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One Person at a Time

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DECEMBER MEMORY VERSE

"And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins."

~Matt. 1:21 KJV

CHRISTMAS EVE LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE 5:00 PM

From my heart to yours:



Don't miss Christmas! Bob Hope, the comedian, recalls that his family was very poor when he was growing up. He said they couldn't afford to buy Christmas presents. But on Christmas Eve, they did hang up their stockings. Sure enough, the next morning they were nice and dry! He added that every Christmas Eve after everyone was in bed, his father would tear an extra day off the wall calendar. When the kids came to the kitchen the next morning, he would say, "Look, it is December 26. Where were you kids yesterday? You missed Christmas."

Is it really possible to miss Christmas? A businessman named George did. He was so involved in his work that it became a preoccupation with him. He lived alone and preferred life that way. One Christmas he refused all invitations, including one from his brother. His brother's kids were too rowdy and noisy, and besides he would be expected to buy presents for these nieces and nephews. He just didn't want to be bothered.

After all his employees left work on Christmas Eve, George walked inside the office vault to get a little extra cash, in case he needed it for the holiday. Suddenly, he heard an automatic "click" and realized the vault door had securely closed behind him. In desperation, he pounded on the door. But there was no one to hear him. Everyone had gone. To make matters worse, he knew the vault would not be reopened until the day after Christmas. He sat down on the floor and waited out the endless hours. He was certainly alone, as he had planned. But he was uncomfortable, hungry, and thirsty.

The day after Christmas, an employee arrived, unlocked the vault, but did not open the door. Without being seen, George quietly staggered to the water fountain and then home to freshen up. Back at the office, nobody had even missed him. Nobody even asked how he had spent Christmas.

This had been a terrible experience for George. He had learned a valuable lesson. Sitting down at his desk he wrote the following words: "To love people, to be indispensable somewhere, this is the purpose of life. This is the secret to happiness!" How true.

It is not possible to miss Christmas physically. But if we are not careful, we may miss the spiritual meaning of Christmas. Christmas is the occasion for joy, hope, peace, and love. It is the time to realize the reason for Christmas—the birth of our Savior in a manger in Bethlehem.

Take advantage of the worship experiences on Sunday mornings during Advent. Then, gather with us on Christmas Eve at 5 PM for a special time of worship in Scripture and song, along with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

My Maternal Grandfather, Benjamin Whittington, ended his poem on the birth of Christ in this way: "But this child shall reign forever, and his praise all nations sing; for despite man's opposition, he is Lord of lords and King of kings."

From the Stubblefields to you and your family at this Christmas 2020, may the Lord grant you a joyous, Christ-filled holiday season.

Your Pastor,

Jon Stubblefield

2020

WEEK OF PRAYER

For

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

November 29—December 6

BRBC GOAL: $16,000.00

GIVEN TO DATE: $1,124.00



Mary (Muff) Glover

November 1, 2020



3—Linda Carpenter
4—Wendell Moffitt
5—Hilde Simmons
6—Holly Anderson
9—Mickey Davis
12—Lotte Willett
14—Karter Deen
15—Jacob Gilmer
16—Dianne Latiolais
16—Shella Clancy
18—Elaine Patterson
21—Gretchen Hewitt
22—Cathy Cudworth
24—Audrey Waggoner
27—Jon Stubblefield
29—Kathleen Kinney
30—Anne Iley
30—Bob Smith
30—Barbara Powell
30—Ralph Wagner



1—Bill and Carol Fincher
8—Mark and Susie Andrews
8—Al and Jean Boland
8—Jimmy and Maggi Payne
14—Bill and Becky Bettis
14—Bob and Betty DeLong
27—Dick and JoAnne Fulton
29—Mike and Judy Dacus

COVID—19 OFFICE HOURS

Monday—8:30 AM—3:00 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30—11:30 AM

The entire office staff is available at any time. Just call the cell phone number listed on the back of this Banner.

Staff meetings are Monday mornings from 10:00—11:00. Please leave a message and we will call you back.



CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
DECEMBER 25, 2020—JANUARY 4, 2021
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: CALL
Jon Stubblefield—922-8746 or
Betty Belin—870-222-7198

Attendance & Finances

	Sun AM	Wed.
10/04/20	87	55
10/11/20	93	48
10/18/20	87	48
10/25/20	83	46

OCTOBER BUDGET RECEIPTS: $51,734.31



TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31, 2020

Fun, food and fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended.









INTERNATIONAL DAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

The annual International Day was a very meaningful service this year.

Retired missionary to Okinawa Elton Gray explained how the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission offering aided him and his family while serving overseas.

Kanöot and Sarah Midkiff are currently serving in Kyiv, Ukraine.





DEACON ORDINATION—NOVEMBER 15, 2020

BRBC held a Deacon Ordination service with a symbolic laying on of hands for the four men elected to serve as deacons.



Gerald and Doree Huddleston



Robert Maynard



Rolla and Pam Carnine



Mark and Susie Andrews

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Clip and place in your church directory.



