Dec.11)** Immediately following the morning worship, we will take the bus to the Galleria for lunch, Christmas window shopping and Ice Skating. We will be back to church by 4:30 in order to attend evening worship.
- **Mission Arlington Christmas Store (Dec. 19)** Leave the church at 8:30 a.m. Stay until 6:00 p.m. we will be working with Mission Arlington to serve in their Christmas store that shares the gospel with people all over the metroplex.



STALOS

December 11th

6:00 am.

Caravan to
Downtown Dallas

GROW



G.R.O.W. (God Rewards Our Work) is meeting in the church office on the first and third Tuesday night of December at 6:30 p.m. Church visitation outreach is an integral part of church ministry. We need people in our congregation who are willing to step out and reach out either by phone, email, or in person to our guests. If you are interested in



WEE FRIENDS

DECEMBER EVENTS



- * **December 11th/9:00-9:20** Birthday Party for Jesus. We will celebrate the birth of baby Jesus with a Christmas Birthday Party!
- * **December 18th/5:00-6:00** J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Choir Christmas Party! ...come for Christmas games, refreshments and singing our favorite Christmas songs!
- * **December 24th/4:00-5:00** Christmas Eve Worship Service. Our pre-school choir will perform in the service along with our Friendship School Children.
- * **December 25th/ 9:30** Christmas Morning Worship Service at Central. There will be no Sunday School or Extended Session for Pre-Schoolers. Infant Nursery will be provided.

May the Lord Bless and Keep your Sweet Families!

Merry Christmas,

Patti Mitchell



Adult Choir and Youth are going caroling to the shut-ins, Wednesday night, December 21st at 6:30 p.m. Meet in the choir room.



Central Celebration Choir
presents...

His LIGHT

*Still Shines
Forevermore*

Sunday
December 18
10:15 am

Enjoying Christmas

looking beyond the obvious

Christmas Eve
December 24 at 4PM

Christmas Day Communion

Worship Center 9:30 AM

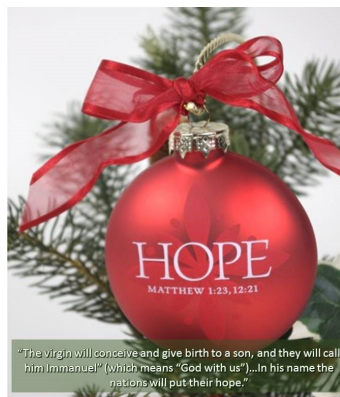
*Please join Central Baptist Church
for these very special Christmas
Services as we Celebrate Together
the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ!*



Latte Moon Cafe



Mission Friends will be hosting the Latte Moon Cafe on the following dates: Sunday, December 4th, 11th, 18th, from 8:30-9:00 a.m. at the Welcome Center of the Sanctuary. Serving: Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Juice, and a variety of breakfast items. All donations go directly to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We have raised over \$400 so far. Thank you so much for your generosity. See you Sunday!



2016 TREE OF HOPE

Help us make needy children and families in our community Central this year by adopting a child in need from the Tree of Hope.

- ❖ Gifts should be wrapped and labeled with the tag ID number so we can get your gifts to the right child.
- ❖ If you choose a tag requesting food, please make your donation to the church and we will purchase and distribute the gift cards.
- ❖ Please return your wrapped gifts to the Welcome Center no later than **Wednesday, December 14th.**

Thank you!



As the month of December begins, so does the busyness of the Christmas Season. Let us not forget what the real meaning of Christmas is! The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ who came into this world so very long ago to save us from our sin is why we celebrate with lights, gifts and joyful holiday gatherings. I pray that as we participate in all of the Christmas festivities with our families, we will take time to teach our children the real reason for celebrating!

I pray each family and child represented at Central Baptist Church and beyond will be blessed with the light of God's love through Jesus Christ this Christmas Season.



Join us for Teen Life
Challenge
Choir Presentation



December 11, 2016, 5:00 p.m.
in the Worship Center

Merry Christmas!

Bible Verse of the Month



“For unto you is born
this day in the city of
David a Savior, which
is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:11



December Birthdays

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| 12/1 Craig Barrack | 12/15 Maddisyn Kent |
| 12/1 Tucker Lemmond | 12/15 Katelyn Shortner |
| 12/1 Janice Smithey | 12/16 Liz Morris |
| 12/3 Henry Anderson | 12/17 Dominique Smith |
| 12/3 Erica Koller | 12/18 Mark Schacht |
| 12/3 Sammy Raymond | 12/18 Nicole Smith |
| 12/4 Maddy Cooper | 12/19 Nancy Ashley |
| 12/4 Christine Hoffman | 12/19 Rebecca Molina |
| 12/4 Marissa Ordaz | 12/19 Doug Murdock |
| 12/4 Bryan Riddle | 12/20 Ashley Kent |
| 12/4 Keith Vessels | 12/20 John Littrell |
| 12/5 Beau Bragg | 12/22 Charles Forbitt |
| 12/5 Meagan Birdwell | 12/22 Alexis Nicole Rinker |
| 12/5 Larry Carrier | 12/22 Adam Thatcher |
| 12/5 Jameson Espinosa | 12/23 Richard Batten |
| 12/5 Katelyn Shofner | 12/23 Pam Murdock |
| 12/5 Adam Tudor | 12/23 Rocky Orozco |
| 12/5 Paulette Wilson | 12/23 Kalyn Byrd |
| 12/6 Melinda Bayne | 12/23 Gayle Black |
| 12/7 Chris Coburn | 12/24 Marshall Green |
| 12/7 Jacob Schrader | 12/25 Tim Bogan |
| 12/8 Suzy Colquitt | 12/25 Rick Murphree |
| 12/8 JoAnn Moore | 12/25 Sharon Grubbs |
| 12/9 Brenna Nations | 12/26 Trent Vessell |
| 12/10 Adam Armstrong | 12/27 David Legg |

Ladies, have you ever taken your rings off to wash your hands and walked out of the bathroom without them, or taken off a sweater in the sanctuary and forgotten it on the back of the pew when you left, or men have you misplaced your sunglasses or keys and thought...did I lay them down in the church somewhere? Well, now there is a **Lost and Found** in the church office for all those misplaced items to be kept until their rightful owner is found! Stop by during office hours or call the office and we will be glad to help you.



<p>WEDNESDAY Night MEALS</p> <p>ADULTS \$4.50 KIDS \$3.50</p>	December 7	December 21
	Sloppy Joes	Church Closed
	BBQ Beans	
	Cole Slaw	December 27
	December 14	Church Closed
	Stew	
	Corn Bread	
	Salad	

Budget Information

November 1, 2016—November 30, 2016

Budget Needs.....	\$122,676
General Fund Giving.....	\$83,363
(Does not include designated funds)	
Great Commission Offering.....	\$3,129

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Closed for Lunch: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.