



Valley Baptist Church Newsletter December 2008

Dear Church Family,

Merry Christmas! This is one of the best times of the year for me. I love all that comes with Christmas in the church and in my family. This is little Grace's first Christmas to "understand" and it is a joy to watch her and Andrew and all the others enjoy this terrific season.

Here are a few upcoming events to look forward to:

- This Sunday marks Brother Bobby's 4th year at VBC. Be sure to voice your gratitude to him for all the ways God uses him here and in our lives.
- Lottie Moon Christmas offering for International Missions. What will you give?
- Special Christmas Music on Sunday, the 14th. This would be a great day to invite your friends, family, and neighbors.
- Live Nativity – Friday night, the 19th, marks our 3rd annual live nativity in front of the church. Please come help us that night with refreshments, greeting those who stop to look, etc. Tell your friends and neighbors to come see it.
- Christmas Eve Service – 6:30pm – December 24th. Come enjoy singing Silent Night by candlelight, your favorite Christmas hymns, and the Lord's Supper.
- New Year's Eve – prayer meeting followed by a game night.

Be sure to pause and ask the Lord how He might use you to spread the message of the Gospel at Christmas time. There are many around you whose hearts will be open to the Gospel during this time.

And then, we also look forward to the plans the Lord has for us in the new year. These are good times to know the Lord and to know His people.

Blessed to be your pastor,

Ronny

❖ **VBC Family & Music**



Sunday December
14th
10:45 am
Christmas Music



Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, December 24th
6:30 pm
Lord's Supper

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Galatians 4:1-7 (NAS)

Sonship in Christ

1Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything,

2but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father.

3So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world.

4But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

5so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

6Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

7Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

Bobby

❖ Women's Ministry

December brings many opportunities to bless others. Thank you to everyone who brought in hot cocoa and instant soup mixes for the soldiers in Afghanistan. Your generosity overflowed the box!! I know your gifts will be greatly appreciated. We will send additional items on the "wish list" in February.

We also have an opportunity to bless three families in our church family by providing Christmas food boxes. Sign-up lists will be available starting this

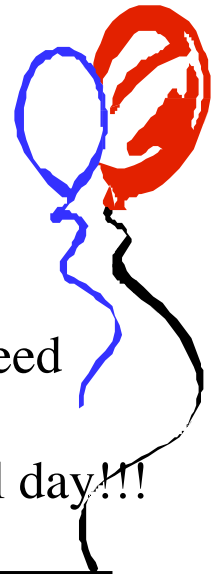
Sunday so you can indicate the items you will be willing to donate. We want to be sure each box has the ingredients for a complete meal. There are several children we would like to purchase gifts for. See Carrol Bowerman if you would like to shop for a child's gift.

I also appreciate so much the ladies who helped assemble 10 beautiful Christmas wreaths.

Carrol

December Birthday's and Anniversaries

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| December 5 th | Jean Miller |
| December 6 th | Carrol Bowerman |
| December 8 th | Megan Sanchez |
| December 14 th | Ken & Judy Lund |
| December 20 th | Joshua Cooksey |
| December 22 nd | Tarlton Taylor |
| December 27 th | Richard & Linda Reed |
| December 28 th | Austin Hampshire |



Have a GREAT “*Jesus Loves You!*” special day!!!

If we do not have you on our *birthday / anniversary* list, please let us know, so that we may recognize your *birthday* and/or *anniversary* in future newsletters.

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Upcoming Events

December 10th Business Meeting – 6:30 pm
December 14th Morning Service – 10:45 am
Special Christmas Music
December 19th Live Nativity – 6:00 – 9:00 pm
December 24th Christmas Eve Service – 6:30 pm
Lord's Supper
December 24th-26th – Office Closed

December 31st Worship & Prayer – 6:30 pm
New Year's Game Night
January 1st Office Closed

Wednesday's - Worship & Prayer - 6:30 pm

**Merry Christmas
Christ is born!**