



The Baptist Bulletin

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The Scripture Behind the Song

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Prayer Requests:

All ministries of the church and each one who attends
Persecuted Church
Pastor's family on vacation Nov 5-12

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As I write this newsletter article, the snow is falling outside. Winter is upon us. For some of us, this is a very unwelcomed time of the year. In my past, this was a truly loathed time of year for me. The reason: FedEx. I worked five peak seasons at FedEx. The middle of November through the end of December is brutal in the shipping industry. The closer it gets to Christmas Day, the more frantic and to be frank, ridiculous individuals became over receiving what they had to have before Christmas Day. I quickly learned that the consumeristic view of Christmas was what is most important to most people. The magic of Christmas didn't simply wear off in my life, it was ripped away from me.

Even when I no longer worked for FedEx, I was the Grinch. I would cringe as I would hear Christmas song after Christmas song. For when I would drive to the bigger cities around where we lived I would see individuals rushing to pick-up the perfect gift that little Timmy just couldn't live without or the ingredient that if missing would ruin the Christmas day meal. Christmas still frustrated me.

Dawn fought my Grinch sized heart and refused to allow me to kill Christmas as I wanted to. She struggled to get me to participate in the traditions she was creating for our family which I missed for years due to delivering packages. We started going to a live nativity every year. We began to make treats and deliver them to people. We started going caroling with our church. Like the Grinch, a sweet girl (well woman in my case) helped make my heart grow a size or two when it came to Christmas. I truly believe my bride's heart was set to do what God does: redeem. Her mission for our family was to: Redeem Christmas.

A song hit me hard when I was preparing for a Christmas Eve a couple of years ago. "Go Tell It On The Mountain" is that song. No matter what the world seeks to make Christmas about, the followers of Christ have a very special mission. We are to tell the amazing story of the King of kings who came to this world. Christmas isn't about a tree, lights, presents, treats, or stuff. Christmas always has been and always will be about Jesus. Let us tell that to the world.

So, this is where I need your help. This year we are going to do something a little different for our Advent Series. We are going to study Christmas Carols. To be more specific, the passages that inspired the great carols. The great carols were inspired by the Word of God. We are going to study the Scripture behind the Song. **I would like to know your favorite carols. Please leave a note in my box, on my desk, send me an email, or give me a call with your favorite carol.** I will study through four carols during this December and celebrate the hope of Christmas: Jesus Christ.

Missionaries of the Month—David & Beth Roberts

While on home assignment preparing to begin a new ministry when returning to the field, please pray for us:

-Prayer for our kids educational needs. Zane is dyslexic and the girls also appear to have some special needs. Beth is home schooling the two oldest.

-Prayer for our finances. Our home church closed it's doors last month. This has been very sad for us and has led to a significant deficit in our budget. Our departure may be delayed due to our likely short-fall.

-Prayer for God's leading to the right home and ministry partners in Montevideo. We are opening a new Converge field in Uruguay and need much guidance. We need to also pray for more workers to form a ministry team.

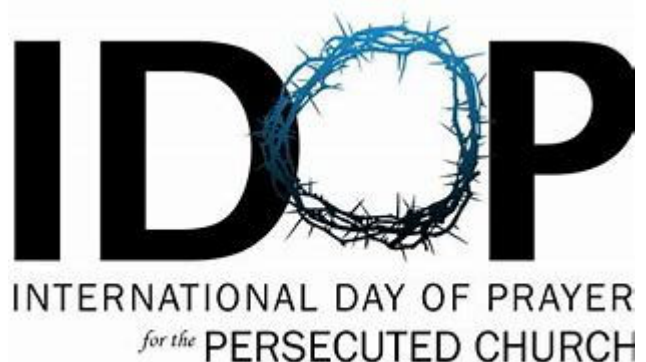
Thanks for your prayers and partnership with us!



Gothenburg TeamMates is in its 17th year with 53 mentor-student matches who meet once a week during the school year. The mentor shows support and and friendship helping a young person graduate and pursuing more education, a job or a military career.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor in Gothenburg, please call Lynnette Stevens at 402-515-4096 or email gothenburgteam-mates@gmail.com

Sunday, November 3rd, we will remember our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for their faith.



Birthdays ~ ~ ~

Nov 7 Georgie Flesch
 Nov 12 Mark Ballmer
 Nov 24 Rebecca Crown
 Nov 26 Aaron Coleman
 Nov 30 Nathanael Urman



Anniversaries ~ ~ ~

Nov 16 Kim & Ken Crisman

Financial Report ~ ~ ~

Budget for the Year: \$139,156.96
 Fiscal Year ended 2/28/20
 Offerings Received for 8 months:
 \$92,967.74
 Expenditures Paid for 8 months:
 \$84,321.59

Nursery ~ ~ ~

Nov 3 Cor Peterson & Elijah Urman
 Nov 10 Jake & Kelly Peterson
 Nov 17 Holly Ballmer & Hallie Miller
 Nov 24 Dick & Jody Nelson
 Dec 1 Jenelle Larson & Elijah Urman

Volunteers are needed—contact the church office.

Greeters ~ ~ ~

Nov 3 North: Jim Flesch
 South: Joyce Sabin
 Nov 10 North: Marsha Weeks
 South: Virginia Hudson
 Nov 17 North: Karen Conley & Jenelle Larson
 South: Doris Nelson
 Nov 24 North: Harvey Wing
 South: Willard & Marjorie Kuhlman

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It will be here before you know it, so make plans now so you don't miss these opportunities.

Nov. 24th after the Thanksgiving Potluck stay and decorate the church for the Christmas season.

Dec. 15th—Caroling to the shut-ins followed by soup and sandwiches. Adult Christmas party with \$5 gift exchange after finished eating.

Children's Christmas program is in the works, possibly Dec 22nd during the morning service.

Don't forget Pastor Dan needs your suggestions of favorite carols soon for his messages during the Advent season.



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MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- Nov 3 IDOP / DST ends
- Nov 3 Christian Ed meeting—12:10 pm
- Nov 5 Management Finance - 7:00 pm
- Nov 5-12 Pastor on Vacation
- Nov 6 Women's Council—1:30 pm
- Nov 19 Elder Board—8 pm
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner
- Nov 24 Decorate for Christmas
- Nov 24 Fellowship Outreach -1:00 pm
- Nov 26 MOPS Night Out—7 pm
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Monday Ladies Bible Studies
1:30 pm Open Your Bible
6:00 pm No Other Gods
- Tuesday 9:30 am MOPS (1st & 3rd Tues.)
1:00 pm Moms in Prayer
- Wednesday 6:30 pm Awana Sparks

Women's Christmas Party

Forget Ugly Sweater party, instead we are going to do a Sock Exchange party this year. Buy a pair of garishly colored/patterned socks and stuff them with an assortment of small items/treats. Ideas: candy/candy bar, finger nail polish, small devotional, small book, puzzle book, candle, chap stick, gum, hand sanitizer, anything that would fit into the socks. If you find a pair of long socks you don't have to fill them to the top. Tie them together with a bow.

Date and time will be announced in the bulletin in a few weeks.

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner Sunday, November 24th at Noon

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving foods to share together as we fellowship together in a time of thanksgiving. Turkey is provided, you bring the rest.

