

By the Cross We Care

One Person at a Time

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Barcelona Banner



MERRY CHRISTMAS

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
December 24, 2025, 5:30 PM**

DECEMBER MEMORY VERSE

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

~Matthew 1:23, KJV

**SEE PAGE 7 FOR INTERNATIONAL
MISSION DAY INFORMATION**

**The office will be closed Wednesday,
December 24—Friday, January 2**

From my heart to yours:

Bob Hope, the well-known comedian, recalled how poor his family was when he was growing up. He said they were so poor that they didn't get presents at Christmas, but on Christmas Eve they would hang up their stockings, and sure enough, the next morning they would be nice and dry!



He added that his folks couldn't afford toys for Christmas. So, every Christmas Eve after everyone was in bed, his father would tear an extra page off the wall calendar in the kitchen. When the kids came down the stairs the next morning, his father would point to the calendar and say, "Look, it's December 26. Where were you kids yesterday? You missed Christmas."

Do you know the story about George Mason? He was someone else who missed Christmas. George had become so involved in his work that it had become a preoccupation with him. He lived alone and preferred it that way. One Christmas he refused all invitations that came to him, even one from his brother's family who had invited him to dinner. He concluded that his nieces and nephews were too noisy and rowdy, and besides he would feel obligated to buy presents for them. Frankly, he just didn't want to be bothered.

After all the employees had left work on Christmas Eve, George walked inside the office vault to get a little extra cash. Suddenly, he heard an automatic click, and the vault door closed securely behind him. There he was all alone in total darkness. In desperation, he pounded on the door but nobody could hear him. They were all gone.

At first George feared that he might suffocate in the vault. But then he remembered there was an air vent that would sustain him. All that was left to do was to sit on the floor and wait out the endless hours.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day passed. He was certainly alone, but not as he had planned. He grew tired, hungry, and thirsty. Would this ordeal ever end?

The day after Christmas, an employee unlocked the vault but did not open the door. Unnoticed, George staggered out of the vault, slipped out the back door of the office and went home to freshen up. Back at the office, it was business as usual. Nobody bothered to ask how he had

spent Christmas. But George learned an important lesson. This is what he wrote on a large display card for all to see: "To love people, to be indispensable somewhere, this is the purpose of life. This is the secret to happiness."

Of course, it is not physically possible to miss Christmas! But some will miss the meaning of Christmas. In the words of Paul Scherer, it is the time when "God came down the stairway of heaven with a baby in his arms." Jesus Christ came into this world to save us from our sins and to offer eternal life. He also has called us to love and serve others.

Plan to be present for all the services during Advent. May the Christ of Christmas rule in our hearts and lives.

Your Pastor,

Jon M. Stubblefield



THRASH SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Ouachita Baptist University is accepting applications for the Lloyd and Vesta Thrash Scholarship. If you, your child, grandchild or great-grandchild will be OBU in the 2026-2027 school year and would like to apply, please call the church office. Recommendations must be given to the University Scholarship Committee on or before February 15.

There has not been a single year since the scholarship was established when someone related to a member of BRBC has not benefited from the scholarship.

Attendance & Finances

	SS	Sun AM	Wed.
10/05/25	82	117	32
10/12/25	84	109	34
10/19/25	85	111	39
10/26/25	94	131	37

OCTOBER BUDGET RECEIPTS: \$31,606.95



4—Susan McCarty
 5—Hilde Simmons
 6—Holly Anderson
 7—Sharon Grazier
 8—Gary Gilmore
 9—Mickey Davis
 10—Claudette Stefanski
 13—Carolyn Bostian
 13—Homer Mohn
 15—Jacob Gilmer
 16—Dianne Latiolais
 16—Christie Rimmer
 18—Elaine Patterson
 19—Joni Gilmore
 19—Salinda Hayden
 22—Cathy Cudworth
 24—Shirley Hart
 26—Stan Davis
 26—Billy Ray Woolsey
 27—Jon Stubblefield
 30—Anne Iley
 30—Barbara Powell
 30—Larry Powers



1—Bill and Carol Fincher
 8—Mark and Susie Andrews
 8—Jimmy and Maggi Payne
 27—Rob and Sharon Wilson
 31—Homer and Diane Mohn



DECEMBER 2

6:00 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM



Men's Bible Study will be NOT meet in December. Next meeting will be January 21 at 8:30 AM.



DECEMBER 6 AND 20

YOUTH ROOM OF BRBC

(Entrance at back of church)

1—3 PM

**SNACKS, GAMES
 ALL AGES WELCOME!**

Call Sharon Grussaute, Children/Youth
 Director, @ 509-276-0492
 for more information.

Carols ~ Sing to the King

Sunday, December 14—10:30 AM



Please join us as we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus. The choir will be singing many of our favorite Christmas carols along with a few solos, a duet and narration. The congregation will be invited to join on some of our favorite carols as we celebrate Christ our King.





