

The Messenger

We glorify God by loving, sharing and serving.

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For unto us a child is born,
to us a son is given, and the gov-
ernment will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace.
Isaiah 9:6 NIV

PASTOR'S CORNER.....

November and December rushed by in the blink of an eye. Even though they are two of the most favorite months for many people, they are also extremely busy and we may not take the opportunity to stop and reflect fully on the meaning of the festivities. At times, our busyness keeps us from experiencing the joy that these months present to each of us. November presented our church with ample opportunities to serve. Several church members attended the Cafecito (Coffee) with the Chamber. This was an excellent opportunity to meet business leaders and hear about ways the City of Cotulla can impact its citizens. In November we also started Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" and achieved our goal of 50 boxes. Thank you for giving your money and time to provide for those less fortunate. Again, as in almost every November, we had great representation of our Church at the Veteran's Recognition held at Neumann Middle School. And how about the decorating of the Church? The Flores family have become quite the experts in decorating the church and why wouldn't they, our own Kye Page taught them well. In November we started our Advent Season and continued it until December. Thank you to those couples and families that took part in the lighting of the candles.

December saw our calendar full of events. First Baptist Church of Cotulla hosted the Christmas Dinner for the Frio River Baptist Association and we enjoyed music, catching up with other churches and of course, eating. Thank you to those who brought desserts and helped decorate. Several church members also helped to mark the graves of veterans for wreaths that will be placed on them. First Baptist, again you all did great in helping with donations for food boxes. Eleven families were blessed with these boxes. And how about the Hayride, or more accurately, the chair and trailer ride? Ben, thank you for being our fearless leader. We thought it would rain but God had other plans. We also started our Lottie Moon International Missions Offering and know that God will use that offering to spread the Gospel around the world! Our Christmas Eve Sunday Morning Service presented us with the opportunity to reflect on the reason for the season. What a beautiful service! We finally ended the year with our Fifth Sunday Luncheon. Now, hasn't God been good! May we have peace in 2024 knowing that God knows the plans He has for us, and may we know that He is Lord in 2024!

In His Service, Pastor Moises



Greening of the Church



Wreaths Across America



FRBA Christmas Dinner



Operation Christmas Child



Christmas Caroling

Christmas Donations provided 14 Food Boxes for 11 families



Christmas Eve AM Service



Advent Candle Lighting



New Years Eve AM Service & Meal

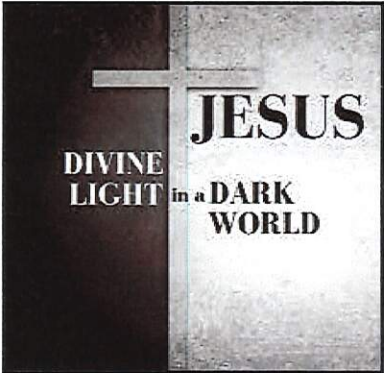


Veteran's Day@ NMS & Courthouse




Women's Club 100 Years Dorothy Kinsel 50 yr Member

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January Birthdays

- 01 - Valda Gates
04 - Joseph Digges
06 - Ari Espinoza Cason
11 - Karl Kinsel
15 - Esmeralda Lozano
23 - Liz Seidel
26 - Dantae Del Real
27 - Noe Rodriguez, Jr.

Sundav	Mondav	Tuesdav	Wednesdav	Thursdav	Fridav	Saturdav
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Lead Usher Tayler Cason	New Year's Day		Pastors Prayer Prayer Vigil 6 - 8 pm	Deacon's Mtg. 10 am		
						
	CISD students out			CISD Inservice	CISD Teacher Prep	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Praise Team 9 am Lord's Supper	R & M Mtg 6 PM	FRBA Executive Bus. mtg 9 AM	Prayer Mtg. 6 pm	Agenda Deadline		
			Women's Bible Study			
	CISD Students back to school		Youth 6:15 PM			
Discipleship 6 PM						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Praise Team 9 am	MLK Jr. Day	Women's Bible Study	Business Mtg. 6 pm		Pastor out on Cruise	
Special Called Busi- Business Mtg	Finance Cmte Mtg 5:30 PM					
To Vote on Deacon	Pastor/Wives & Staff * Retreat ---->					
Discipleship 6 PM	CISD Students Out		Youth 6:15 PM		Couples Retreat ---->	---->
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Praise Team 9 am Loren Preaching		FRBA Tax Seminar	Prayer Mtg. 6 pm Cameron Lead			Pastor Return
Karmon			Women's Bible Study			
Discipleship 6 PM						
Couples Retreat			Youth 6:15 PM			
28	29	30	31			
Praise Team 9 am			Prayer Mtg. 6 pm			
CPC 5 pm						
Discipleship 6 PM			Youth 6:15 PM			

