

Central Baptist Church

Are you willing to adjust your life to whatever God reveals of Himself today?

9:30 A.M. Worship Service • Sunday, December 17, 2017

Prelude by the Children's Choir

Missions Minute Video

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message: Third Sunday of Advent
The Shepherds' Candle

Scripture Reading

Hymn No. 181 "Joy to the World!"

Hymn No. 180 "The First Noel"

Hymn No. 182 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

"Noel"

Message by Pastor Mike Meadows
Luke 2: 8 – 20

Time of Response: "Noel"

Offertory Prayer

Offertory by the Children's Choir

"Joy to the World!"

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Christmas Eve

Candlelight Worship Service

Sunday, December 24 at 5:30 P.M.

Bring the whole family and invite friends and neighbors to a very special time together as we pause from the hustle and bustle and reflect on the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The service will also include a special children's time with the pastor.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

*for Christmas Eve and
New Year's Eve*

Christmas Eve, December 24

9:30 am Worship Service
(No AM Bible Study Classes)

5:30 pm Candlelight Worship

New Year's Eve, December 31

Regular Sunday morning activities
No evening activities.

CHURCH DIRECTORY



Your Help Is Needed

Planning a New Church Family Directory

A new directory is being planned for Spring 2018 and we will need lots of help with a variety of tasks. If you would like to help or just want more information, please contact Doug Loafman.



Your gift TRANSFORMS LIVES

Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering for
International Missions

Central's Goal: 18,000.00
Received-to-Date: \$12,809.00

Since 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions has supported Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the gospel around the world. The offering represents 59 percent of the International Mission Board's total annual support. Every penny you give to the offering goes directly to support missionaries, including salaries, medical care, housing, transportation, and children's education.

Year-End GIVING

For your contribution to be considered a 2017 tax deduction, it may be submitted as follows:

1. Hand-carried to the church office by Noon on Friday, December 29.
2. Placed in the offering bag not later than Sunday morning, December 31.
3. Mailed, as long as it is **postmarked** on or before December 31, even if it arrives in the church office and is deposited in the bank after January 1st.



Pizza • Making Gingerbread Houses • Caroling with the Youth Band

Your Help Needed Building Gingerbread Houses

Monday, December 18 at 2:00 pm in the Family Center



We'll be doing some prep work putting together gingerbread houses to be ready for the kids to decorate at the Kid Central 'Happy Birthday Jesus' Christmas party.



Wednesday
December 20
6:00 pm
in the Family Center
for kids thru 5th grade
& parents

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK



Ministering to Central Members Who Are Homebound or in a Nursing Home

One aspect of the 55+ Ministry is to visit and minister to homebound & nursing home members throughout the year.

At Christmas, a package of goodies is assembled and delivered to each one. The team will prepare the packages on Monday, December 18 at 10 am in the Brick House and will have a planning meeting as well.

Want to help deliver the Christmas packages? Come to the Brick House on Monday, December 18 at 10:30 am.

---Tear Here For Your Convenience---

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. 1 Peter 2: 24-25

We confess Lord, as Isaiah says that, "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Holy Spirit, deal with our souls that we may respond to this great love and worship and serve the One who gave Himself for us.

Scripture **2017** Prayer

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Dragonfly Ladies
Small Group Bible Study
 - for ladies of all ages -

New Study Begins: Behold Your God... The Weight of Majesty
 Thursdays beginning January 11, 2018
 9:30 am in Children's Center

Cost: \$15.00 for workbook
 (Pay in the church office or at the first session.) Sign-up is underway.

About the Study: This 12-session video driven study is reinforced by a 12-week daily workbook. Each week's lesson is preceded by a brief 2-part historical profile of a notable man or woman of God. These introductions were filmed on location in England, Scotland, and New England at key historical sites associated with the men and women we are considering.

The heart of each session is a 30-minute lesson on one aspect of God's character. Following each teaching session is a collection of comments from interviews with contemporary Christian leaders who explain how a biblical appreciation of God's character has affected their own lives and ministries.

SMALL GROUPS

Watch for details about new Small Groups beginning in January.

BIBLES UNBOUND

Through Voice of the Martyrs' *Bibles Unbound* Program, we have the opportunity to become directly involved in meeting the vital need of providing Bibles for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. For a one-time donation, make checks payable to Central Baptist Church and designate "Bibles Unbound". Individuals can also become monthly supporters...for further info, go to biblesunbound.com.

Please Continue to Pray for Our Music Minister Search Team.

THIS WEEK @CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

8:15 A.M. – Adult Bible Study Classes
9:10 A.M. – Prayer Time - Chapel
9:30 A.M. - Worship Service - WC
10:45 A.M. – S.P.A.R.K.– CC200; S.W.A.T. for 4th & 5th Graders – CC
11:00 A.M. – Bible Study for All Ages
6:00 P.M. – Worship Service w/ Prayer Focus – Chapel; Bible Drill (Gr. 4-5) – CC

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00 – 7:45 A.M. – Early AM Prayer – FC
10:00 A.M. – Sr. Adult Ministry Christmas Project & Planning Meeting– BH
Noon – 1P.M. – Ladies' Prayer Time – Chapel
2:00 P.M. – Building Ginger Bread Houses for 'Happy Birthday Jesus' Party

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

3:30 P.M. – EmPower - FC
5:15 P.M. – Children's Choir – WC
6:00 P.M.
ADULTS: Worship Service – WC;
YOUTH – The Youth will be assisting with the Kid Central 'Happy Birthday Jesus' Party - FC
KIDS – Happy Birthday Jesus Party – FC
7:00 P.M. – Choir Rehearsal – WC
8:00 P.M. – Band Rehearsal – WC

Membership at Central: We at Central Baptist Church are a congregation of born again believers who have been called together for the work of the kingdom. If you would like to learn more about membership at Central, please do one of the following: 1. Approach one of the ministers during or after the time of response. 2. Call the church office and make an appointment with the pastor or a minister.

