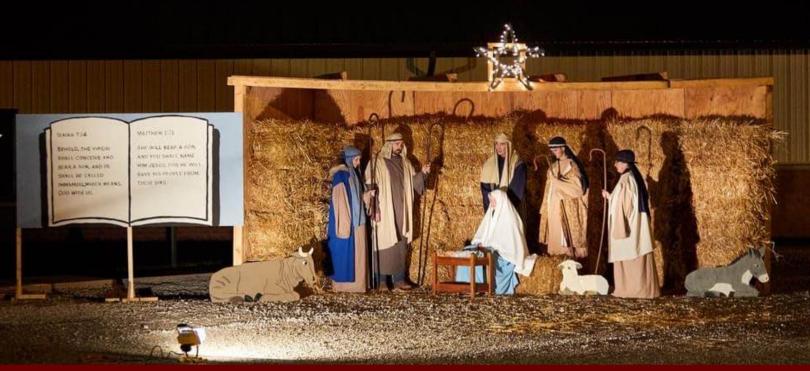
#### **December 2022 Newsletter**





For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, counselor. The mighty God. The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

# Come and experience the Live Nativity this year as we share the story of Jesus' birth. December 16 & 17, 6-8pm

Join us as we gather to focus on the meaning of Christmas and celebrate the birth of Christ.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Lord's Supper Saturday, Dec. 24th @ 5pm

Sunday, Dec. 25th, we will have Worship Service at 10am only.

## FROM PASTOR JEFF

"And the Shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them." Luke 2:20

This is the time of year when Christmas songs fill up the areas of our lives. (Unless you are at Hobby Lobby and then it has been going on since July). Many of you know how much Stephanie loves music. But you may not know how much she loves Christmas music! I must force her to wait until after Thanksgiving before she forces the sugar sweet melodic tones upon my ears.

But there is one song which she absolutely hates. Every time it comes on, she rolls her eyes and then shoots me a look which says (without words) you better skip this song. And so, as a loving husband, I dutifully skip the song (after letting it play a wee bit longer) and all is well again. What is the song? Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.

I cannot tell you how many times I have heard, "I don't want a merry "little" Christmas. I want a BIG Christmas." For Stephanie, Christmas is a special time when she really does focus on one of the greatest events to ever happen. God Himself becoming Emmanuel and walking on this Earth with us.

So, we decorate, go to parties, have get-togethers, buy presents, fix extra food, and yes sing the Christmas songs (except for one). That is what you do when you celebrate! You do extra things, you go more places, and you make the day a big day.

I know our calendars are full and our schedules are busy but remember why. Hopefully, it is all for the purpose of focusing our attention and celebrating the first coming of Christ and remember that He is coming again!

Following Him,

leff





The **Holiday Dinner** will be Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6pm. The church will provide turkey,

ham, mashed potatoes, noodles, rolls and drinks. Please bring side dish and dessert. Join us for great food and fellowship!

#### **CARING & SHARING**

We will begin collecting for Caring & Sharing. Ramsey Christian Church will serve as distribution/preparation site. Prep will be Thursday, Dec. 15 and Friday, Dec. 16, 8:30am -1:00pm. Distribution will be Saturday, Dec. 18, starting at 9am, with last minute preparations at 8am. There is a box in the foyer for donations. The following is a list of ways you can help with this ministry:

Donate non-perishable food items
Purchase gifts for children from the FNB Giving Tree
Donate mittens, hats, gloves, and socks for all ages
Give monetary contributions to purchase perishable items
Donations can be made at the FNB Community Bank Ramsey
Caring and Sharing Account.

Volunteer time to help sort, pack, and prepare baskets for distribution.

Thank you for helping the children, elderly and handicapped of the Ramsey, Bingham, rural Herrick and Bayle City areas.

### Caroling

Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 6pm Everyone is invited! We will be caroling in Ramsey.

Dress according to the weather.

# LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We will collect during the month of December

Our church goal is \$1400

Every day, 157,690 people enter eternity without the hope of Jesus. Please join us as we observe the Week of Prayer for International Missions, where Southern Baptists pray for IMB missionaries, their ministries and the unreached people and places they serve.

Everyone had a great time at our Thanksgiving Fellowship! Special thanks to Carol for the authentic Thanksgiving food and Pastor Jeff & Stephanie for all the games & prizes.













## FROM PASTOR MATT

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which translated means, God with us."

Christmas is upon us and remembering that the tiny baby born was God in the flesh, born to die for the salvation of those who would place their faith in Him. Thankfulness leads to praise.

November was a month filled with thankfulness. I was thankful to spend time with students and my church family in various compacities. We had a great time playing glow in the dark volleyball at Lighthouse and throwing frozen turkeys at bowling pins during Turkey Bowling. We had fun playing games at the FUNeral home and we even had a fun time trying to figure out our turkey names at the Sunday Night Fellowship.

