

MANGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Rick Aultman—Pastor



December 2023

Merry Christmas! Let me say that again. Merry Christmas! This is the time of year when we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. It seems that everyone is having a holiday but not everyone is celebrating the coming of Jesus. Many store clerks and the telemarketers, as well, will wish us “happy holidays”. Signs are everywhere that there is something special going on.

We, as Christians, should not be surprised when lost people don’t recognize the significance of the season. Rather, we should revel in the opportunity to point to the one who is the “reason for the season”. And let us not do this in a condescending manner, but speak the truth in love. Let us endeavor to not only put “Christmas” back in the “happy holidays” but let us also strive to put the “Merry” back in Merry Christmas.

Believing and Belonging, Bro. Rick

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

We will be receiving our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering during December. This offering supports mission work around the world. Our goal is \$4000.00, so please be in prayer and faithfully give so that the gospel continues to be spread around the world.

Holly Middleton's Bridal Shower

Holly Middleton's Bridal Shower will be on Sunday, December 3 from 3 – 4:30 PM at Mangham Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Deacon Meeting

We will have a Deacon Meeting on December 3 at 4:00 PM.

Ladies Game Night

We will have Ladies' Game Night on December 4 at 6:00 PM.

Children's Christmas Play Practice

Wednesdays after GLOW and Sundays at 5 PM.

Watoto Children's Choir

The Watoto Children's Choir will be in Mangham on December 6. They will perform at the Mangham Elementary School that Wednesday morning and then will hold a performance that evening at our church at 6. The evening service is open to the public and we are encouraging everyone to attend. There will be a love offering taken to support their orphanage.

King Cakes

Orders for King Cakes (\$25.00) are due by December 6; they will be delivered on the 13th. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the Church.

Children's Christmas Program

Our Children's Christmas Program will be on December 17th during our morning (10 AM) and evening (6 PM) services. A Family Christmas party will follow the evening service. Please bring finger foods and Christmas snacks.

Birthday Calendars

December Birthday calendars are available in the foyer. We honor our senior saint over seventy: John Landers.

Connected Groups

No Connected groups in December.

CenturyKid Camp

The CenturyKid Camp is July 5 – July 9, 2024. Please see Melissa Duckworth to sign up by February 1.

Christmas Eve Service

Come join us on Sunday, Christmas Eve at 10:30 to worship the Lord through song. We will hear from our choir as well as congregational singing of favorite old carols.

No evening services on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Deacon, Staff, & Spouses' Dinner

We will have a Deacon, Staff, and Spouses' Dinner in the Family Life Center at 6:00 PM on February 10, 2024.

Care & Share December 2023:

Peanut Butter, Canned Soups: Tomato, Chicken Noodle, Chicken & Rice.

Men's Chili Cook-Off

The men will have a Chili Cook-Off on the evening of January 13. Our guest speaker will be Brother Buster Duplissey. All men are invited.

Shoebox

Just a reminder to be on the lookout for shoebox items such as decorative pencils, and erasers, after Christmas sales.

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DECEMBER

December 3 – Ann Church – Tracy Hoggatt
December 10 – Ashley White – Ainsley Miller
December 17 – T. J. Thompson – Charline Odom
December 24 – Mary Hoggatt – Savannah Hipp
December 31 – Judy Gilley – Jeannie Deere

JANUARY

January 7 – Rachel Gandy – Hope Hawthorne
January 14 – Ann Church – Tracy Hoggatt
January 21 – T. J. Thompson – Charline Odom
January 28 – Ashley White – Ainsley Miller



DECEMBER

December 3 – Melissa Duckworth – Maria McDonald
December 10 – Sandy Lowentritt – Jeannie Deere
December 17 – Andrea Spruell – McKenzie Burns
December 24 – Sonya Arender – Mona Chisholm
December 31 – Mary Hoggatt – Savannah Hipp

JANUARY

January 7 – Susan Morgan – Grant & Audrey Middleton
January 14 – Erica Graham – Hope Hawthorne
January 21 – Ainsley Miller – Nikki Duncan
January 28 – Melissa Duckworth – Maria McDonald