Deacons of the Week for Ministry or Emergency Needs December 18 – 24:
 Glen Goodwin (327.7254)
 Randy Crow (361.484.5068)
 Jim Sharp (327.3075)
 George Harrell (563.4733)

The Central Family extends sympathy and prayer support to Mr. & Mrs. Jerry and Betty Newman in the death of her brother, Tom Suter.

The Flowers on the foyer pedestal have been placed in honor of Lloyd Dickens and in memory of Jimmie Dickens by their daughters, Becky Fraley and Paula Burk. The arrangement is also in remembrance of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Henry and Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Dickens.

Building Abbreviation Key
 WC - Worship Center • FC - Family Center
 CC - Children's Center
 BH - Brick House • CO - Church Office

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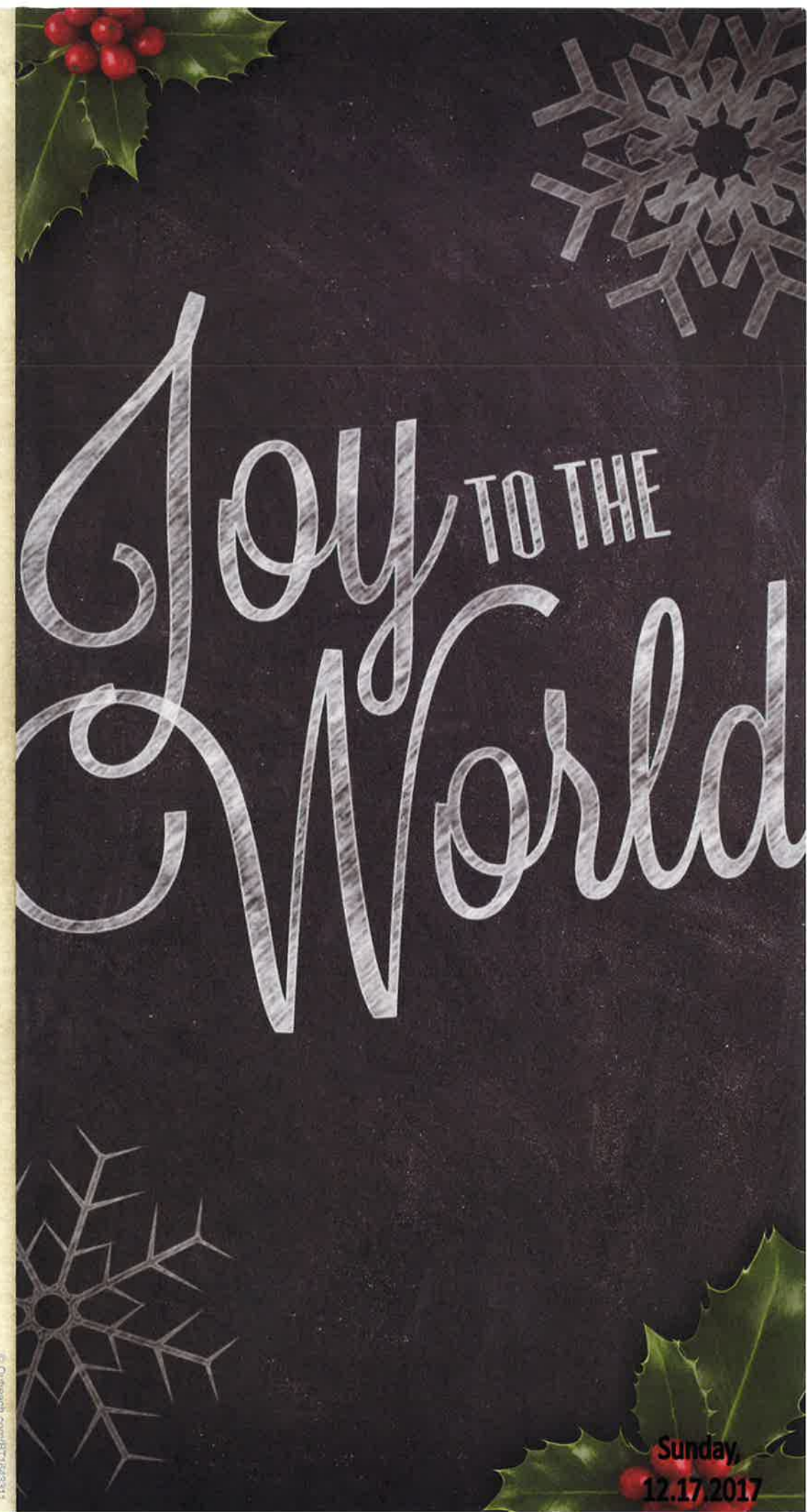
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 the Glory of God!*



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