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THOMAS' TIDINGS



A GLORIOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON

The story of Christmas is the story of how God worked in human history to bring salvation to people. It is an "exciting" story full of drama and action.

It is my prayer that as we gather in the House of God each Sunday during December we will experience in a fresh way — The Christ of Christmas. Our teaching, preaching, singing, serving, giving, and fellowships are all planned to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ — The Christ of Christmas.

I will preach a series of Christmas sermons, the Celebration Choir will present beautiful music, and we will have the privilege of giving generously for the Lottie Moon Missions Offering, the mission in Honduras, and preparing Christmas Food Boxes for our neighbors. Too, we urge our members to invite their friends to attend these Christmas services.

On Christmas morning we will have a Christmas Communion Service. In this beautiful service we will focus on the birth, crucifixion, resurrection, and return of Jesus Christ. This is a glorious service to conclude the Christmas season. Make your plans to attend this.

Beloved, it is a blessing to serve as your pastor and work with you in our Lord's vineyard. God is so good to us. He is greatly blessing the Circlewood family. Let us sing our praises to Him!

> To God Be The Glory, Bro. Herb

CAIN'S CORNER

Bible Study Update: All College & Young Adults are encouraged to join us for weekly Bible Study in the C'wood House at 6:30 PM each Wednesday. Even though many of our group will be home for the holidays, we will continue to meet weekly with those who can attend. Don't miss it!

Christmas Dinner Trip: Like we did last year at The Bright Star, all College & Young Adults are invited to our "road trip" for Christmas Dinner! Join us this Sunday, December 4, as we travel to The Fish Market in Birmingham for our fellowship meal. We will leave from the church parking lot at 5:00 PM. It won't be the same without YOU!

Blessings, Rob

FROM DONNA'S DESK

Do you hear the bells? It's right upon us....the most wonderful time of the year....Christmas! In just a few short weeks we will celebrate the birth of our blessed Savior Jesus Christ. As the Christmas season approaches and all the hustle and bustle begins, remember to help your children stay focused on the real reason we celebrate.

I look forward to the many wonderful Christmas events we have planned for the children and hope to see them at each one.

Joyfully, Donna



December 4 — Children's Christmas Breakfast Visit from Santa!

December 11 — Lesson: "An Angel Visits Mary"

December 18 — Lesson: "A Savior is Born!"

December 18 — Children's Chorus Performance 6:00 p.m.

NELSON'S NEWS



Sunday, December 11th, is our annual Friends At Christmas luncheon for our widows and widowers. After the have a fantastic meal in

the Fellowship Hall. This is always such a great time of fellowship, food, and fun for all involved and it is a joy to see our students interact and build relationships with those who attend. There is a signup sheet at the Welcome Center or you can call the church office during the week to sign up. We look forward to this event each year and hope that you are able to join us!

In Christ, Steven

OCC PROCESSING CENTER TRIP

to Atlanta is Monday, December 5th. The bus will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. This is for ages 13 and up. There are lots of jobs to do - sitting or standing. Participants will need to bring

a lunch and money for supper out, and wear comfortable clothes and shoes! A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center in the church foyer.

Dr. Herbert Thomas, Pastor

Winton Patterson, Minister of Music Rob Cain, Associate Pastor Steven Nelson, Student Minister Donna Cicero, Children's Minister

-thank you

A thank you card was received from Child Abuse Prevention Services for the food bags prepared and delivered from our church family recently. The food bags brought smiles to the individuals they serve - and YOU made that happen!



CELEBRATION CHOIR BONUS REHEARSAL

Sunday, December 11th at 5:00 p.m.



Please call the church office at 205-553-4315 to place flowers in the Worship Center on Sundays in honor of or in memory of your loved ones, to celebrate a birthday or wedding anniversary, or for any occasion special to you.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES

We are collecting staple goods... canned foods, sugar, flour, meal, etc.... for the Christmas Food Boxes.



Collection boxes are in the foyer, near the Choir Suite, and at the entrance to the Christian Life Center.

Please continue bringing these items. The deadline for contributing is Sunday, December 11th. Thank you for blessing others!