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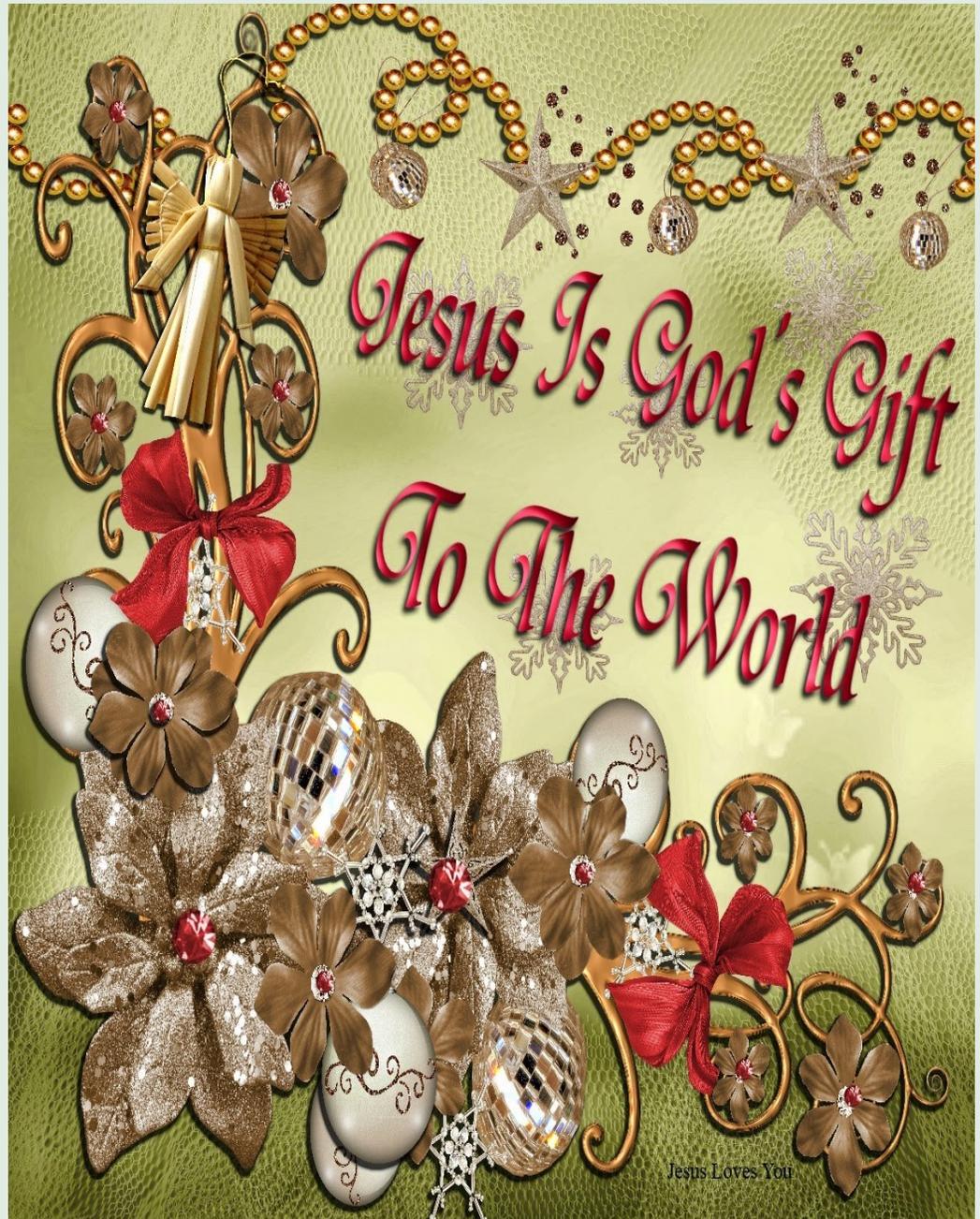
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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Pictures from Treehouse, www.uncommon.com, December Calendar
- Birthdays and Anniversaries

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



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Waiting on God a 31 Day Journey

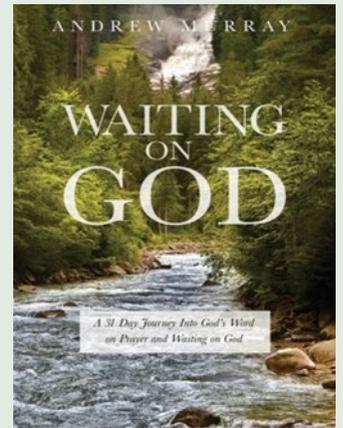


Beginning January 1st there will be a group of men and women joining together to take an exciting journey of waiting on God. In this journey you will be asked to read a daily devotional from a book by Andrew Murray (1828-1917) called, *Waiting on God*.



