



From the Pastor

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. In this column, I will address our celebration of Advent, worship service schedules, why I am thankful, and fulfilled prophecies in the Bible. Advent is one of my favorite times of the year. It is an opportunity for us to look forward to the birth of Christ. Anyone is welcome to join us at 9:30 am on November 30th to prepare the sanctuary for Advent. We will celebrate through the first Sunday of January, Epiphany Sunday. The church will have Advent readings and candle lightings for each Sunday in December. Please let family and friends know that we will also have an evening candle light service on Christmas Eve.

The Scripture reader schedule for the next year is in the hallway between the sanctuary and fellowship hall. The schedules for the next month of Scripture readers, elders, and prayers are in the bulletin.

We also are blessed that, unlike Israel, we are not waiting several hundred years for the coming of the Messiah. One of the greatest evidences for the truth of Christianity is Jesus' fulfillment of prophecy. Our faith is based on history authenticated by hundreds of true prophecies and thousands of witnesses. Our faith is not a leap in the dark or just one belief system among many.

Before I discuss the answered prophecies, I want to say again that I am so thankful to be your pastor. The love that you demonstrate through your service and giving at the church is greatly appreciated. I also appreciate that many people are praying for the community, supporting charities including the Lampasas Mission and shelters for abused families, and inviting people to church. I also have noticed many times when individual church members have quietly helped needy people or served in the church. I appreciate our leaders including everyone willing to serve as church officers, deacons, and elders. Thank you Connie, Misty, and Sam for leading us in praising the Lord. I appreciate that D'Ann is creating and printing the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters. Jesus remembers every act of kindness and every time that you sacrifice time and treasure to advance the kingdom. So much of what is mentioned about our community and country is negative, but I wanted to take this month to preach about why I am thankful. The Psalms are such a beautiful resource for praise, prayer, preaching, and study.

Out of the hundreds of answered prophecies, I want to mention a few that are especially meaningful to Jesus' birth.

Isaiah 7:14: "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Isaiah 9:6: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Micah 5:2: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Everyday for us is Christmas and everyday for us is Easter. We can remember and thank God each day for Christ's birth, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension. We serve a risen Jesus; He has already won the victory. The Kingdom of God is at hand! The Holy Spirit resides in each of us. The Father loves His children. Christ is coming! Hallelujah!

More Advent resources are available on our church website.

Nathan

Birthday & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Nov 27	Linda Dillon Tom Haner
Nov 29	Carrie Howington Olga Sanchez
Dec 6	Sam Shurtleff
Dec 29	Nathan Herrod
Jan 31	Jana Townsend

ANNIVERSARY

Nov 28	William & Anne McLean
Dec 19	Nathan & D'Ann Herrod
Jan 19	Wally & Deb Campbell



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Upcoming Events

Nov 30	Decorate church for Advent 9:30 AM
Dec 3	1st Sunday of Advent Christmas Lunch
Dec 10	Board Meeting
Dec 16	Men's Breakfast 8 AM
Dec 20	CFW 9:00 AM
Dec 24	Worship 10:30 AM Christmas Eve Service 6 PM
Dec 31	New Year's Eve



Salvation Army of Lampasas County is seeking volunteers for the Red Kettle Project (Bell Ringers). The kettles will be set up in front of Walmart on every Saturday afterward until Christmas. The hours are 9 am until 7 pm with 2 to 3 hour shifts. The money raised will stay in Lampasas County to be used to assist the needy and provide disaster relief for families. To volunteer, please contact Carolyn Reed at 512-556-9644 or cfreed49@yahoo.com .

Community Connections

Thank you to all who helped with the Block Party and with Operation Christmas Child. We had about 150 people attend the block party. I would also, like to thank Vicki Shurtleff for heading up this year's Operation Christmas Child. This week Vicki and I delivered 44 boxes. Sunday we had 29 people in our morning service. That is a little more than one box per person.

D'Ann



Christmas Lunch

Sunday, December 3rd following morning Worship. CFW will provide ham and turkey. Please bring a side or dessert.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Saturday, December 16th,
8:00 AM
El Rodeo

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:00 AM Meet & Greet
 9:30 AM Bible Study
 10:30 AM Worship

Wednesday

9:00 AM CWF 3rd Wednesday
 10:15 AM Bible Study

Saturday

8:00 AM 3rd Saturday Men's
 Breakfast at TBA

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Current & Upcoming Studies

God's Big Plan — Chronological study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation for children and youth. **Sunday, 9:30 AM.**

Faith in Action — Many common expressions consist of noun pairs that seem to go together naturally like *salt and pepper* or *macaroni and cheese*. In the Bible, *faith and works* form just such a pair. This study emphasizes how important this combination is for any follower of the Lord. **Starts Sunday, Dec 3rd at 9:30 AM.**

Jesus ... — Our advent sermon series of the names of Jesus. **Starts Sunday, Dec 3rd at 10:30 AM.**

Living Generously for Jesus' Sake — Generosity is a word that has come more and more into use in recent years to describe not just Christian giving — but also Christian living. How well do the definitions for generous or generosity fit God's purpose for God's people? **Starts Wednesday, Dec 6th at 10:15 AM.**

Worship Calendar

Date	Lay Leader	Offering Prayer	Scripture Reading
11/26	Mickey Bozarth	Jana Townsend	D'Ann Herrod
12/3	Jana Townsend	Roy Newman	Davis
12/10	Vicki Shurtleff	Michele Newman	Connie Muegge
12/17	Michele Newman	Chet Bagby	Sanchez
12/24	Roy Newman	Mickey Bozarth	AM: Swanner PM: Erwin
12/31	Mickey	Vicki	Jana Town-



Our church is creating a cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. We are asking each family to submit 5-10 of recipes. Recipes may be submitted on-line at www.typensave.com. (User name: ccclampasas, Password: basil825), by email to jana.perry@go.tarleton.edu or info@ccclampasas.org or by paper copy. The deadline to submit recipes is January 31, 2018. Cookbooks will be available for \$10.

To reserve a copy email: jana.perry@go.tarleton.edu or info@ccclampasas.org



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Item of the Month
 December — Prayer

We collected 44 boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. Please pray for the volunteers who process and distribute the boxes and the children who receive the them.

On-Line Resources

Pastor Nathan's sermons and weekly devotionals are available on-line at www.ccclampasas.org.



Sundays @ 10:30

Jesus Is ...

Our Advent series on the names of Jesus begins December 3rd at 10:30 AM.



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