Benjie and Connie Harlan
4 Hendaye Way
318-542-8750

We are happy to welcome Benjie and Connie Harlan to Arkansas from St. Francisville, LA. Benjie is our new Minister of Music.

Benjie is also a composer and arranger and served as professor and Dean at a Baptist seminary. Connie is a retired educator having been both a teacher and principal.

They have three children: Katie lives in NYC with her husband Mike and their six year old twins Karah and Samuel; Emily and husband Brandon and their two children Brady and Laney live in Roanoke, TX; and Bud (Christopher) who lives in Dallas.

Connie enjoys walking and jogging, reading and travel (especially to see grandchildren). Benjie is a golfer and he also likes to read and travel.



Juanita White
4 Hendaye Way
225-361-4797

A recent transplant from St. Francisville, Louisiana, Juanita White is the mother of Connie Harlan and lives with Connie and Benjie. St. Francisville is just north of Baton Rouge.

Juanita is retired from the Caddo Parish Sheriff's office and enjoys watching all sports on television—golf, football, etc.

She has two daughters, Connie and Judy, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

We welcome Juanita and look forward to getting to know her.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A total of 166 shoeboxes were filled this year. A special thanks to everyone who contributed and volunteered. Many children will be blessed because of your efforts.





Library news

I don't know about you, but this year has flown by for me! I hope that you are all happy and healthy!

Here's what new in the library:

The Christmas Swap by Melody Carlson - All Emma Daley wants this holiday season is a white Christmas. But the young teacher and struggling musician sure can't find that in sunny Arizona. Luckily, there's someone living in a perfect mountain home in the Colorado Rockies looking to make a vacation trade this year.

Christmas Next Door by Susan Page Davis and Vickie McDonough - Visit an Old West Texas town where a mysterious benefactor leaves gifts each Christmas, but also where four pairs of neighbors battle over hearsay, secrets, and mysteries.

Christmas at Carnton by Tamera Alexander - Amid war and the fading dream of the Confederacy, a wounded soldier and a destitute widow discover the true meaning of Christmas - and of sacrificial love.

The Caney Creek series by Jo Huddleston (That Summer; Beyond the Past; Claiming Peace) – The story of the Calloway family from Newton, TN, beginning in 1928 and progressing through the early 1950's. Jim Calloway and his family must learn to trust God in all kinds of circumstances.

When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box by John Ortberg - Told with humor and wisdom by this bestselling author, this book reminds us that everything on earth belongs to God, and everything we "win" is just on loan. Being Master of the Board is not the point; playing by God's rules is. Ortberg makes sure we understand the object of the game, but he also walks us through the set-up, the rules, the strategies, and choosing the right trophies.

Christmas Oranges (DVD) - Rose was dropped off at an orphanage by her mother as a baby. Her first orphanage wasn't that bad: the woman running it loved children and certainly all those in her care. But when she dies in the great flu epidemic at the end of World War I, things don't go so well anymore. A beautiful Christmas story with a timeless message.

I would like to issue a very special thanks to Linda Walter, who has volunteered to take over the job of decorating the Library window. She is doing a wonderful job. Be sure and take notice the next time you come our way!

A very Merry Christmas



and a Happy New Year!

Kay Dierks, Librarian

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00 Deacon Council	2 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service	3	4	5
6 10:30 Worship Service 4:30 New Horizon SS Class—F'ship Hall	7 10:00 Staff Meeting	8 3:00 Hope Class (Fellowship Hall)	9 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service	10	11	12
13 10:30 Worship Service 4:30 New Horizon SS Class—F'ship Hall	14 10:00 Staff Meeting	15 3:00 Hope Class (Fellowship Hall)	16 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Business Meeting	17	18	19
20 10:30 Worship Service 4:30 New Horizon SS Class—F'ship Hall	21 10:00 Staff Meeting	22 3:00 Hope Class (Fellowship Hall)	23 NO SERVICE	24 5:00 LORD'S SUPPER/CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	25 CHRISTMAS OFFICES CLOSED 	26
27 10:30 Worship Service 4:30 New Horizon SS Class—F'ship Hall	28 OFFICES CLOSED	29 OFFICES CLOSED	30 OFFICES CLOSED	31 OFFICES CLOSED NEW YEAR'S EVE		

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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 office.

THE SCHEDULE AND HOURS GIVEN BELOW ARE PRE-COVID 19 AND NOT THE CURRENT HOURS. PLEASE PRAY THAT WE CAN RETURN TO THIS SCHEDULE SOON.

If you are moving, have an email or phone number change, please contact the church office so your records can be changed. The church has to pay for each returned Banner.

Schedule of Services:

PRE-COVID 19

Sunday Services:
Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Sanctuary Worship Service – 10:30 AM
Celebration Worship Service - 10:30 AM
Youth – 5:15 PM
Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening:
All Stars/Youth - 4:45 PM
(During school year)
Prayer Service - 6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal - 6:55 PM

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