

CBC NEWSLETTER

December 2018



When they saw the star they rejoiced with great joy! – Matthew 2:10



"Joy Banishes Fear" A Christmas Devotional

"Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people." Luke 2:10

The announcement of the birth of Jesus to the Bethlehem shepherds is a small picture of how life often works. The shepherds were involved in life as usual: they were tending their sheep in the fields. Suddenly, something unexpected happened, and their immediate response was fear. The first thing the angel of the Lord said to them was, "Do not be afraid." They must have been cowering, covering their faces, at the sight of the glorious angel from heaven (Luke 2:10). Then their fear was replaced by joy based on the angel's message. Instead of fear, the angel offered the shepherds "good tidings of great joy" about the birth of "a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

Isn't that the way life happens to us? Things are normal until something unexpected happens, and we respond in fear. But the joy that replaced the shepherds' fear can be ours. Christmas is a time to remember that fear is banished by joyful faith in "a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (25 Days of Christmas—DavidJeremiah.org)

December

- 9 Deacon Meeting at 4 p.m.
- 13 J.O.Y. Ministry Christmas Party
- 16 Finance Committee Meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- 18 Women's Ministry Craft Night
- 19 Business Meeting
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 p.m.
- 25 Christmas Day (Church Office Closed)
- 26 No Wednesday Night Services in Observance of Christmas Week



Birthdays

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| 1 Byron Lamme | 13 Josephine Cox |
| 2 Lucille Childers | 13 Bertie Myers |
| 4 Mindy Donoho | 16 Jim Reed |
| 4 Matt Ferguson | 17 Glenda Canada |
| 4 Doris Taylor | 19 Betty Hopper |
| 4 Chris Upchurch | 26 Jane Lindley |
| 6 Pam Childers | 31 Charles Amick |
| 7 Jeremy Sudler | 31 Lynn Hooks |
| 7 Victoria Thompson | 31 Karen Towles |
| 9 Glen Peters | |



Upcoming Events at CBC:



Women's Ministry Christmas Celebration: December 11 at 6 p.m.

The Women's Ministry will be meeting for dinner and a Christmas celebration on December 11 at 6 p.m. at McAllister's on SR 135 in their meeting room. *If you would like to participate in a gift exchange, bring a \$5 wrapped gift. Please see Mindy Donoho for additional information.*

J.O.Y. Ministry Christmas Party: Thursday, December 13 at 11:30



The J.O.Y. Ministry will have their annual Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, December 13 at 11:30 .m. It will be a catered lunch by Olive Garden. The price is \$10 each person. A Christmas Ornament Gift exchange is optional. **Please contact: Judy Price for additional information.**

Metro Baptist Center:

This year CBC had agreed to collect **800 cans** of green beans for the Christmas food baskets at the Metro Baptist Center. We contributed **1004 cans** of green beans for 2018.



Finance Committee 2019 Budget Proposal



The Finance Committee will place the proposed 2019 Budget copies at the Welcome Desk on the following dates: Wednesday, December 12 and Sunday, December 16, prior to the voting at the December 19th Business Meeting.



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Upcoming Events at CBC:



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Monday, December 24 at 5 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church will have a Candlelight Service on Monday, December 24 at 5 p.m. There will be a devotional and The LORD's Supper will be observed. Please plan to bring your family to reflect on and celebrate the birth of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ.



Pastoral Committee Update!

The committee asks you to continue in regular prayer for the pastor search process and for the pastor candidate. We will be presenting him to the church on the weekend **of January 12 and 13**. In the future, the committee will furnish a more detailed schedule for that weekend.



J.O.Y Ministry Winter Schedule

- January 17 11:30 a.m. J.O.Y. Luncheon in Fellowship Hall to discuss 2019 events (weather permitting)**
February 21 11:30 a.m. J.O.Y Luncheon with Guest Speaker (weather permitting)



Incremental Weather Conditions:

Please stay tuned to **WTHR Channel 13 News** for closing or delay information of our Worship Services this coming winter. **If you have any questions, feel free to contact: the church office at 317 881 5743 or for additional information.**

Recipes: Treat Your Guests to Treats!

Recipes are compliments of 25 Days of Christmas—David Jeremiah.org

EASY CRUNCH BARS

Description: These bars are a wonderful treat to have on hand during the Christmas season or to share as a gift.

Ingredients

- 35 Saltine Crackers or 32 Club Crackers
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Directions

Preheat oven to 400°F. Place crackers in foil-lined 15x10x1-inch baking pan.

Place butter and sugar in saucepan; cook on medium-high heat until butter is completely melted and mixture is well blended, stirring occasionally. Bring to boil; boil 3 minutes without stirring. Spread over crackers.

Bake 5 to 7 minutes or until topping is golden brown. Immediately sprinkle with chopped chocolate; let stand 5 minutes or until chocolate is softened. Spread chocolate evenly over ingredients in pan; sprinkle with nuts. Cool. Break into pieces.



CRANBERRY OATMEAL COOKIES

Description: White chocolate and dried cranberries make this colorful and delicious holiday cookie a delight for family and friends.

Preheat oven to 375°F

Blend together:

- 2/3 cup butter
- 2/3 cup brown sugar

Add:

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups oats
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Mix together:

- 1 bag (6 ounce) of dried cranberries
- 2/3 cup white chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Place rounded teaspoonfuls of dough on ungreased cookie sheet. Press down lightly. Bake 10 minutes or until done.

CHRISTMAS SLUSHY PUNCH

Description: Delicious, slushy punch that will make any holiday party special. (Serves 50 people)

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 6 cups water
- 2 (3-ounce) packages of strawberry gelatin mix (cherry, or another flavor may be substituted)
- 1 (46-ounce) can of pineapple juice
- 2/3 cup lemon juice
- 1 quart orange juice
- 2 (2-liter) ginger ale or lemon-lime flavored carbonated beverage

Directions

In a large saucepan, combine sugar, water, and gelatin. Boil for three minutes. Stir in pineapple juice, lemon juice, and orange juice. Divide mixture in half and freeze in two separate containers. One-gallon Ziploc bags work well.

Two hours before you are ready to serve, take the first container out of the freezer and thaw slightly. You may wish to take both containers out at the same time or bring the second container out of the freezer sometime later in readiness for refills of the punch bowl. Bags may be placed in the microwave for a short time to slightly defrost mixture if needed. When ready to serve, place the frozen contents (partially defrosted) in a punch bowl and stir in 1 bottle of carbonated soda until the mixture is slushy. Enjoy.

For a "cherry-limeade" flavor use cherry Jell-O and substitute lime juice for the lemon juice.

