

Jay First Baptist Church

December

"A Church Family Serving Christ and Community"

2018



Luke 21-19 *And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. ²(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David) ⁵To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. ⁶And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this shall be a sign unto you, Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. ¹⁵And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.*

The above passage is the reason we as Christians know the real reason for the celebration of Christmas. We must admit December is a month that Christmas affects all of our activities in some way and rightfully so. What can be our mission this month in presenting the truth of Christmas? Keep our focus on the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior. I am not saying to stop or prohibit all of the traditions of Christmas time, but to make those wonderful traditions as secondary to the primary reason for the season, Jesus.

Many in this world do not even know who Jesus is. One article I was reading talked about three women who were shopping; they were confronted with the concept of Jesus' birth. One of women was in a shop in Kenya Africa. Her response to a Christ centered Christmas card was, "Imagine bringing religion into Christmas!" The other two women were looking into a shop window, and after seeing a picture in a Christmas display of the baby Jesus they said to each other, "I suppose those religious fanatics are going to try to push Christianity into Christmas and spoil the fun." By the way the book from which this article came is from the late 1960's.

The world that we live in truly needs to know our Savior, Jesus. We have a mission, and that is to spread the good news of the gospel, and we have a wonderful opportunity to do this during the month of December. Even though there are individuals who do not know of Christ or do not want to know, when we have opportunity to share through our actions and words, may we do so. God bless each of you, and I will see you at church, and remember bring your smiles.

Merry Christmas,
Brother George



2	Bradley Haveard
4	Barbara Watson
11	Jane Green
12	Hannah Diamond
18	Joyce Settle
18	Bill Bryan
18	Debbie Killam
19	Johnnie Carol Bryan
22	Brennis McDaniel
29	Jackie Ard
30	Randall Watson
31	Richard Meadows

If your birthday is not on the calendar and you would like for it to be, please call the Church office.

OCTOBER REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>DT</u>	<u>Offering</u>
11/4	66	13	\$5,855.00
11/11	47	12	\$3,174.30
11/18	52	-	\$3,647.15
11/25	42	9	\$2,354.45



Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to attend the Brotherhood breakfast on Saturday, December 1st, at 8:00 a.m. Come join us for a time of food & fellowship.

The Jolly Jays will meet at 10:30AM on Thursday, December 13th to prepare meals for the homebound. We will deliver the meals and then return to enjoy lunch and a time of fellowship.



Nursing Home Ministry

Terrace Ministry
led by Jolly Jays
December 19, 2018 @ 10:30AM
All are invited to participate in this uplifting ministry

FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER

December 2: Hilda Worley & family
December 9: Ann Russell & family
December 16:
December 23:



MANNA Volunteers
Dec 4: Bert Settle & Jeanette Hunter
Dec 11: Dwayne Bond & Laverne Little



Sunday
December 9th at 5PM.
Join us afterward for a Birthday Party for Jesus.

December 11th, 11:30AM
All volunteers and staff are invited to join us for a Soup Christmas Party. We will provide the soups and desserts. Please see the signup sheet in the foyer for garnishments/drinks needed.



Monday, December 24th at 5PM
Join us for a time of remembrance as we look forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.



We have a lot going on during the month of December for our music department. We will have two Christmas cantatas and a time of Christmas Caroling. The following is an itinerary for the month of December.

Sunday, December 9th
Children's Christmas Cantata 5:00 PM

Friday, December 21st
Church-wide Christmas caroling 5:00 PM

Adult Christmas Cantata at our joint service with Jay United Methodist Church 10:30AM

May each of you have a most blessed Christmas season!

Best Wishes, Brother George & Ben

PUZZLE

Joy to the
WORLD

In Luke 2:10, the angels share good news that continues to bring great joy today.

Directions: Circle all the complete small "joy" words — forward only. Count the total. Bonus: See if you can find "Jesus" amid all the joy!

TOTAL JOY= _____

Answer: 36 (10 in the J, 15 in the O, 11 in the Y); Jesus is at the bottom of the large O

YOUTH Christmas ACTIVITIES

In November, our youth group gathered to help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Please take the time to thank them for their service and dedication.

We are planning a church-wide Caroling for Friday, December 21st. We'll be driving through Jay and caroling for some of our residents. If you or someone you know would like us to drop by, please let me know. After caroling, we'll enjoy a meal and a time of fellowship. It is an exciting time at our church and we are excited to be a part of the services this Christmas Season.



Children's Church Workers for the month of December:

- December 2: Robbi Glover & Leah Thompson
- December 9: Robbi Glover & Laryn Kimmons
- December 16: Robbi Glover & Josie Lowry
- December 23: Robbi Glover & Leah Thomspom
- December 30: Robbi Glover & Laryn Kimmons

Nursery Workers for the month of December:

- December 2: Stephen & Misty Campbell
- December 9: Nikki Diamond & Caralee Fredericks
- December 16: Melinda & Brody Johnson
- December 23: Mitzi Dixon & Trudie Blackmon
- December 30: Debbie Killam & Becky Holley

Nursery Workers for the Evening Worship Service during the month of December will be available if needed.

During the summer months the nursery may not always have workers available due to schedule conflicts.

If you would like to be added to any of the rotating children's helpers lists please contact the church office.

Live Nativity
Saturday
December 22nd
6PM at JFBC



Monday, December 31st at 5PM



Join us for an evening service in the Family Life Center. Light refreshments will be provided. Please bring your favorite board game or dominos and enjoy a New Years Eve of fellowship, friends, and fun.

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NEWSLETTER NOTES

✝ All announcements for the church newsletter need to be in the church office by the 15th of each month.

✝ If we have incorrect birthdates or addresses please let the office know as soon as possible so this may be corrected in the computer. Birthdays published in the newsletter are of attending church members only. If you would like your birthday added to the calendar please contact the church office.

✝ Please post the enclosed calendar in a convenient place so you will not miss out on all the great ministries and happenings at Jay First Baptist Church.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. George Fredericks, Pastor
Jorey Diamond, Youth Minister
Ben Watson, Interim Music Director
Melinda Johnson, Ministry Assistant
Ken McPherson, Custodian

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Weekly Schedule

Sundays

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Morning Worship

4:15 p.m. – Praise & Worship Team

5:00 p.m. – Discipleship Training

5:00 p.m. – Youth Worship Service

6:00 p.m. – Evening Worship

7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. – Children's Choir

6:00 p.m. – AWANA

6:30 p.m. – Youth Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – Adult Prayer Meeting