You can sign up right now. Just use the QR code and join.

You can also sign up at church in the lobby. Here's what you need to know. First, you will want to pick up a copy of the book. The Kindle version is .99 cents or the paperback is \$7. I'd suggest getting a small journal as well. The paperback copy has space at the end of everyday to write your thoughts if you don't want to get a journal. Click on the link below to take you to the Amazon page. (There are many versions of this book. The linked version is an updated format since Murray was from South Africa and wrote over 100 years ago.) LINK: [Waiting on God](#)



Once signed up and with a copy of the book (digital or softcover) we want to connect you with a "pod" of people. Perhaps 4-5 others that can keep you motivated to wait on God. We encourage you to interact via text with the others in the group. Last year the men did this in Murray's book, *With Christ in the School of Prayer*, and it was highly motivating.

Begin thinking now of what you want to wait on God for. But also be prepared to ask God to show you what He wants you to wait on. Let's start 2022 right by waiting on God!

Pastor Brian

A WORD FROM OUR YOUTH PASTOR



This past month we went through a series called “Made New,” where we focused on the new things that we seek to experience from God. We asked the question, “when was the last time you encountered God in a brand new way? Where you heard from God in a big way? Where you felt God help you break a bad habit or you overcome a significant faith obstacle? We all hopefully have had moments where we have experienced God do new and exciting things in our lives. Maybe it was the first time you became a Christian and everything clicked for the first time and you remember receiving a new revelation of who God was and how much you needed Him in your life. Maybe it was a time where you distinctively heard God speak to you about something.

In the Old Testament, Isaiah wrote in chapter 43:19, “For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?” God was speaking to the Israelites as these words were spoken, because they were struggling to live in the past. They were focusing on all of the amazing things that God had done like part the red sea and rain manna from heaven through previous generations. But God was trying to remind them that while He did amazing things in the past, He also wanted to do amazing things now. New things that had never been done before.

When was the last time you felt God do something new in your life? Can you even remember? I think if we are not careful, the Christian life can seem boring and not worth pursuing. So we ask the question what’s the point? Does what I am doing even matter? But when we are experiencing God in fresh ways, it is anything but boring! What will it take for you to be focused on what God is doing in your midst right now? In the moment that you are reading this, what does God want you to know? What does He want to tell you? How does He want to get your attention? See God is trying to get you to experience Him in a brand new way this very moment. But too often we don’t pay attention and go back to our normal lives, or move on to the next thing we have to do. But God is alive and actively trying to get your attention. The question is why is He trying to get your attention? What sort of new thing does He want you to experience?

Pastor Dave



CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR BRITTANY WILLIAMS

December is here! Our theme for the Elementary kids is Light Show. For many of us, Christmas lights are the best and brightest part of Christmas celebrations. It doesn't matter if it's the high-rises in the big city or houses lining Main Street; when the lights come out, it's a wonderland! People celebrate big at Christmas because there's Someone big to celebrate: Jesus! The best gift God ever gave was Jesus. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known.



Our memory verse is "GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON. ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT DIE BUT WILL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE." JOHN 3:16, NIRV

Our Preschool theme is Alphabet Christmas. We are using the alphabet this month as a fun way to introduce the true story about how God gave us Jesus. One day—sooner than we think—our now preschoolers are going to grow up and start asking some hard questions. How do I know God really loves me? Does God still love me? We want the answer to be right there and ready for them—I know God loves me because God gave us Jesus. Whenever doubt comes into our heart, whenever our mind begins to ask questions and seek proof, we need only remember back to that first Christmas when God sent His Son to us.

Our memory verse is, "GOD HAS GIVEN A SON TO US." ISAIAH 9:6 NCV

I have sent an advent activity calendar home for your family to use as we celebrate Jesus and focus on the wonderful gift He is! I hope you can focus on this truth in the business of the Christmas Season.

We are going to have a fun family event on December 19th at 5 pm called Gingerbread Bash. We will provide your food & fun! You just need to RSVP! <https://gopac.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1096320>

-Miss Brittany

HERITAGE NOTES

FORTY YEARS AGO

December 1971

- An all-church Christmas Dinner was held on a Tuesday night
- Vester Kliewer directed the choir Christmas cantata “Carol of Christmas”
- The children’s program was presented on Christmas Eve.
- Held a New Year’s Eve service

December 1981

- Congratulations went to Lyndon and Kathy Harms on the birth of Landon Heath.
- Judi Harms directed the Musical “Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs and Fireflies” starring Tisha Penner, Dustin Harms and Erin Penner
- Average Attendance—134

THIRTY YEARS AGO

December 1991

- Children presented “Angels

Aware!” directed by Donna Miller and starring Kyler Penner, Matthew Fast, Colby Miller and Landon Harms.

