

MANGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
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Rick Aultman—Pastor



December 2021

Finish Strong:

What comes to mind when you hear the phrase, “finish strong”? Maybe a race or game with a good outcome; or maybe it's an event or a series of events that ended well. But as the year 2021 draws to an end, I want to encourage you all to finish strong. The year 2021 will forever be regarded as a year of recovery and healing from the influences of 2020. So here are some words to help you finish strong:

- **Forget:** forget what lies behind. Don't let struggles from the past dictate your future, nor should you bask in past victories to the exclusion of tomorrow's challenges.
- **Forward:** finishing strong means moving ahead. Don't go backwards nor become idle. Finishing strong means a strong start to the next portion of our lives.
- **Foundation:** understand that what we build can only be as strong as a good foundation. If you are not building on Christ Jesus, it will be impossible to finish strong.

The Apostle Paul put it this way: “...But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13b-14)

As the society around seems to be crumbling, we have the opportunity to light the way to a better tomorrow by finishing strong today.

Belonging and Believing, Bro Rick

Christmas Singing

There will be an Association Christmas Singing at Start Baptist Church on the evening of December 5th. Everyone is invited to this gathering of churches to sing Christmas carols and fellowship with one another.

Children's Christmas Play

Our Children's Ministry will present the Children's Christmas play during both the morning and the evening services on December 12. The evening presentation will be followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments, and we ask everyone to please bring snacks and finger foods to share.

Choir Presentation

There will be a musical presentation by our adult choir on the morning of December 19. Come celebrate the birth of our Savior as we sing to His glory.

Fireworks Show

We will host a community fireworks program on December 19 at 6:00pm. We will share the Christmas Story with our entire community. We will have hot chocolate and a place for lawn chairs and blankets to watch to fireworks.

Samaritan's Purse December:

Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Small Toys, Games

December Birthday Calendars

December Birthday Calendars are available in the foyer.

Senior Saint in December

We honor our Senior Saint over seventy in December: John Landers

Children's Camp

Children's camp is in June, but we want to get ahead of the sign-ups this year. Starting in November, we will begin signing up for CentriKid which is June 6-10.

King Cakes

Our children will be selling Christmas King Cakes throughout November to raise money for children's camp. Consider it just one more way to add calories to your holiday festivities. Happy Thanksgiving.

Ladies' Pokeno

Ladies' Pokeno will be December 6 at 6:00 PM.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings

We will be collecting Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings throughout December.

Care & Share December:

Canned soups: Tomato, Chicken Noodle, Chicken & Rice

Men's Game Night

Men's game night will be December 13 at 6:00 PM.



December 5 – Tammy Duncan – Charline Odom

December 12 – Judy Gilley – Jeannie Deere

December 19 – Ann Church – Jessica McKay

December 26 – Wendi Chevalier – Tracy Hoggatt



December 5 – Andrea Spruell – Mackenzie Burns

December 12 – Sonya Arender – Mona Chisholm

December 19 – Susan Morgan – Emma O'Neal

December 26 – Ann Church – Jessica McKay – Malena Orr

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