

Chester Baptist Church

November, December 2022

A WORD FROM PASTOR NATE **THE HOLIDAY SEASON... IT. IS. HERE.**

Would you consider it a season of humility? According to the Oxford Dictionary, humility is defined as “a modest or low view of one's own importance; humbleness.” Would you consider Thanksgiving through Christmas as a season of humility? Let's make a case for this to be true.

The idea of gratitude and thanksgiving must first come from a posture of receiving. The value is held that we are the blessed and someone has provided the blessing. We stop and give thanks for the blessing, generosity, and general provision directed to us. Therefore it is a position of humility acknowledging the value of the one who provides.

Christmas is all about the gifts. Even in our worldly culture there is a value of “it is better to give than to receive.” The shopping is not about what deals we can get for ourselves, it is about how much we can spend and get for others. Therefore we place our shopping lists as secondary and get our retail therapy through focusing our lists on others. Giving without regard for a return gift... now that is a picture of humility.

The basic cultural elements and even worldly elements lead us to a place of focusing outside of ourselves for these holidays.

What ruins the holidays for families and relationships the most? People. People put their own expectations and needs as primary above those of others. Feelings get hurt, words without wisdom are spoken, and some relationships never recover. However, if humility, even as Oxford defines it, was part of our internal character it changes everything.

For us as followers of Jesus? Going beyond the cultural norms of Turkeys and Jingle Bells, we take terms like Thanksgiving and Christmas so much deeper. We know where our provision comes from. We know all that we have is from God. With humility we see ourselves as blessed by an Almighty God who meets our every need in His perfect plan. Christmas is a reminder of the promise and ultimate blessing of the Father in heaven through His Son, Jesus. And that Son... He is the greatest picture of humility the world will ever know.

*Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something
to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
Philippians 2:6-8 NIV*

THANK YOU

Chester Baptist Church,

I thank everyone for their prayers and concerns for my sister, Arlene Goodwin. She finished her chemo and radiation treatments. She had a MRI and got the results showing the tumor in her head is gone! She will have checkups every 3 months for 2 years. Arlene really appreciates all the prayers and knows they were a big help in her recovery.

Thank you, Nancy Berger

Church Family,

Thank you all for the phone calls, emails, cards and messages while Mike and I were both ill. We appreciate your kindness.

Love, Mechelle & Mike Stansfield

Chester Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your beautiful church for Impact Chesterfield! We appreciate everything you all did for us in continuing the success of Impact!

Samantha Rchard, On-site Coordinator for Impact

Chester Baptist Church Family,

I have been so blessed by your prayers, cards, calls and meals while I was out for my knee surgery. I am so grateful for each and every one. Thank you all for the love and kindness shown to me.

Thank you again, Edye Parrish

DONATE THROUGH THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM (KCRP)

CBC is enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program (KCRP). Here's an easy way to participate:

- Go to <http://Kroger.com>
- Click on the link for KCRP at the bottom of the page under Community.
- Once logged into your Kroger account, you can search for Chester Baptist or HP586 and click Enroll. (New users will need to create an account which requires some basic info, a valid email address & a rewards card.

A percentage of your purchases will go to CBC at no cost to you.

Please consider helping CBC earn a little additional funding!

Happy Shopping!!

PRESCHOOL NEWS!

We are now in the busy season of preschool. Our students have settled into their daily routines and they look forward to coming every day. Some even want to come on weekends!

The children had fun in October celebrating Hispanic Heritage month through songs and crafts. The parents were proud and impressed with how much their children had learned in just over a month of being in school. The children also had a fun field trip in October to the Richlands Dairy Farm. They all enjoyed sampling ice cream and picking out a pumpkin to take home.

Some of our families have participated in a project to help fill the church food pantry. We have a box decorated with a turkey for parents to bring in food donations. We will collect items until we break for Thanksgiving.

The approaching Christmas season is an exciting time in the preschool area. The children are already getting excited learning Christmas songs and talking about the holidays. One little friend has already asked me if Christmas was "tomorrow". I told him no. His friend looked at him and said with all the confidence of a 3 year old, "It's in two days." I had to chuckle. Time flies when you're on preschool time. :)

As a staff, we look forward to sharing the Christmas story with the children during the month of December. Our theme this year is, "Life is Sweet With Jesus". The preschool area will be transformed into a candy land, primarily focused on red and white candy cane decorations. The legend of the candy cane will be used to help the children understand that "Jesus is the reason for the season".

