

Elizabeth Baptist Church News

December 2018

From Pastor Robert

Remember the **REAL** Reason for the Season.

Isaiah 9:6 (HCSB)

For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Luke 1:26-33 (HCSB)

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said, "Rejoice, favored woman! The Lord is with you." But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be. Then the angel told her: Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.

Luke 2:4-14 (HCSB)

And Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to

Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. Then she gave birth to her firstborn Son, and she wrapped Him snugly in cloth and laid Him in a feeding trough—because there was no room for them at the lodging place.

In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David. This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a feeding trough." Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors!

John 3:16 (HCSB)

"For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

Celebrate the REAL Reason for the Season.

TeamKIDS

TeamKIDS will have a Christmas party on Wednesday, December 12. This is the last meeting until January 9. This will be a lot of fun. We will have some of our normal activities, along with singing Christmas carols, LOTS of candy, and a pizza party for dinner. If your child has not yet come to TeamKIDS this year, this would be a great time for them to start. TeamKIDS is an after school program on Wednesdays for Aucilla and Jefferson schools where children learn about missions, memorize Scripture, have a Bible lesson, and play games.

Brian

Women's Missionary Union

The Day WMU met on Wednesday, November 7, with five members present, and the Night WMU that evening with five members present. The BMW met on Thursday, November 8 and collected non-perishable foods for the hurricane relief efforts. The BYW met on Sunday, November 11 for a luncheon meeting with 7 present. All the groups worked together to host a shower for Kaitlin Jackson on Saturday, November 10.

The GA's packed shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse on Wednesday, November 7. With the donations by individuals and the ones packed by the GA's our church had a total of 108 shoeboxes. "Thank-you" to everyone who donated boxes, items, and money for the shoeboxes. It is a church-wide effort and your help is vital! The GA's and RA's met on Wednesday. Each group averaged 12-14 each week.

Shirley

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Brotherhood

There was an extremely high outpouring of love from the congregation in the form of non-perishable food donated for the Thanksgiving baskets. Five families (18 persons) received food and a grocery store gift card to buy a turkey or other food items to help them have a blessed and thankful Thanksgiving Day meal. We placed a visitors cup and recent newsletter in the boxes as well.

I want to thank everyone that donated to and supported this ministry.

The Brotherhood hosted a Thanksgiving luncheon on November 19, for the Heritage Manor residents. 50 persons were fed a delicious lunch and enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Roy Faglie, Harold Pittman, Danny Deason, Jerry Teasley, AC Tharpe, Pastor Robert, and Tony Nativio for their help.

The Brotherhood breakfast held on November 25 had a total of 14 in attendance. The next Brotherhood breakfast will be held on January 27. See you there!

Tony

Music

There is a crisp in the air, an excitement of anticipation - even in our sunny Florida. It is far beyond Christmas trees, lights, and presents. It is the joy and the hope that comes with celebrating the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, during this Christmas season. As the choir is preparing for the Christmas program on December 16, we anticipate seeing additional faces in the congregation. Songs like "When Hope Came Down" and "Call His Name Jesus" remind us that we have purpose in our music. It is our desire that those who know the Lord will be encouraged to shine their lights more brightly and those not knowing the Lord personally will come to a saving faith through hearing the words in song. Matthew 1:21 tells us that His name will be "Jesus because He will save His people from their sins."

Please invite others to come on December 16 as well as other Sundays throughout December.

Merry

~Sunday Schedule~

9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00 am Worship Service
 5:00 pm Choir Practice
 6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

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Wednesday Schedule~

3:00 pm TeamKIDS
 6:00 pm RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lottie Moon Offering Month of December Goal \$ 4,000.00						1
2 6:00 pm Family Christmas Party	3 6:30 pm Staff Christmas Dinner@ Pastor's home	4	5 9:00 am EaglesWings 6:00 pm Evening WMU	6	7	8
9 7:00 pm Business Meeting	10	11 7:30 pm MFBA Executive Mtg 6:30 pm Deacon's & Wives' Christmas Party	12 TeamKIDS Christmas	13 7:00 pm BMW Meeting	14	15 5:30 pm Youth Christmas Party 9:00 am Upward Registration
16 11:00 am Christmas Choir Program 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	17 6:00 pm Upward Registration	18	19 9:00 am EaglesWings No TeamKIDS, Youth, RA's GA's or Mission Friends 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting	20	21	22
23 No Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Deacon's Mtg No Choir Practice No PM Service	24 6:00 pm <i>Christmas Eve Service Lord's Supper</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day (Office Closed)</i>	26 No TeamKIDS, Youth, RA's GA's or Mission Friends No Prayer Meeting	27 12:00 pm Y.E.S. Event (Walker Hill Home)	28	29 7:00 pm Youth Snow Ball Fight
30 Lord's Supper 6:00 pm 5th Sunday Event (Game Night) No Choir Practice	31					

Sunday School

"The only truth we have on this earth is the Scripture." Brian Saylor, November 4, 2018.

Thank you, Brian, for that truthful statement. It is hard to discern the truth from the lies. Day in and day out, hour by hour, we are bombarded with false statements and promises by those that say they can help us, save us from some calamity, or change our world. We hear it so much now, we tend to ignore even the truth because we have become so skeptical.

There is one book that has withstood the test of time and skepticism. It is the Bible. How refreshing to open it and know that it is all truth. It covers all aspects of our lives and we can depend on it. It is a guide like no other.

If you want to learn more about it, the promises that are made and kept in it, please attend on of our Sunday School classes at Elizabeth Baptist Church. You will never regret it!

Danny

Thank-You

A special thanks to all of the church members who have volunteered and assisted in the church office this past year. You have been faithful every month in ensuring 200 newsletters are labeled, taped, and ready for mailing.

I am blessed to have the opportunity to work along side of everyone who has participated in this ministry.

Jeanette

Youth

December is going to be a busy month. Please watch our calendar and mark down the dates for activities and meeting times. There will be no Wednesday youth meetings on December 19 and December 26. We will be meeting as normal every Sunday this month. I am excited about our Christmas Eve service, please plan on attending that night. We will have a sweet time of music and partaking in the Lord's Supper.

There are two activities in December for the Youth: Saturday, December 15 is the Youth Christmas Party. The theme will be announced later. It will be at the Saylor's home from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Bring a wrapped "White Elephant" gift worth \$10.00 or less.

Saturday, December 29, there will be a good ole' fashioned snow ball fight. There is no charge for this event. Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided.

Brian

Upward Sports Basketball and Cheerleading

Registration has begun for the Upward Sports Season beginning in January. Please sign up as soon as possible either by the paper brochures or online at <https://registration.upward.org/UPW67437>. The official registration and evaluation days will be Saturday, December 15 from 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. and also on Monday, December 17 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Every basketball player must come to one of those dates to be placed on a team.

Sunday, January 6, is Upward Sports Sunday at EBC. Players and cheerleaders are invited to join us for worship at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m. All participants are required to attend the first official practice to meet their teams and coaches. If you have any questions about the dates or anything else, please contact Brian at brian@ebcmonticello.com. I look forward to my first year and another great year of Upward Sports. Brian

Church Staff and Leadership

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