

Calendar 2017

Sunday - December 17

8:00 a.m. Breakfast for those in the Program
 8:45 a.m. Breakfast for those attending @ 9:30am
 9:30 a.m. Church Family Christmas #1
 10:00 a.m. Breakfast for those attending @ 11am
 11:00 a.m. Church Family Christmas #2

Monday - December 18

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday - December 19

10:00 a.m. Shepherd's House
 5:30 p.m. Shepherd's House
 6:00 p.m. Dental Clinic

Wednesday - December 20

No Midweek Service
 Office is closed for Staff Training Day
 5:30 p.m. Christmas Dinner
 6:30 p.m. Christmas at the Nursing Homes

Sunday - December 24

Christmas Eve - no Small Groups
 9:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Service
 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Service

Monday - December 25

We Wish You the Merriest of Christmases
 Church Office is closed Mon. - Fri.

Tuesday - December 26

Shepherd's House Closed

Wednesday - December 27

Office Closed
 No Midweek Service
 No Evening Activities

Friday - December 29

7:00 p.m. Night at the Thunder

Sunday - December 31

New Year's Eve - no Small Groups
 9:00 a.m. Appreciation Breakfast for all
 our Church Volunteers
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday Morning Stats

	12/03/17	12/10/17
Tithes//Offering	\$19,834.98	\$15,773.76
Building Fund	\$1,811.00	\$709.47
	<u>Avg.2016-17</u>	<u>12/03/17</u>
Small Groups	366	401
Worship Att.	535	493
		<u>12/10/17</u>
		404
		484

Nov 2017 - Online Giving: \$16,950.60 Building: \$1,091.00

Thank You

Dear Church Staff,
 Just a note of appreciation to the staff & others who were responsible for the Senior Adult luncheon. The tables were beautiful, the food, the musical entertainment, and the fun games were great! We had lots of laughs, especially with Brother Charlie's solo. Thank you guys & gals!

Jan Ford

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A Word from Pastor Charlie

Fear not, for behold I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

Good news! That is what Christmas is. Good news that hope has come into the world. Good news that light has come into the darkness. Good news that God has come to dwell with man. Christmas is good news. Good news that the promised Messiah has come. Good news that our Savior has arrived. Good news that a relationship with God, severed because of sin, is now restored through faith in God's Son. Christmas is the beginning of good news.

The incarnation, when God the Son took on humanity to come and rescue a rebellious people, is the beginning of the narrative of good news. Christ came in flesh and blood to identify himself with the people he came to save. He lived a sinless life, fulfilling the law on our behalf, that his righteousness might be credited to us. He died a criminal's death on the cross. Substituting himself for a wayward people, where he absorbed the wrath and punishment of God that we deserved. He conquered sin and death through his glorious resurrection, proving that his sacrifice had accomplished all that God planned it would do. When the angel declared the arrival of Christ on the first Christmas, he truly brought good news.

As we inch closer to Christmas, may we truly embrace the reality of the good news of Christ's coming. May we gather together as the body of Christ, glorifying the God who saves. December 17 and 24 give you an opportunity to join us in the worship of our God and celebration of the good news that has come. The morning of the 17th we will host our annual Church Family Christmas where we will eat breakfast and celebrate through singing. On December 24th, we will have two services (one at 9am and the other at 10:30am) where we will share in the Lord's Supper and praise God for what he has done for us through Jesus. Gather your friends and family and come celebrate the good news with us!

For His glory and your joy,
Pastor Charlie

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

More Abundantly Campaign

Through the first year of the More Abundantly Campaign, **\$406,205.48** has been given. Over the course of three years, we hope to raise between 1 & 1.5 million toward our building fund. Currently we are on pace to raise around 1 million. We're thankful for how God is providing through your generosity.

Upcoming Small Group Schedule

We will be taking a break from small groups on December 17, 24, & 31 for our winter sabbatical. Small groups will kick back off on January 7 with introductory lesson to our *Life on Mission* study that will begin on January 14.

International Missions Offering

Help people sharing the gospel in foreign countries by giving to the International Mission Offering this December. We have received **\$6,929.52**. We thank God for your generosity and look forward to seeing how God continues to grow this offering.

Coats for Kids

As of December 10, 2017, we have received **\$2,087.00** for our coats for school kids. Thank you for your generosity.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Church Family Christmas

Please join us for our annual Church Family Christmas on December 17. The morning's festivities will begin with breakfast served by church leadership at 8:00am, 8:30am & 10:00am. Then we will have two identical worship services filled with great music from our kids, worship band and choir that highlight the hope that Christmas brings us.

Special Building Offering

On Sunday, December 17 we are setting aside the offering received that morning to go towards our More Abundantly Campaign. We ask that you would seek God and consider what He is calling you to give. Through everyone's generous and sacrificial giving we can continue to move forward with God's mission in our community, state and world. Everything given on December 17 will go towards the More Abundantly Campaign unless otherwise designated.

Christmas Eve Services

Join us on Christmas Eve for special time of worship at either **9:00am or 10:30am**. Nursery and Kids Church will be offered during both services.

Celebration Sunday

On Sunday, December 31 we are taking time to reflect and celebrate all that God has done in 2017. We will begin our morning with an appreciation breakfast for all of our church volunteers at 9:00am followed by a time of celebration in a 10:00am worship service.

Baby Shower

The ladies of the church are invited to a baby shower for our pianist, Joy Vandergriff. It will be on Saturday, January 6, 2018. It will be a come and go shower from 10:00am to 12:00noon at the Annex. The address is 320 S Bickford Ave. Joy & Eric are registered at Walmart, Cocobella's, & online at Amazon.

Sunday Serve Teams

12/17/17

Nursery Team 3

Kevin & Brandi Gibbons
Hali Howard
Elizabeth Ontiveros
Michelle Whetstone
Stacie Riddle
Laura Duffy

Parking Lot Team 3

Alyssa Baker
Ronnie Ezell
Mike Murray
Jessica Porter

Welcome Team 3

Jennifer Davis
MaryKay Hokett
Linda Howard
Kathi Morrison
Sherry Murray
Christine Orr
Monte & Sheila Preno
Tamie Reed
Joan Tubbs
Amy Wells
Jerry Zucksworth

Bus Driver - 12/17/17

Tom Curtis

Wednesday Team 3

12/20/17
Karen Chadwick
Cathy Knott
Judy Lee
Jackie Ogilvie
Kerry Reeves

12/24/17

Nursery Team 4

Amanda Carnott
Angela Steffen
Taryn Wedman
Pam Ellis
Mendy Klepper
Taleigh Davis
Ryleigh Davis
Keira Davis

Parking Lot Team 4

Doug Carnott
Chris Cephas
Jesse Lesperance
Aron Steffen
Will Wedman
Jerry Woodall

Welcome Team 4

Ray & Carla Apple
Jennifer Awbrey
Kylie Koos
Bob Lee
Jessica Lee
Angela Lesperance
Donna Mogg
Sheri Nelson
Erin Tinsley

Wednesday Team

12/27/17
No Wednesday Activities

Wednesday Dinner Menu

December 20

Christmas Dinner
Ham
Baked Beans
Mac & Cheese

December 27

No Supper
No Wednesday activities

Cost for dinner is a suggested donation of \$3 per person and no more than \$10 per family.