



## Updates from the Pastor Online-Only Worship This Week!

Happy December! Well COVID has finally caught up to us again.

Due to the rising COVID numbers, the elders called a meeting on Nov. 23 to discuss our current policies. As a result of their discussion, they decided to move to virtual worship Nov. 29 and Dec. 6. There will be no in-person worship this Sunday.

This is a wonderful time of the year as we celebrate Advent - the time we prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus. I hope that you will focus on those things and not the unfortunate circumstances we find ourselves in. We have much to be thankful for and much to celebrate as we share Christ and grow in faith.

Grace and Peace,  
*Ronnie*

### **Christmas Stocking Adoption – gifts due THIS SUNDAY!**

Our Christmas Stocking ministry for school-aged children is happening now! The stocking tags are available from Stacey Johnston (405-637-5190) or by calling the church office. We will give each person who adopts one the age of the child and gender of a child to buy for. Suggested spending amount is \$20 per tag. Walmart gift cards are suggested for High School students. All items will be due back Dec. 6. Items must be dropped off at the church Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.



### **Pick up your Advent Calendar!**

Pick up your family Advent calendar at the church Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.! This calendar begins Dec. 1 and is a simple way to help us prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior and King!

### **No Poinsettia Sales This Year**

Due to the current situation and uncertainty from day to day, we will not be selling poinsettias this year. However, you are invited to make a donation to the Capital Campaign in honor or memory of a loved one this Advent season.



We are looking forward to worshipping together at our candlelight Christmas Eve service. We will have one service at 5 p.m. on Dec. 24. Masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing will be required.



# KIDS & Youth Ministries



**Preparing for surgery:** Nick Bench (12/7), Dennis Lynch (12/15)

**We pray for our church family:** Linda Cameron, Joann LeGrande, Sarah Anderson, Dorothy Smith, Barbara Wilder, Ron Fields, Esther Waner, Larry Stinchcomb, Joan Dreessen, Karen Yancey, Basil Belveal, Sherry Canning, Debbie Considine, Mike Carey, Dorothy Herbert

**We pray for our friends and family members:** Paula Jean Nulick Family of Jimmie Terrell, Mickey Weathers, Mary Daymund, Lisa Conti, Joan Faye Meacham, Darrin Robb, Wes Black, Rosemary Standerfer, Mary Coffin, Jerry Williams, Rod Richardson, Keith Gordon, Brenda Piland, Valerie Cotton, James Stowe, Katheryn Webb Feken, Cathy Carter, Pam Billings, Janetta Hibbler, Kayla Thetford

**And our military all over the world:** Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, Matt Byce, Cody Ingram

## A "Reel Christmas"

Children's Christmas Musical

Presented by FCC Kids



Sunday, Dec. 6  
6:30 p.m.



We are limiting our in-person audience to immediate households of those in the show. However, we will livestream this musical event on our Facebook page and website.

### YOUTH EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Advent Highlights for Jr High & High School students:

**\*\*Dec. 13 - Angel Tree Shopping & Wrapping, 4-7 p.m.** (meet at FCC, bring \$5 for dinner, we will leave FCC at 4 p.m., go to Target to purchase items, grab dinner and come back to FCC to sort and wrap gifts, we will be done by 7.)

**\*\*Dec. 20 - Christmas Party, 6-8 p.m.** (bring a re-gift item/something you already own that you think someone else would like to have ;)

If you have a Jr. High or High School student who is not currently participating in Youth activities or is not getting the information about FCC Youth please contact Staci Carey at 405-831-5509 or the church office at 405-282-4080. We would love to get them connected!

### Children's Ministry Updates

I hope everyone enjoyed the online service celebrating Week 1 of the Advent season! For all of us, this first week of the Advent season is about hope. And to kids, that is simply knowing that we can believe God for anything! Our Bible story for this week is Zechariah's Unbelief from Luke 1:5-25 and Luke 1:57-80. Read both of these passages with your children and talk through the fact that we can believe God. Two questions you can ask your kids after reading through the Bible passages together are:

- When the angel gave the good news to Zechariah, did Zechariah believe God? (No, he did not.)
- But did God do what He said? (Yes!) He always does! God gave Zechariah and Elizabeth a baby, just like he said he would!

You can talk to your family that when we are having a hard time believing God, we can remember the story of Zechariah and know that we can believe God, because God always does what He says He will do. When God said He would send someone to save us from any of the wrong things we may do, He did it! God sent His own Son, Jesus, and He was a gift too wonderful for words! There is a verse in the Bible that helps us to tell God thank you for this gift: 2 Corinthians 9:15 says "Thanks be to God for His gift that is too wonderful for words."

Pray with your family this week: Dear God, please help us to always remember that you love us and have good plans for our lives. We know that you will do anything that you say you will do. Amen.

I hope you have a wonderful Week 1 of Advent and look forward to seeing everyone soon! Ms. Natalie



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