

# A Church that equips you to be "Faithful & Fruitful."



Christmas is a time for big "eyes," right? Eyes that widen in wonder at beautiful Christmas lights, generous gifts, or bountiful tables of food. But let me encourage you to think about, not 2 big "eyes," but 2 big "I's." of Christmas.

The first big "I" is Intention -- God's Christmas Intention for us all. The name *Jesus* comes from the Hebrew name *Joshua* which means "Jehovah will save." His very name hints at God's intention -- that He would send his Son in order to save us! As Gal.4:4-5 tells us, *But when the fulness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adaption as sons.* The manger (and the cross) was no mistake, but was God's plan all along!

The second big "I" is Incarnation -- the God of the universe came down from heaven and took on human flesh -- as Jn.1:14 says, *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory...* Jesus is God with skin on Him. That's what His name *Immanuel* means -- God with us.

Since Jesus has moved into our neighborhood with His message, what opportunities we have this season to move into our neighborhood with Him and His message.

Christmas is not a time of year...it's not even an event -- it's a PERSON, an intentional & incarnate person. Get to know Him better this season. Share Him this season with someone who doesn't know Him -- that will truly make it a Merry Christmas!

P.S. Don't forget to pray about your giving to our World Mission Offering. Since our church spending plan has no mission funding in it, your tithe given towards church needs does not fund missions. Yes, continue with your tithe, but also give this month to missions through this offering.

Also consider an extra offering at the end of the month (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Catch Up) to help us start the New Year in financial solid ground.

P.S.S. Sun, Dec.15 will be our Church-wide Christmas Meal -- be listening for what to bring to share!

P.S.S.S. Sun, Dec.22 will be our special Christmas service -- bring someone with you for worship!

Pastor Wade



FBCA Kids  
Daycare & Kids Ministry

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH @ 10:30 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:15 AM  
WEAR CHRISTMAS BEST

Let's SING

**All Is Well**  
A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

peace  
hope  
joy

Created by  
Dennis & Nan Allen

LitWay | Worship

A  
Special  
Choir  
Presentation

December 15, 2024

# UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- Dec 5 Ladies Christmas Party
- Dec 8 Children's Christmas Program
- Dec 11 Youth Christmas Party
- Dec 15 Choir Special
- Church Lunch
- Dec 22 Christmas Service
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve
- Dec 25 Christmas Day (Office Closed)
- Dec 29 Worship Service Only (No Bible Study)



**Reminder:** It is not too late to join us for choir. The choir will be sharing in the service on Dec. 15th as well as an encore on Dec. 22nd. We would love to have anyone and everyone help out.

As we contemplate the season and all it means to us as believers, let us remember those around us who might be struggling this season. My prayer is that the Lord uses us to help everyone know what Luke knew:

Luke 2:10-11

*<sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (ESV)*

May we all rejoice and proclaim that salvation has come!



Pastor Travis

## FINANCIAL UPDATE: (10/29/2024)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$11,209.48
Designated Funds Bal.	\$18,969.69
Total Available Funds	-\$7,760.21
2024 Giving Received	\$240,543.37
2024 Giving Needed	\$299,455.33



D-Now (Disciple Now) is next month! As you know, we are participating with approximately 7 other churches from all over Johnson County. Chambers Creek Baptist Church in Grandview is hosting the event, but all participating churches will be contributing financially. Your support will help us provide the necessary resources to make this event a success.



Pastor TJ

Consider sponsoring a youth for

# SUMMER CAMP!

Please contact TJ for more information.

CHURCHWIDE  
CHRISTMAS  
LUNCH

December 15, 2024  
After worship

Bring a dish to share!

THANK YOU

The Daycare would like to say thank you to everyone who donated their time in making sides and desserts for our Thanksgiving Family Luncheon. Massey's Barbeque also provided turkey at a discounted price. The luncheon was a huge success!

Christi Vaughn  
FBCA Daycare Director

## 4 WAYS TO GIVE



GIVING ENVELOPE  
DURING WORSHIP,  
AT CHURCH OFFICE  
OR IN THE MAIL.



ONLINE GIVING



TEXT GIVING  
TEXT YOUR  
AMOUNT TO  
817-813-8782



MOBILE GIVING  
DOWNLOAD THE  
APP ON ITUNES  
OR GOOGLE PLAY

## WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING

We encourage you to be in prayer about what the Lord would have you give to World Missions this month.

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." Matt 28:19*