- A Hanging of Green Service was held.
- Average Attendance—150

TWENTY YEARS AGO

December 2001

- Held a Christmas Brunch on Sunday, December 23rd
- Possibility People presented “All I Want for Christmas”
- The Choir presented “Emmanuel Has Come”
- Average Attendance—250

TEN YEARS AGO

December 2011

- Children presented “Cookin’ Up Christmas!” featuring Kim Javorsky as Rachael Day
- Gave out Candy sacks to every child at the Children’s musical

- Several ladies of our church hosted a Christmas potluck here at church for anyone who had no place to go on Christmas Day.
- Staff held an open house at Tony and Reggie Cannon’s
- Sr. High went Christmas Caroling.
- Ave. Att.—239

ONE YEAR AGO—December 2020

Average attendance—169

CHURCH STATISTICS 2021

October Ave. Attendance:
 Sunday School—162
 Morning Worship—222
 Wednesday—159
 November Ave. Attendance:
 Sunday School—172
 Morning Worship—219
 Wednesday—153

DECEMBER WORSHIP

5—(AM) — Children’s Musical Performance
 (PM) — Baby Shower/Meetings
 12—(AM) — December sermon
 (PM) — Meetings
 19—(AM) — December sermon
 (PM) — Gingerbread Bash

26—(AM) — December sermon
 (PM) —



DECEMBER NURSERY WORKERS

Pink Room—1st Sunday—Stephanie Harris, Cortney Bell
 2nd Sunday—April Javorsky, LaNae Meacham
 3rd Sunday—Angela Day, Raquela Jones
 4th Sunday—Jamie Collins, Katie Habekott



Green Room—1st Sunday—Liz and Nora Lindamood
 2nd Sunday—Matt & Lindsey Fast
 3rd Sunday—Ashlyn Pugh, Nicole Akin
 4th Sunday—Carissa Cox, Denise Percy
Red Room—1st Sunday—Holly and Kilee Funk, Remi Randol

Blue Room—1st Sunday—Denise Percy, Carol Short
 2nd Sunday—Lanita Nikkel, Kathy Harms
 3rd Sunday—Sarah Brewer, Marcela Miller
 4th Sunday—Travis and Deidrah Dyck

2nd Sunday—Angela Day, Presley Fast
 3rd Sunday—Jeremy and Keely Anderson
 4th Sunday—Neelie Lindamood, Lorelai Bull

Treehouse Superhero Night





We were so protected with all these Super Heros running around



♥ GEN2GEN

BY KATHY HARMS

We were blessed with the musical talent of Julie Williams at our November ♥ GEN2GEN gathering.

We all enjoyed a salad supper and a time of fellowship. Over forty women came to enjoy the evening!

Please join us on Tuesday, December 7th for a soup supper and cookie exchange! Bring one dozen cookies, if you can and get your heart prepared for Christmas!

See pictures of the fun time we had on the next page and get ready for another great evening on December 7th.

WWW.UNCOMMON CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Desserts, Snacks and drinks served at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, December 14th

In the home of Helen Swearengen, 1820 Pine

Bring a \$10 gift for the Dirty Santa game and an item for the Women's Shelter

We'll also join in singing Christmas carols by the fireplace.



Food Pantry



The Food Pantry is a ministry in which our church helps, along with other churches in Weatherford. They ask each church in town to provide something each month for the pantry. During the month of **DECEMBER** our church is asked to provide all kinds of soups. These donations can be left on the North counter in the kitchen and they will be delivered to the pantry. The Food Pantry provides a valuable service to people who are really in need in our community. Please Give!





IN CONCERT

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 3RD | *6:30PM PRESHOW 7:00PM CONCERT

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DONATIONS FOR WESTERN OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
WEATHERFORD CAMPUS BUILDING CAMPAIGN

Vision for Mission

Inspiring updates from Multiply's Global Lead Team



By Louise Sinclair-Peters

Regional Team Leader, Myanmar and Central Thailand

Fifteen years ago, Guy was dying of AIDS. When his wife, Kaow, brought him into the local hospital in Central Thailand, the doctors said he had only days to live. But God had other plans.

That day in the hospital, there was a nurse who had recently come to faith in Jesus. When she heard about Guy and Kaow, she immediately went to their room and shared the Gospel with them. Guy and Kaow received this Good News, repented of their sins, and believed in Jesus.

Then the nurse prayed for healing and strength miraculously came back into Guy's body. From that day on, Guy and Kaow and their family started to follow Jesus. We started our first discipleship group in their small tin shack, and it was because of Guy and Kaow's faithfulness that many churches were started in Thailand.

