

NEWS & NOTES

Thank You

I want to thank everyone so much for all the uplifting, kind, and powerful words we received. We thank you for the donations and outpouring of love. We are so grateful for everything and for our Church family. Forever thankful, **Shelby, Phoenix & Alex Newton**

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, December 19:** Connect from 5:30-7:30PM: Dinner provided and around 6:30ish we are going to go look at Christmas lights!
- **December 22, 26, & 29:** No Park Avenue youth events.
- **January 14-16:** Winterfest - sign up as soon as possible!

Bridal Shower

Join us for a bridal shower for **Lindsee Pryor** on Sunday, January 9 from 1:30-3 PM in the Atrium. Lindsee and Caleb are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Amazon.

Service Opportunity

A group from the Western Heights Church of Christ in Sherman will be traveling to Mayfield, Kentucky to work with the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Team in providing aid to those affected by the recent tornados. The trip will be **December 30 - January 2**. To sign up, or find out more about it, email Joe Brown at: jdbrownda17@gmail.com

You can also make a contribution to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Team to help in the relief efforts at <https://www.churchesofchristdrt.org/>

Prayer List

Mike Hardy, Jesse Sims, Kim Pendergrass, Linda Bell

Ongoing Needs

Shawn Landrum, Larry Long, Jim Scroggins, Corky Armstrong, Dewey Martin, Sandra Aynes, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Kaile Williams (Norris), Roy Galyon, Vicki Ard, Judy Odom, Mike Foltermann

Homebound

Ray & Marsha Jones, Chris Keene, JD Huffman

Expectant Mothers

Alissa Cope, Abigail Brooks, Jordan Honeycutt, Gabby Waller

Missions

Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico), Jimenez family (Cartagena, Colombia)

Friends of Park Avenue

Rebekah Taylor (great niece of the Russell's), Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, Director of orphanage in Mexico), Kathy Hill (friend of Chris & Candis Slaughter), Maxine Fulechek (mother of Joe Fulechek), Jane Bearden (sister of June Washburn), Jackie Cline (friend of Joyce Merworth), Karen Brode (former member), Minnie Gonzales (friend of PACOC)

Please notify the church office at office@parkavenuechurch.com for updates to the prayer list.

Blue Christmas

For many, the Christmas holiday season does not bring with it joy and happiness. **Waples Methodist Church** will host a **Blue Christmas Worship Service on Tuesday, December 21 at 6PM**. This will be a very different Christmas service. It will be a quiet, reflective service focusing on the comfort and light God offers to us in dark and difficult times.



Christmas Holiday Schedule

Wednesdays, December 22 & 29
No Classes

Thursday, December 23
Church Office Closed PM

Friday, December 24
Candlelight Service 6 PM
Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 26
No Childrens' Classes
(Readers' Library)
Adult Bible Class will meet

Monday, December 27
Church Office Closed

Thursday, December 30
Church Office Closed PM

Friday, December 31
Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 2
Normal Schedule Resumes

For The Record—December 12, 2021

Worship	385
Offering Goal	\$18,974
Received	\$17,609

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Todd's Take

Several years ago, my family and I were at a family reunion at a lakeside resort in central Texas. Included in the resort were all kinds of activities. One was canoeing. The six of us (my wife, four kids, and me) decided

to give it a try – three in one canoe, three in another with my wife and I serving as “captains” of our respective boats. We were a little nervous. The kids were young and neither of us were canoeing experts, but the attendant assured us that this type of canoe was nearly impossible to tip over. Well, you can guess what happened.

The canoe my wife was in tipped over. The water was only waist deep and I sensed no imminent danger, so I yelled out to my drenched wife and kids, “Swim for the shore.” Maybe I should have jumped in (there was no maybe about it in my wife’s mind). But I thought there was no sense me getting all wet as well. Needless to say, it was not one of my proudest moments.

While I was shouting this helpful advice I spotted out of the corner of my eye that the attendant had taken notice. He ripped off his shirt, threw off his shoes and dove into the lake, and before you knew it he was there to help my family get safely back to shore.

I shouted advice. The attendant jumped in.

And that is what Christmas is really all about. God jumped in to save us.

No good advice could help us.

No encouragement could get us to shore.

No effort on our part could save us.

Our only hope was that God, in His mercy and grace, would appear in flesh and blood and carry us safely to shore.

Christmas is the celebration that He did just that. Far away and long-ago God became man in a humble manger in the humble town of Bethlehem. He jumped into our messy world. And we are saved.



Join us Christmas Eve for this special service.

Invite your friends and family to share with us this Christmas tradition.

Sunday Schedule

Adult Bible Class

9AM Atrium

Worship

10:00 AM

Children Dismissed to Bible Classes at

10:45-11:30AM

0 - 3 Year Olds—Nursery Area
Pre K-6th Grade—Family Life Center

Youth Group Activities

5:30-7:30PM

Discipleship Making Communities (DMC's)

Meet at various times and locations. Contact Lantz Howard for more information.

Scan the QR code below for links to the communication card, news, and giving.



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