

Ponderings From the Pastor

By Brad Taylor, Pastor

Year-End Giving

As the year draws to a close, year-end giving is on the minds of some. If you desire to make a year-end contribution to Oak Grove Baptist Church, it must be given by Dec. 29 to show up on your 2024 giving record for tax purposes. Year-end giving helps Oak Grove meet general budget needs. Also, for those that would like to give towards specific needs, we would like to asphalt the new portion of the driveway into the church.

Mailbox for Missions

Make use of the Mailbox for Missions to send Christmas cards to other church members. The Mailbox for Mis-



sions 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.

A King is Born!

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows:

when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been con-

ceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

-Matthew 1:18-25

OGBC Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader



We had an awesome group at Youthsgiving this year! Football, a time of gratitude/appreciation, and lots of FOOD! Thank you to everyone in the church family who donated food for our gathering!

Upcoming youth dates:

December/January/February

- Dec. 25 — Christmas Day, no church
- Jan. 1 — New Years Day, no

church

- January TBD — Lock-In
- Jan. 8 — Wednesdays start back up!

Children's Church Lesson Calendar

Submitted by Gayla Pruett

Dec. 1 — Prophecy Of A Son, led by John and Cindy Tittle

Dec. 8 — News For Mary and Joseph, led by Charles and Gayla Pruett

Dec. 15 — A Savior's Birth, led by Jeana Drew and Cassell Drew

Dec. 22 — Escape To Egypt, led by Matt and Jennifer Chambers

Dec. 29 — No Children's Church



Sunday Morning Services are no longer streaming via FaceBook live. The live stream has moved to YouTube@OakGroveBaptistChurchCatoosa. A YouTube account is not needed and you can watch for FREE!

The link is:

<https://youtube.com/@oakgrovebaptistchurchcatoosa?si=XB8x6oa7oyBn0PgB>.

December 2024

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<p>1</p> <p>Little Drummer Boy; Deacons mtg, 5pm; Keith Hardison bday</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Adult Game Day, 11am</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Seekers Class Christmas party, 3pm</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Council mtg, 5pm; Debbie Capps, Rick Kibbe & Sharon Lee bdays</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>McKenzie Hahn & Toney Robbins bdays</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Crafty Christians, 10am; Murray Schoen bday</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Carmin Henry bday</p>	<p>14</p> <p>All Church Christmas party, 6pm</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Old Time Family Christmas; Business mtg, noon</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Ladies Christmas party, 11am</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Barbara Clark & Angela Owen bdays</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Candlelight Service</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day; no Youth or Awana</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Jimmie Foster bday</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Wade Metzinger bday</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				

December Daily Bible Reading Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 1 Psalm 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 12 Revelation 4:1–11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 23 Luke 1:57–80 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 2 Luke 21:5–24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 13 Revelation 5:1–14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 24 Luke 2:1–21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 3 Luke 21:25–38 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 14 Revelation 6:1–17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 25 John 1:1–18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 4 Daniel 10:1–11:2a | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 15 Revelation 7:1–17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 26 John 1:19–34 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 5 Malachi 1:1–14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 16 Revelation 19:1–21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 27 John 1:35–51 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 6 Malachi 2:1–17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 17 Isaiah 60:1–22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 28 Luke 2:22–52 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7 Malachi 3:1–18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 18 Isaiah 7:1–25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 29 Revelation 21:1–27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 8 Malachi 4:1–6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 19 Isaiah 8:1–15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 30 Revelation 22:1–21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 9 Revelation 1:1–20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20 Isaiah 8:16–9:7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 31 Isaiah 65:17–25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 10 Revelation 2:1–29 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 21 Luke 1:1–25 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 11 Revelation 3:1–22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 22 Luke 1:26–56 | |
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December Sermon Calendar

Dec. 1 — The Virgin Birth

Dec. 8 — Fools and Wise Men

Dec. 15 — The King Fulfills Prophecy

Dec. 22 — Candlelight Service

Dec. 29 — Scotty Titsworth

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