Last month, Guy passed away suddenly. He was 52 years old. At his funeral, which was held at a Buddhist temple according to his family's wishes, many believers from the churches came to celebrate Guy's life and to comfort Kaow and their son, Golf. I was amazed that we were proclaiming the Gospel in a Buddhist temple. That day, many Buddhists put their faith in Christ after they heard Guy's testimony and the story of how God gave him an extra fifteen years.

As I looked at the precious family of God at the funeral, represented in our twenty Thai and Myanmar churches, I could hear the Holy Spirit asking me again, "Louise, I know you feel weak, but if I can use a man like Guy to start a church-planting movement, would you be willing to serve me wholeheartedly for another fifteen years in Thailand?"

That night, with the sound of monks chanting and the smell of incense wafting all around me, I too surrendered my life again to my Savior.

Guy's testimony of God's power made perfect in weakness begs this question: What kind of amazing legacy would your life leave to the world if God gave you an extra fifteen years to serve him?

Today, there are many young Thai and Myanmar believers who want to go out and start new house churches. Our pastors and leaders in Southeast Asia are urgently praying for more missionaries to come and support this effort in Thailand. How is God calling you to get involved?



Please join us for a Christmas Eve service, Friday, December 24th at 5:30 pm. This will be a time to prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Christmas!

FORGE MOVIE NIGHT

All Forge kids are invited to a Movie Night upstairs in the Youth Room on Friday, December 17



Please join us Sunday, December 5th at 10:30 am



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM
YOUR STAFF



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Merry Christmas!
From Brian, Dave, Brittany,
Sandra and Nancy



Daisy Trail

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:00 am—Ministerial Alliance 6:00 pm—Treehouse 6:00 pm—Bridge 6:00 pm— Forge	2 9:00 am—Encouragers 6:30 pm - Constitution Committee 7:00 pm—BYX Fraternity Movie Night	3 Rose Rock Daughters benefit concert for WOCS	4 8:45 am—Kid's Musical Rehearsal
			5 9:30 am - SS/ABF 10:30 am - Children's Musical Performance 2:00 pm—Bartel Baby Shower 5:00 pm—Care and Connect Team Meeting	6 9:00 am—Staff Meeting 4:30 pm—8-Tracks to Collinsworth Family 6:30 pm—Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm—Tony's Classic Bunch	7 6:00 pm—Women's Gen2Gen Event 6:00 pm—Men's Bible Study	8 6:00 pm—Treehouse 6:00 pm—Bridge 6:00 pm— Forge
12 9:30 am - SS/ABF 10:30 am—Worship 11:00 am—KOW	13 9:00 am—Staff 11:00 am - Raspberry Tarts 5:00 pm—Et Cetera Shop Party 6:30 pm—Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm—Deacons/ Overseers 7:00 pm—CBA Christmas Concert	14 6:00 pm—Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm—Men's Bible Study	15 6:00 pm—Treehouse 6:00 pm—Bridge 6:00 pm— Forge Christmas Parties	16 ww.uncommon Christmas Celebration	17 7:00 pm—Forge Movie Night	18
19 9:30 am - SS/ABF 10:30 am—Worship 11:00 am—KOW 5:00 pm—Family Night Event	20 6:30 pm—Deacon Meeting	21	22	23	24 5:30 pm—Christmas Eve Service	25 Remember the Reason for the Season
26 10:00 am - SS/ABF 11:00 am - Worship 11:30 am—KOW						
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BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Tillie Akin
- 1-Anji Jett
- 2-Talon Snyder
- 3-Debra Gray
- 3-Lincoln Williams
- 4-Hadley Blatnick
- 4-Lindy Miller
- 5-Monte Gray
- 6-Indie Collins
- 6-Lance Schrock
- 8-Sadie Kliewer
- 9-Meghan Harms
- 10-Landon Harms

- 11-Lyric Manney
- 13-Brady Manney
- 13-Nora Schoenhals
- 14-Tripp Miller
- 14-Tess Miller
- 16-Oliver Anderson
- 15-Gary Henderson
- 18-Jordan Blatnick
- 19-Cortney Bell
- 19-Kenton Javorsky
- 20-Mike Aaron
- 20-Peyton Schmidt
- 21-Braylie Schmidt
- 23-Iker Miller

- 23-Ashlyn Pugh
- 24-Joyce Miller
- 25-Phyllis Miller
- 27-Colby Lindamood

ANNIVERSARIES

- 18-Sheldon and Lindy Miller
- 19-Weldon and Phyllis Miller
- 22-Joshua and Emily Knop
- 26-Alan and Pam Deck
- 28-Brennan and Carrie Schmidt
- 30-Lyndon and Kathy Harms
- 30-Reggie and Angel Miller