

December 10, 2023



ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For Missions updates, see the Weekly Prayer Guide.



Packing Party-

12/10/23, 12:15pm, Student Center

Join us after service to pack up the gifts that have been donated to bless families in our community.



Advent Week 2 - Peace

The Samaniego Family:

Isaac, Susana, Guy, Isabelle, Isannah

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7, John 14:27



Christmas Eve Services-

10:45am Family Service

*Children will not be dismissed.

*No ABF or first hour classes

6:00pm Cookies and Cocoa

6:30pm Candlelight Service



New Years Eve Service:

10:45am Family Service

*Children will not be dismissed.

*No ABF or first hour classes



Student Ministries Lock-In

1/12/24 - 1/13/24

More information coming soon! Watch for a Student Ministry email in the next few weeks.

KEY DATES

TODAY / 12:15pm

Packing Party

TODAY / 12:15pm

Informational Meeting

Dec 24 / 10:45am

Family Service

Dec 24 / 6:00pm

Cookies and Cocoa

Dec 24 / 6:30pm

Candlelight Service

Dec 31 / 10:45am

Family Service

Jan 12-13

Student Ministry Lock-In

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome

Advent Reading

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

He Shall Reign Forevermore

House of the Lord

Announcements

Children Dismissed

Message

Come Thou Long

Expected Jesus

Joy to the World

(Unspeakable Joy)



Speaker: Mike Waldrop

Title: A Journey to Joy

Passage: Luke 1:24-55



...Loving God, loving people everywhere and joining Jesus on His mission

Prayer Guide

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“A Journey to Joy”

And Mary said, “My soul exalts the Lord,
and my spirit has begun to rejoice in God my Savior”

Luke 1:46,47

Meditation

At face value, the angel’s announcement to Mary was not Good News but was totally the opposite. Mary wondered, questioned, and recognized that what she was being told required divine intervention in the natural order of things.

While responding with committed submission to God’s words, the heartfelt and joyful giving of herself was not immediate. Joy came with the dawning awareness of God’s loving actions in choosing her, and her amazement at what He was doing in and through her in His redemptive plans.

Pray this morning that we can experience the amazing joy of Christ in us today.



Congregation Prayer and Praises

Amy Renton:

Please continue to pray for my job starting a week from Monday. I've been studying for 4 months and doing very well in my classes. I'm trusting Him with my job but with some nervousness. I'm relying on God for financial provision but not completely without fear. My problems feel huge but are small to Him. It is only my knowledge of who He is that is getting me through this. I want to succeed through Him and be able to proclaim His faithfulness!

Kimberly Bowers:

Peace, comfort, and love for families that have lost loved ones this past year.
*Anniversary of my husband's death- 12/4/22

Patricia Cain:

Remembrance.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Heavenly Father, thank You for providing people with strong faith to reach the hearts of children as they seek direction and purpose. May children recognize Your power in their lives and choose to follow You like the first disciples did.

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” — Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

STUDENT MINISTRY

We praise you for your goodness, grace, and provision over our students and their families. We pray that You would bless each of them abundantly more than they could ever ask for or imagine, according to Your power at work in each of them (Ephesians 3:20). Please teach them to draw near to You and to know that You are drawing nearer to them through whatever may come in life. Help them to approach You with confidence so they find mercy and receive grace as you supply their every need through Christ Jesus Amen.

(James 4:8; Hebrews 4:16; Philippians 4:19).

MISSIONARIES

Please pray for the missionary families and organizations we support around the world. Pray for wisdom, strength, and vision for each of them as they faithfully share the gospel and disciple people around the world. Pray also for them personally: for their health, family relationships and personal growth in their walk with Christ. A list of these missionaries is attached for you to help you as you pray.

Missionary Update



Alexey Kulemichev is an FBC supported missionary with **Eastern European Connection in Ukraine**, where he performs in evangelistic shows. Alexey visited FBC this summer and many of us got to experience a bit of his showmanship! Currently, Alexey and his team are performing a scientific apologetics show and a "Battle of the Musicians" show throughout Ukraine, including areas very close to the front lines of the war.

Here is how we can pray for Alexey and his team:

1. For safety while traveling around front-line cities with the Mechanics of Light. For the tour with the Battle of Magicians in Zhytomyr.
2. For the Lord to stop the war in Ukraine, for victory and restoration of so much that has been lost.
3. For the salvation of Alexander (hospitalized soldier) and healing from his wounds.
4. For a minivan for the Positive Show Team.
5. For God to give peace to Israel.

Church Officers to Pray

Joe Kolb (Elder)
Donald Winkelman (Deacon)

Church Families to Pray

Carl and Becci Martin
Joshua Martin

Pray for Our Missionaries

PEOPLE & MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT	MISSION FIELD	ORGANIZATION
Raed Al-Seryani	Jordan	Refuge Cities Network
Norm & Cathy Beasley	N. Carolina	Wycliffe Bible Translators
Yuri & Olga Boldirev	Moldova	Christian Resource Center
Peter & Melodye Bowers	Albania	Christar
LuAnn Erickson		TEAM (<i>The Evangelical Alliance Mission</i>)
Rami Hanna	Jordan	Refuge Cities Network
Jamal Hashweh	Jordan	Refuge Cities Network
Larry & Jayme Hower	Dallas/Cuba	Avant
Tim & Kirsten Jenkins	North Africa	Avant
Alexey Kulemichev	Ukraine	Campus Crusade for Christ
Diane Lawrence	Hong Kong	Pioneers International
David & Debbie Moss	Croatia	HiS Print Ministries
Kevin & Linda Paszalek	Central Florida	Africa Inland Mission
David & Debbie Peterson	Global	East West Ministries
Felipe Ramos	Mexico	Latin American Indigenous Ministries
Rabih & Sandy Sabra	Lebanon	CBS Lebanon
Paul & Jean Sywulka	Guatemala	Avant
Jeannie Tabb	Ukraine	Resourcing Christian Education International (RCE)
Kent Wistrand	Mexico	Mixtec Indians

Organizations FBC Supports

For all Mankind Movement
Jordan Project - Refuge Cities Network