

MANGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Rick Aultman—Pastor



FROM THE PASTOR

This is the time of year when we celebrate the greatest gift that has ever been given. And everyone is celebrating. Stores all across our nation are decorating especially for this holiday. There are channels on the television who have dedicated all their programming to Christmas movies and shows. There are even a couple of radio stations that will begin playing nothing but Christmas music, 24 hours a day. The celebration is going on all around us, but there is something missing. As the world celebrates the holiday it seems that often the guest of honor is left out. For many this will just be another Christmas celebration without Christ. How sad that we make much ado about the birthday, but disregard the birthday boy.

Let us endeavor to keep Christ in Christmas. Now that sounds good, but how do we do that. **First**, if we are to keep Christ in Christmas we must make sure that we are keeping Him in our hearts. Jesus promised us if we would “abide” in Him that he would abide or dwell in us. (John 15:4) Is Jesus your Lord and Savior? **Secondly**, if we have Jesus in our hearts, we should strive to let Him be in our daily lives. We don’t just leave Him locked up at church so we can visit Him on Sundays. We should let Him reign in our hearts and in our lives. Let your actions show that your faith in Jesus is not just religion but a real live relationship. God’s Word reminds us that, “faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” (James 2:17) **And finally**, let us be quick to tell others about our wonderful Savior, Christ Jesus the Lord. “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of the Lord.” (Romans 10:17) “....Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Peter 3:15) Everyone will be celebrating. Let’s make sure that they know what they are celebrating.

Believing and Belonging,
Bro Rick

Celebrating Our Senior Saints for December are: Joann McKay and John Landers

Please pick up a copy of the December birthday calendar available in the foyer

Building Fund Information:

November Building Contributions	\$ 9,065.00
Monthly Building Note	\$ 5,500.00
Outstanding Note Balance	\$179,036.72

Community Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 1st, will be an awesome opportunity to share Jesus with our community. There will be a parade that afternoon which will be followed by a live Nativity scene at our church. We will serve hot cocoa and share the story of Christ's birth. We will end the celebration with a community caroling. We will need people to help build and dismantle the float, participate in the live nativity scene, and also to help serve cocoa. Please sign up in the vestibule at church or call the office.

The Richland Association Choir will perform the Christmas Cantata on December 9th at 6:30 pm at the First Baptist Church in Start.

G.L.O.W. Christmas Store will be December 12th.

We have recently provided 100 large print Bibles for distribution to those incarcerated at the Richland Parish Detention Center. This outreach opportunity was funded by sales from our most recent MBC cookbook. Thank you to all who bought copies of A Thyme to Cook.

We still have cookbooks for sale if anyone would like one. They will make a wonderful Christmas gift for a new bride, for someone who really likes to cook, or someone just learning to cook. Please see Rachel or Sherry if you would like one.

There will be special music by the choir and a featured soloist on December 16th during our regular Sunday morning service. That evening our children will present Christmas County Spelling Bee at 6:15 pm, featuring songs by our preschool.

Samaritan's Purse

Please be much in prayer for the collection of items for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes for next year. Now would be a great time to start collecting these items.

Care & Share

For December we are collecting Peanut Butter and Canned Soups: Tomato, Chicken Noodle and Chicken & Rice.

Services at the Richland Parish Detention Center on Hwy 15 are every Thursday starting at 7:00 pm. —Justin Orr—

There is a signup sheet in the foyer for those wanting to bring poinsettias this year.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

This year our week of prayer for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be December 2nd-9th. We will take up an offering for this mission on December 2nd and again on December 9th. Please be much in prayer for this offering. There is literature and envelopes in the foyer.



December 2nd – Tammy Duncan – Debbie Dilmore

December 2nd – Kelly White – Krystal Fleming – Ann Payne

December 9th – Charline Odom – Lynne Allen

December 9th – Andrea Spruell – Melissa Duckworth – Mackenzie Burns

December 16th – Jessica McKay – April McClure

December 16th – T.J. Thompson – Jessie Cater – Erica Graham

December 23rd – Melissa Duckworth – Shannon Hixon

December 23rd – Malena Orr – Hope Nettles

December 30th – Rachel Gandy – T.J. Thompson

December 30th – Sonya Arender – Mona Chisholm – Shannon Hixon





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