

REFLECTIONS

Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year. One sign of the times is that some churches are canceling their worship services that day. If it is true that some people only go to church at Christmas and Easter, why cancel church? I believe Christmas on Sunday is a very important time for friends and families to worship together. Christmas Day can also be a very stressful and exhausting time for many. This year we will open the church doors for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Lord’s Supper Service on Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. and gather at 10:00 a.m. for a Christmas morning brunch and worship hour. Christmas on Sunday is special.

For someone on their own or even traveling, Christmas can become a quiet and unsettling day. In 2006, Christmas Day was on a Monday. That meant two special Sunday services on Christmas Eve. Our family, for what must have been some really good reason, had decided to go on a brief holiday cruise to Mexico, leaving from Galveston on Christmas afternoon. That meant a family caravan road trip leaving around 10:30 p.m. on a rainy Christmas Eve. As we drove through the night the topic of conversation was about all the closed gas stations. We arrived at Dayna and Kevin’s Waco home around 4:30 a.m., took a brief nap, opened Christmas presents, then headed for Houston in three cars. We met Kevin’s parents at the only open restaurant in Houston for a too quick lunch, then we were back on the road, looking for open gas stations, barely making it to Galveston in time to board the ship. That was an exhausting and stressful Christmas day.

What is always open on Christmas day is a different kind of sanctuary—movie theaters. The shared experience of a movie is a refuge for some and a point of connection for others. The church is that and so much more. It’s an encounter with the true and living God, who “became flesh and dwelt among us,” Jesus. It’s the place where we come to know authentic grace and truth. Here we can cast our burdens on the Lord, and hear His call to service and mission.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Make Christmas on Sunday special. And let’s experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning	9:20 a.m.
Continental Breakfast	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:15 a.m.
Bible Study & Conversation	
Wednesday Evening	5:00 p.m.
The People's Pantry	
The Clothes Closet Ministry	
Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.

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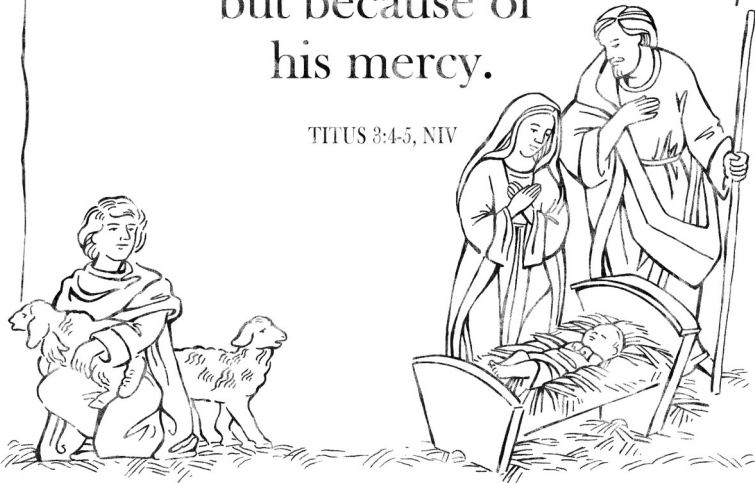
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But when the kindness
and love of
GOD
our
SAVIOR
appeared, he saved us,
not because of righteous
things we had done,
but because of
his mercy.

TITUS 3:4-5, NIV



Our Church Family

LIVING CENTERS

Zarrow Pointe Kaiser Health Center #214 Dorothy Lee

AT HOME

Alice and Bill Barrett	Paula McPherson
Elizabeth Burke	Georgia Metcalf
Berta Caldwell	Bonnie Nutting
Marion Corbett	Leslie White
Lydia Ford	Mary Ruth Whitman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

11 Katy Cook
16 Lydia Ford
22 Michelle Percy

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to the family of *Lydia Ford* in the loss of her brother-in-law.

END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

The following information is from IRS publication 526, Charitable Contributions: “You can deduct your contributions only in the year you actually make them in cash or other property. A check that you mail to a charity is considered delivered on the date you mail it.” Therefore contributions should be received by the church postmarked by December 31, 2022, which is on a Saturday.

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

The Third Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
**10:00 a.m. The Wonder of It All:
What Did Mary Know?
Luke 2:19 & 51-52**

On this Third Sunday of Advent, we reflect with Mary on the wonder of God’s love and grace found in Jesus. ‘O the wonder of it all, just to think hat God loves me.’ Invite your friends to church this week and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Bible Study & Conversation
11:55 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Prayers
Call (712) 832-8330, then access code: 887-7647

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00 p.m. Prayer for the Nations
Kevin Avery’s Facebook Zoom link

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:00 p.m. People’s Pantry Ministry
Clothes Closet Ministry
6:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

10:00 a.m. The Wonder of It All

Behind the Scenes



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Saturday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Morning Service
with Sunday Brunch at 10:a.m.

**CONSIDER YOUR PART IN OUR
CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR
WORLD MISSIONS.**

Our Christmas Card Post Office Box is located in the south foyer to share your Christmas cards with the church family. Take the money you would have spent on postage and apply it to our *Lottie Moon Global Missions Offering*.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts December 4	\$ 1,945.00
Special Offerings December 4	\$ 0.00

Thank You to all who are providing sustaining tithes and offerings.