Spending time together led us to talking about being people focused on Wednesday nights in Youth Group. People are the reason Jesus came and people are the reason God equips His Church to proclaim the Gospel message. On Wednesday nights Mission Kids learned about the importance of the Bible; reading, studying, and applying it to their lives. Mission Kids also served people by making Christmas cards for the elderly.

As we approach the Christmas season both the Youth and Mission Kids, along with the church family, will enjoy caroling on the 7th of December at 6:00pm. On December 14th, the Holiday Dinner will take place at 6:00pm with a time for the Mission Kids to have a little Christmas party at the end of the dinner. Finally, on December 21st the Youth Christmas Extravaganza will happen at 6:00pm.

Yes, the holiday season can be very busy, but please remember to spend time with our Lord as we reflect upon all that He has done and will continue to do. He is worthy of our praise!

#### **Pastor Matt**







# "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14

## OWN it 365 2022 **Reading Through the Bible Together DECEMBER**

1 Acts 13, Matt 28:18-20, Acts 1:8 2 Acts 14, 2 Tim 3:10-13, Rom 15:15-21 3 Acts 15:1-35, Acts 21:25, Gal 2

5 Acts 15:36-41, Col 4:10-11, 2 Tim 4:9-18 6 Acts 16:1-5, 2 Tim 1:1-14, Php 2:19-24

7 Acts 16:6-40, 1 Thes 2:1-12, 2 Cor 11:22-33

8 Acts 17, 1 Thes 2:13-20, 1 Thes 3 9 Acts 18, 1 Cor 16:19, Rom 16:3-5

10 Acts 18:24-28, 1 Cor 1:10-17, 1 Cor 3:1-8

12 Acts 19, 1 Tim 1:1-7, Rev 2:1-7

13 Acts 19:20-22, Rom 1:8-17, Rom 15:20-33

14 Acts 20, Titus 1:5-10, 1 Peter 5:1-11

15 Acts 21, Acts 22, Php 3

16 Acts 23, Acts 24, Php 1:27-30

17 Acts 25, Acts 26, 1 Peter 2:11-17 19 Acts 27, Acts 28, 2 Tim 1:15-18

20 2 Peter 1:1-15, Php 1:12-26, 2 Tim 4:1-8

21 Rev 1, 1 Thes 5:1-11, Rom 13:8-14

22 Rev 2, Rev 3, Matt 16:18

23 Rev 4, 1 Cor 15:35-58, 1 Thes 4:13-18

24 Rev 13, Rev 16, Matt 24

26 Rev 19:1-10, Matt 22:1-14, 2 Cor 11:1-4

27 Rev 19:11-21, Zech 14:1-15, 2 Thes 1

28 Rev 20:1-10, Zech 14:16-21, Luke 19:11-27

29 Rev 20:11-13, Rom 2:1-16, Rom 3:9-26

30 Rev 20:14-15, Luke 16:19-31, Isa 66:22-24

31 Rev 21, Isa 65:17-25, 2 Peter 3 Jan 1 Rev 22, Isa 9:6-7, Eph 1:1-14

# **DECEMBER FOOD PANTRY** Give to **Caring & Sharing**

## **DECEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries**

1 Diann Smith 9 Gerald & Evelyn Sanders 19 Dixie Carter

9 Rachel Strobel **14 Andrew Lorton** 

14 Dee Temmen

15 Tasha Oller 16 Kelvin & Sandy Worker

**16 Travis Strobel** 

17 Dolly Miller 17 Jewel England **18 Evie Moreland** 

19 Rozzalynn McDonald

20 Emma Braning

21 Joey Eddy

**21 Maryalice Estes** 

22 Jim & Debbie Lay

27 Devin & Kara Friesland

30 Justin Hill

30 Liam Rathbone

30 Torrie McDonald

There will not be any Adult Bible Study on Wednesdays during December.

The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26.

No activities on Wednesday, Dec. 28th.

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December 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Week of	Prayer	For IMB	1 & Lottie Moon Offering	Sr Adult Lunch @ Blue Springs Café 10:15	3
4 Advent Bible Study 6pm	5	6 FCA 7:30 am	7 Caroling 6pm	8	9	10 Kids Practice
1 1 Advent Kids Music Program 6pm	12	13	14 Holiday Meal 6pm	15	Live Nativity 6-8pm	17 Live Nativity 6-8pm
18 Advent Bible Study 6pm	19	20	21 No School Youth Christmas Extravaganza 6pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 5pm
25 Christmas 10am Worship Service only	26 Office Closed	27	28 No Activities	29	30	31