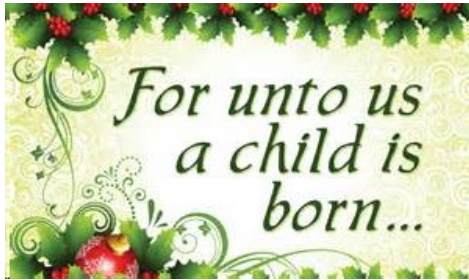


THE BAYWOOD BEACON

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PRAY FOR AMERICA

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2 Chronicles 7:14

FROM THE *"Oh, joy, Christmas Eve. By this time tomorrow, millions of Americans, knee-deep in tinsel and wrapping paper will utter those heartfelt words, 'Is this all I got?'"*

PASTOR *So said comedian Kelsey Grammar on one occasion and I'm pretty sure his words brought a chuckle to many people. But I suspect all of us at one time or another have wondered the same thing. As someone else said, Christmas is "A warm, cheery two-month festival that celebrates the joy of retail merchandise." Indeed, this time of year can make it easy to become caught up in everything that "must" be done – making travel arrangements, purchasing gifts and a tree, planning meals, sending Christmas cards (how many even do that any longer?), and so much more. But how much of our busyness arises in response to the most "indescribable" gift we have received – the gift of a Savior? Perhaps among our Christmas preparations should be some plans that involve what the late Reverend Howard Thurman terms "The Work of Christmas": "When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers, to make music in the heart." Yes, let's enjoy this Christmas season! But let us also remember that as Jesus was sent into the world, so have we been sent also (John 17:18). To bear witness to the One who gives true meaning to Christmas and the gospel of salvation and love!*

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays

8:55 am Music team rehearsal
9:30 am Sunday School classes for all ages
10:45 am Worship Service (1st Sunday communion)

Wednesdays

10:00 am Ladies' Bible study (at church)
6:30 pm Music team rehearsal
7:30 pm Prayer time (Fellowship Hall)

Thursdays

5:00 pm Awana Cubbies (ages 3 & 4)
6:30 pm Awana T&T (Grades K - 5)
7:30 pm Awana Trek & Journey (Jr & Sr High)

Third Friday

5:00 pm Craft night (meets in "upper room")

ALSO IN DECEMBER

Dec. 2nd 11:45 am Christmas luncheon
Dec. 9th 2 - 8 pm Sam Gill's Christmas open house
Dec. 10th 10:45 am Missionary Christmas offering
Dec. 19th 6:30 pm Elders' meeting
Dec. 24th 6:30 pm Christmas Eve service
Dec. 25th Merry Christmas!

New times for Sunday school and Sunday music team rehearsal! Our music team now rehearses from 8:55 - 9:25 each Sunday morning and Sunday school classes begin at 9:30.

Schedule changes during Christmas season:

Awana Clubs: No clubs on Dec. 28th or Jan. 4th.
Men's Breakfast: No meetings during December.
Ladies' Bible study: No meetings Dec. 20th or 27th.
Prayer time: No meeting Dec. 27th.
Sunday school: No classes Dec. 24th or 31st.

"Christmas is based on an exchange of gifts: the gift of God to man – His Son; and the gift of man to God when we first give ourselves to God."
 –Vance Havener



Men's Bible Study

The Men's Tuesday Bible Study will not meet during the month of December

The Ladies' Wednesday morning Bible Study meets at the church at 10:00 am. Women of all ages are welcome! (No meetings on Dec. 20th and 27th).



- 1 George Martinez
- 2 Shannon Egan
- 4 Roy & Joey Murphy (A)
- 5 Ben Richert
- 5 Matthew Vasta
- 6 Dolores Buckholtz
- 18 Eric Hendrickson
- 18 Shawn Jefferson
- 22 Grace Ordonez
- 22 Matt & Starr Arnold (A)
- 25 Mary Conkling
- 27 Dennis & Sandy Wormley



Corrections/updates? E-mail pastor@baywoodchurch.com. We would love to celebrate your birthday or wedding anniversary! If your date(s) are not included, please provide them in an e-mail to office@baywoodchurch.com and we will include them. You may also submit a guest card in the offering during a worship service.

Wednesday Evening Prayer time. Please join together for a time of prayer for our church and for God's work around the world. We meet for approximately 45-50 minutes each Wednesday evening in the fellowship hall, beginning at 7:30. Come lend your prayers as we earnestly seek God's guidance and provision for the work of the gospel. (We will not meet on December 27th).

Christmas Gift Baskets!

Once again, BPCC will be providing gift baskets to deserving families in our area. Each basket will contain a certificate for a free turkey from a local grocery store, as well as non-perishable food items, gift cards for area stores, and other treats. To contribute to this wonderful ministry, please place your check in the offering and mark it for "Christmas baskets." Thank you!



Operation Christmas Child.

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Staffing needs at BPCC. Please continue to pray for God's provision of a youth pastor/director for our church.

Sam Gill's Christmas Open House!

Sam will host her annual event on Saturday, December 9th, from 2:00 - 8:00 pm at her home (see church directory for address). Come at any time for fellowship, food, and the world famous chocolate fountain!



Missionary Christmas Offering.

We will receive our annual missionary offering on Sunday, December 10th. What is given will be divided equally among our supported missionary families, and included in their Christmas cards. Please mark your gift for "Missionary Christmas"



Christmas Cards. We will be sending Christmas cards to each of our missionary families. Everyone is encouraged to stop by the table in the fellowship hall and sign the cards. Thank you!

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FREE "Pray for America" stickers, for use on envelopes, cards, or other items, are available on the information counter

near the front doors of the church. Yard signs are also available.



Our music team rehearses each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. If you sing or play an instrument, please contact John Pietsch for more information. We are delighted to welcome John's return as our music director!

"Twas much,
that man was
made like God before,
But that God should
be like man
much more."

—John Donne