

The Messenger

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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 9:16 NIV

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS.....

Have you ever stopped and thought of what life would be like had Jesus not come to earth? What must life have been like during the 400 years God remained silent after the prophet Malachi spoke? Many of us probably have never stopped and thought about that.

We would be living without hope, without someone to be with us and love us, without the forgiveness of sins, without a promise of eternal life. Life would have been chaos, with no direction other than to survive each day. Could you live like that?

During this Christmas season, we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. He is God with Us (Emmanuel) giving us a living hope through His death on the cross and His resurrection to a new life. Because He came back to life, we also will one day come back to life to spend eternity with Him in heaven. Right now you can experience new life through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 5:17 says "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!"

During this season we will see a lot of lights, decorations, parties, and of course shopping for Christmas presents. It will indeed be a festive time of year. Nothing wrong with that. But...don't let all of the festive spirit take away the real meaning of Christmas and why we celebrate it. If you take "Christ" out of "Christmas", you have nothing more than "mas." Everything else is temporary; it will not last. Christ will!

The saying you most likely have heard before is true: "Jesus is the Reason for the Season." Merry Christmas to all of you from Dora, Ethan and Me.

*Your Pastor and Friend,
Bro. Lohen*

**2017 Lottle Moon
Christmas Offering**
Week of Prayer: Dec. 3rd-9th
FBC Goal Is \$1500.00

Youth Christmas Party
December 17th from 5:00-8:00 PM
Food Boxes
Donations for food boxes will be \$20 per box. Each box feeds a family of 4 for one week. The youth will be organizing and putting the boxes together on December 27th and 28th. Distribution will be Friday, December 29th from 11-1 in the fellowship hall. If you would like to donate money toward a box please get it to Cissy or to the office. If any money is left over, it will be used to purchase food for the benevolence pantry.
Also, if you know a family in need please let Cissy or the office know so that we have their names on our list.

Sunny Glenn Children's Home from San Benito will be in Cotulla Dec. 13th. They love and care for children from infants to High School Seniors. Parents, please see if you have used clothing, especially T-shirts & blue jeans that you and your children could give to the children at Sunny Glen. New clothing is also accepted. Bring to the church office before Dec 12th or contact Dorothy Kinsel at 830-879-2133.



**Maureen Bell's
85th Birthday
Celebration!**



Awanas Thanksgiving meal with their families.



New floor plan for Youth Room



Youth Fellowship

LAST 5th Quarter



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DECEMBER Birthdays

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| 05 Jason Trevino | 22 Ina Harper |
| 08 Judy Rodriguez | 24 Damien Ortiz |
| 11 Jamie Whitwell | 25 Dorothy Kinsel |
| 14 Tristen Trevino | 27 Kade Northcut |
| 14 Angela Russell | 28 Jean Bishop |
| 16 Laura Boatwright | 29 Leslie Kinsel |
| 17 Greg Fletcher, Sr | 29 E. T. Page |
| 19 Reagan Leone | 30 Kye Page |
| 21 Faith Montgomery | 31 Clairece Harper Megason |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 2nd Advent Praise Team 9:15 am Deacons Mtg. 5:00 pm SALT 6:00 pm	4	5	6 AWANA 5:30 pm Prayer Mtg. 6:00pm The Rock 7:30pm	7 Agenda Deadline Las Palmas	8	9
Lottie Moon International Missions Week of Prayer — FBC Goal is \$1500.00						
10 3rd Advent Praise Team 9:15 am Youth Council Meeting 5:00pm SALT 6:00 pm	11 Finance Committee Meeting 5:15pm	12 FRBA Executive Meeting & Christmas Dinner 6:30pm Pearsall	13 AWANA 5:30 pm Sunny Glenn here Annual Bus Mtg 6pm The Rock 7:30pm	14	15	16
17 4th Advent Praise Team 9:15 am Youth Christmas Party 5:00—8:00 PM	18	19	20 AWANA 5:30 pm Prayer Mtg. 6:00pm The Rock 7:30pm	21 Last day of school Early release for kids Las Palmas	22	23 No Christmas Eve Svc
24 Christ Candle Praise Team 9:15 am Christmas Morning Service 11 am No Sunday School No Evening Events	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27 No Awanas Youth leave at 12 for bowling & buying food for boxes Prayer Mtg. 6:00pm	28 10am Youth meet at church to fix food boxes	29 Youth meet to hand out food boxes at church 11-1 pm	30
31 Praise Team 9:15 am No 5th Sunday meal New Year's Eve Service & Meal 7pm	1 New Years Day Office Closed					

FBC will be mailing out fewer newsletters beginning in January. The Newsletter will also be posted on our website. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you, please contact us. May God continue to Bless you this Christmas Season.