2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 3:00 Handbell Practice	2 6:00 Deacons Meeting	3 9:00 Quilting 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 4:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Service	4 No Tai Chi Class	5 No Tai Chi Class 2:00 Memorial Service (Fellowship Hall Reserved)	6 1:00 Game Day, Youth Room (Fellowship Hall Reserved)
LOTTIE MOON OFFERING NOV. 30—DEC. 7						
7 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS DAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Lunch in F'ship Hall	8 3:00 Handbell Practice	9	10 9:00 Quilting 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 4:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Service	11 11:00 Tai Chi Class	12 11:00 Tai Chi Class	13
14 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/ Christmas Program	15 3:00 Handbell Practice	16	17 9:00 Quilting 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 4:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Service	18 11:00 Tai Chi Class	19 11:00 Tai Chi Class	20 1:00 Game Day, Youth Room
21 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	22	23	24 5:30 Candlelight Service/ Lord's Supper	25 Christmas Day	26	27
			OFFICE CLOSED			
28 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	29	30	31 NO ACTIVITIES			
OFFICE CLOSED						



Samaritan's Purse Mission Statement:

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

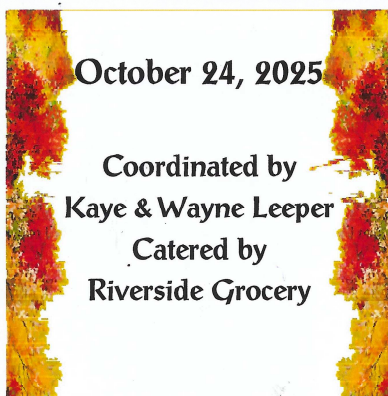
Barcelona Road Baptist Church packed over 300 boxes to be sent in Christ's name. Thank you for your generosity.



The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them. After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, "Go and do likewise." For over 50 years, Samaritan's Purse has done their utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. They are an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.



Fall Harvest Fish Fry





Handbell practice resumes on Monday, December 1, at 3:00 in the rehearsal room. If you are interested in joining, please contact Kay Dierks at 512-847-2810. No experience required, and remember... handbells are not just for ladies!



*We wish you a very Christ-Filled
Christmas
and
Happy New Year.*

2025 TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 30, 2025





INTERNATIONAL MISSION DAY

Sunday, December 7, 2025

FOR THE

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**

OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$14,000

Morning Worship 10:30 AM featuring Randy and Kimberley Windham

Recently retired missionaries from Zambia, now living in Little Rock

ALL-CHURCH DINNER WILL FOLLOW THE WORSHIP SERVICE

DINNER IS FREE, BUT RESERVATIONS REQUIRED—CALL CHURCH OFFICE

MENU: TURKEY AND DRESSING AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS/DESSERT

A ONE-DAY OPPORTUNITY TO REACH OUR \$14,000 GOAL

EVERYONE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE TO THE OFFERING

EITHER BY

- AN ACTUAL FINANCIAL GIFT ON THIS DAY OR
- REGISTER A COMMITMENT CARD INDICATING THE AMOUNT OF GIFT

To be given by December 31, 2025

**THIS COMMITMENT CARD MAY BE CHANGED UP/DOWN OR DELETED BY DECEMBER 31,
SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT. FINANCIAL GIFTS AND COMMITMENT CARDS WILL BE
PUT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.**

VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE

NOVEMBER 9, 2025



Thanks to Wayne and Kaye Leeper for the beautifully decorated display of pictures of veterans, both living and deceased, from BRBC



Handmade gift from Lee Latiolais



Sharon Grussaute presented Major Wayne Leeper, U.S. Army (Ret.) with a Veteran's Quilt made by WINGS (Women in God's Service).



Debbie Bentley-Campbell, accompanied by Ruth Manweiler, led the singing of the National Anthem.



Rose Mary Dauber and the choir members led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian flag.



Flags representing the branches of the military were on display including one for POW/MIA.



Library News

CHRISTMAS DVDs and BOOKS—These photos show a sampling of Christmas DVDs and books that we have in the library—just in case you have an urge to settle in with a good Christmas story!



THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT OUR LIBRARY

1. We have a library! (it's across the hall from the Youth Fellowship Room.)
2. If the church is open, the library is open.
3. We have a self checkout/honor system. Instructions for checking out books and DVDs are easy to find in the library.
4. We have fiction (mystery, Amish, romance, general), non-fiction (Christian living, biographies, inspirational, apologetics, history), cookbooks, and much more!
5. We accept donations of current, gently-used, Christian-appropriate items. Please do not drop off old books or DVDs.
6. We have a few shelves of free books that are there for the taking.
7. We take requests! Contact the office at brbc3office@att.net.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. - Luke 2:10-11

Kay Dierks and Christie Rimmer, Librarians

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The Barcelona Banner is published monthly to keep members informed about programs of the church and to report news about its members.

Deadline for articles is the fifteenth of each month.

You may e-mail your articles to brbc3office@att.net or bring to the church

If you are moving, have an email or phone number *change*, please contact the church office so your records can be changed.

Schedule of Services:

Sunday Services:

Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Sanctuary Worship Service – 10:30 AM

Wednesday Evening:

Children/Youth - 3:30 PM
(During school year)
Choir Rehearsal - 4:00 PM
Bible Study/Prayer Service - 6:00 PM

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 8:30 AM—2:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM—11:30 AM