

Ponderings From the Pastor

By Brad Taylor

Make use of the Mailbox for Missions to send Christmas cards to other church members. The Mailbox for Missions is located in the Welcome Center. Cards should be placed in boxes according to the recipient's last name. Then don't forget to check for Christmas cards that have been placed in the mailbox for you. Finally, make a donation for the amount you would have paid in postage, and this money will be applied towards the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Included in this newsletter is a prayer guide for "A Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions." Use this guide during the first week of December to help guide your prayer time for International Southern Baptist Missionaries. Oak Grove gives 10 percent of our budget to missions through the Cooperative Program.

This year we will have three very special Christmas services to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

- Those in attendance on Dec. 5 will experience the birth of Christ in "The Nativity," a drama about the birth of Christ. Arrive early as you will not want to miss a single minute of this wonderful production of acting and music.
- On Dec. 12 we will celebrate "An Old Time Family Christmas." Be sure to send no more than three pic-



tures from your favorite Christmas of the past to mtaylor@ogbccoosa.com or text them to 918-219-3201. Pictures must be received no later than Dec. 5 to be included in the video. Also, be prepared to bring an ornament to be placed on the Christmas tree during the service.

- Dec. 19 will be the Candlelight Service where we will celebrate the birth of Christ and share in the Lord's Supper. There will be no Sunday School on this special day.

Plan to attend these very special times with your family as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

As the year draws to a close year end giving is on the minds of some. If you desire to make a yearend contribution to Oak Grove Baptist Church, it must be given by Dec. 26 to show up on your 2021 giving record for tax purposes. Yearend giving helps Oak Grove meet general budget needs. Also, for those that would like to give towards specific needs, it is time to replace the 12-year-old computer being used for streaming video of the worship services. The pastor's laptop needs replaced that is 10 years old and two hand-held wireless microphones need to be replaced. If you would like to give towards any of these designated items please write on the offering envelope what you would like the gift to be designated towards (general fund, microphones, computer, etc.).

December Bible Reading Plan

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Dec. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Thess.	<input type="checkbox"/> 42	Dec. 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 7-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 51	Dec. 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 7-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 59
Dec. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Nahum	<input type="checkbox"/> 43	Dec. 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 52	Dec. 21 ----- Reflection -----	
Dec. 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Peter	<input type="checkbox"/> 44	Dec. 13 <input type="checkbox"/> 13-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 53	Dec. 22 <input type="checkbox"/> 9-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 60
Dec. 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Habakkuk	<input type="checkbox"/> 45	Dec. 14 ----- Reflection -----		Dec. 23 <input type="checkbox"/> 11-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 61
Dec. 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Zephaniah	<input type="checkbox"/> 46	Malachi		Dec. 24 <input type="checkbox"/> 13-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 62
Dec. 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Jude	<input type="checkbox"/> 47	Dec. 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> 54	Dec. 25 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 63
Dec. 7 ----- Reflection -----		Dec. 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> 55	Dec. 26 <input type="checkbox"/> 17-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 64
Dec. 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Haggai	<input type="checkbox"/> 48	Revelation		Dec. 27 <input type="checkbox"/> 19-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 65
Zechariah		Dec. 17 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> 56	Dec. 28 <input type="checkbox"/> 21-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 66
Dec. 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3	<input type="checkbox"/> 49	Dec. 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> 57		

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

Dec. 1: SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Pray for the African orality trainers as they continue to organize and teach others how to effectively use Bible storytelling to share and teach God's Word.

Pray that the graduates of IBBT will put into practice the orality skills they have acquired when they return to their towns and villages.

Pray for the unreached people groups of Sub-Saharan Africa, asking God to confirm in their hearts the truth of the stories they hear.

Dec. 2: CENTRAL ASIA

Pray that the desperation the Turkmen feel would make their hearts soft toward the good news of Jesus.

Pray that God will heal the deep wounds in believing families and use them to build His church.

Pray that God will turn the hearts of Turkmenistan's leaders toward the needs of the people and that they will rule with wisdom, justice and mercy.

Dec. 3: SOUTHEAST ASIA

Pray with Momma that the Lord will continue to

move in people's hearts.

Pray for the Spencers and for other IMB missionaries in Southeast Asia who are ministering in places of civil unrest.

Pray for courage for the new believers.

Dec. 4: EAST ASIA

Pray for HIM to continue to prosper and send out more Taiwanese missionaries with each passing year.

Pray for Taiwanese missionaries who have already been sent out; pray God would bless their ministry.

Pray for IMB missionar-

ies and Taiwanese Baptist partnerships to continue to grow for the sake of the gospel.

Dec. 5: EUROPE

Pray for the Lewises and Daniel as they lead Mozaika and for the leaders of other new churches beginning in surrounding cities.

Pray for the Bible training center for pastors and for the ten men who are training for future ministry.

Pray for two new IMB families coming to join the work in Czechia this year.

December 2021

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			1 Keith Hardison bday	2	3 Adult Game Day 11am	4
5 Nativity Drama	6	7	8 Rick Kibbe & Sharon Lee bdays	9 Crafty Ladies 10am	10	11 Audrey Brannon, McKenzie Owen & Toney Robbins bdays
12 Old Time Family Christmas; Murray Schoen bday	13 Carmin Henry bday	14 Kyli Gutierrez bday	15	16 Adult Movie Day 1pm	17	18
19 Candlelight Service	20	21 Barbara Clark & Angela Owen bdays	22 No Awana or Youth	23 Crafty Ladies 10am	24 Christmas Eve	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! Jess Newton bday
26 Jimmie Foster bday	27 Kari Collier, Dylan Henry & Sean Munson bdays	28	29 No Awana or Youth	30 Katy Gerhard bday	31 New Year's Eve Conrad Bowers & Deby Nottingham bdays	

OGBC News Notes

Van Schedule

Dec. 1 — Keith Hardison, Denice Jackson, Sharon Lee, Brittany Day and Michelle Hill

Dec. 8 — Keith Hardison, Denice Jackson, Michelle Hill, Mike and Gail Mayfield

Dec. 15 — Keith Hardison, Denice Jackson, Sharon Lee, Toney Robbins and Michelle Hill

Volunteers Needed

Many members and guests enjoy OGBC's coffee shop. To keep it running efficiently, volunteers are needed. A volunteer is needed to open the Coffee Stop occasionally. This volunteer needs to be there at 9 a.m. If interested, see Donna Foster.

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Children's Church News

Children's Church will not meet until Dec. 26 due to the special services this month. This will be a time for the whole family to enjoy the services

December Sermon Calendar

Dec. 5 — The Response of Christmas

Dec. 12 — Why Jesus Came Down

Dec. 19 — Candlelight Service

Dec. 26 — A Psalm for the New Year