If you'd like to keep up with the preschool on a regular basis, you are welcome to follow our preschool adventures this year through the Chester Baptist Preschool Facebook page and Chester Baptist Preschool Instagram.

In Christ,
Shelly McCabe



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

For November we are learning that we can “Stand, and never face our fears alone.” We will take a closer look at the lives of significant people in scripture: Joshua and Caleb, David, Daniel, and Esther. Each of them trusted God and found courage to face difficult circumstances. Like these people we read about in the Old Testament, God may ask us to take a risk or do something we might not feel prepared to do. But God will also give us the courage we need to face that challenge.

In December we are “Getting Wrapped up in Christmas.” James, the brother of Jesus, wrote that every good and perfect gift comes from God, but the best gift God ever gave was Jesus. From the beginning, God has had a plan to rescue the world from the consequences of sin. Jesus is the fulfilment of God’s plan. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known.

We will be starting January in the “Think Tank” and putting our knowledge to the test. God is the author of knowledge. Everything we know to be true about the world is because of God. And while we may never know all there is to know ABOUT God, there are lots of ways we can get to KNOW God. We can know God best through Jesus, who showed us how much God loves us and showed why knowledge is so important. The more we know God, the better we can live God’s way each day.

Mandy Sullivan

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Join us at 8:00 a.m. in the Great Hall on the third Sunday of each month as we join together for good food and fellowship.

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER



Join us the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall.

CBC Youth Ministry

Thank you!

Thank you from our Youth

Thank you for your support of the Youth Ministry over the past year. We have been able to participate in retreats, bible study, and community building moments throughout the year because of your support. Our students have especially enjoyed working with our backpack ministry, serving at the food bank, and Playing in the youth room!

Christmas Season

This Christmas Season the theme of the youth ministry is together. We want to support families to be together and grow during this special season. We hope that our students come together and learn to give through love as Christ does for us. We hope that your Christmas will be highlighted by the people that come together and celebrate!



2023

The New Year

As we look to the new year, we are excited about the opportunities our students have. We hope to build off the past year and continue to pour into the ministries of our church and show the love of Christ to those in our community. We can't wait to partner with you in this mission of Chester Baptist!

CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

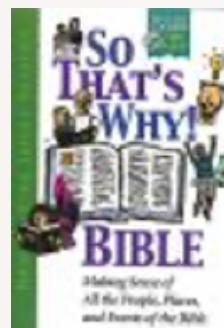
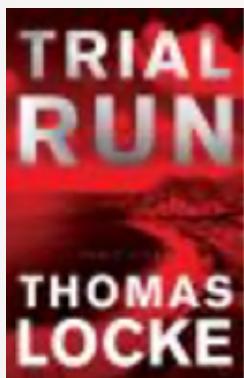
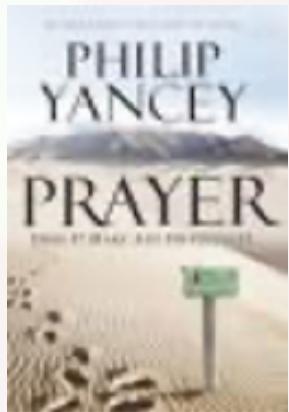
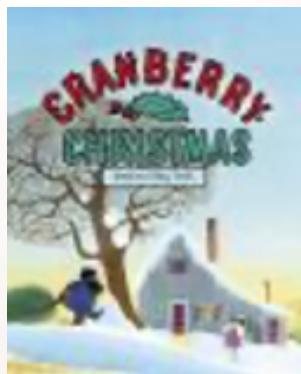
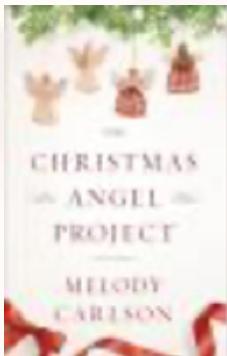
It's a Season of Celebration and New Beginnings!

This is the time of year a lot of people head inside as the days get colder and the nights get longer. We celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas and then start a new year. The library is here with resources to support you and your family with books to read for enjoyment and learning, movies and music to entertain and resources to support your projects.

We are open on Sunday mornings and Wednesday mornings. If you would like to browse the library at another time, give us a call and we will meet you. If you would like to check something out, please let us know and we can have it ready for you. Email libraryatcbc@gmail.com or call either Jewel at (804) 526-4332 or the church office (804) 748-2939.

The CBC Library Staff wishes everyone a joyous season!

Sundays 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.





The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

The Christmas song ***It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year***, is a happy uplifting tune that usually brings a smile. It's peppy, has a lot of movement and speaks of joyous things, but not everyone feels that way.

We live in a world where in less than a week we have had multiple major tragedies. Four college students were found murdered in their Idaho home. Three UVA Football players were senselessly gunned down. There was a shooting in a Colorado night club. On more personal notes, individual families can and do suffer tragedy during the holidays. To all of the people who have some type of suffered loss this is not the "most wonderful time of the year". In fact it is the opposite. It may very well be a most unwelcome and unavoidable reminder of past heartache. With that being said, I would like to speak to those who feel this way.

Although the Christmas time brings unwelcome reminders of past heartaches occurring during that time, I would like to encourage you to look to times prior to your personal loss. Look far back to when Christmas first began. During Christmas we celebrate God's gift to mankind. His Son, Jesus was given to the world to bridge the gap between God and mankind.

Jesus was sent to the world specifically because the world was and is broken. It is and always has been full of heartache. Jesus told His disciples "In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer I have overcome the world" John 16:33. Jesus was born as the Prince of Peace, the Counselor, Immanuel (God With Us). He sent the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter. In other words Jesus came to help us bear and overcome the tribulation and heartache that occurs in the world. In Matthew 11:28 He told us to "Come to me all who are heavy burdened. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Jesus came to this world to save the lost, but He also came for you the broken hearted. He came to assist you if only you will rely on Him. I encourage you this holiday season to go to Him and let Him carry your heavy burden. Let him help you recover your life. He gives hope where there is no hope.

It may not be "the most wonderful time of the year," but it can be the most hopeful.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kevin Ellis, Matthew Fitzgerald
- 2 Allan Mays, Julia Meredith
- 3 Will Bailes, Shirley Harper
- 4 Carol Moffet
- 5 Deanie Clements, Dana Litton, Peyton Price, Joanne Rivers
- 6 Tammy Jeter, Brandon Wright
- 7 Blake Braswell
- 8 Layla Austin, Kristina Bales
- 9 Steve Bozarth, Emily Gibson, Nina Greene, Bobby Parrish
- 10 Chuck Freeman, Mildred Freeman
- 11 Alyssa Alexander
- 12 Don Blake
- 13 Pam Setterholm
- 16 Ellen Sapko
- 17 Alma Nottingham, Lauren Sullivan
- 19 Warren Landis, Gene Raines, Lilly Jane Williams
- 20 Rhonda Blake, Marie Russo
- 21 Sandra Bartle
- 22 Berley Wade
- 23 Shannon Hill
- 24 Beverly Cole, Moring Gravitt, Brianna Greene
- 25 Verta Blake
- 26 Kris Abbott, Barbara Marshall
- 27 Shelly McCabe, Gerri Moore, Steve Roberson
- 28 Mark Abbott, Meredith Roberson, Chris Morris
- 29 Velma Jones
- 30 Cheryl Walker

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Yolanda Micklem
- 2 Bruce Brockwell, Nancy Davies, Tom Magee
- 3 Carlene Joy
- 4 Renee Custalow, Carol Eckert, Katie LeRoy
- 5 Douglas Atkinson, Corinne Hornberger
- 6 Austen Reid
- 7 Emma Farrier, Ginny Schwank
- 8 Hannah Hash, Jack Spencer, Ryan Spencer
- 9 Jimmy Whipp
- 12 Brandy Martin
- 13 Catherine Thompson
- 14 Chris Berger, Dana Curtis, Paul Damon
- 15 Pat Barron, Robin Tillar, Karsten Wideus
- 17 David Fitzgerald
- 18 Barbara Estes, Michelle Hornberger, Charlie Spencer
- 19 Bernie Morris
- 22 Pam King
- 23 Michael Carpenter, Janet Palmer
- 24 Kathy Lilley, Beverly Phaup, Dink Phaup, Paul Sebra
- 25 Sterling Osborne, Charlotte Wilson
- 27 Beth Sullivan
- 29 Sunny Hong
- 30 Sarah Allen
- 31 Alaina Hopper, Shari Moore

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10:30 AM**

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