



12/14 Christmas Party

Joy to the World - The Lord has come

Point 1 - Nowhere at any place in the Bible or at any time are we commanded to celebrate _____ as we know it. The first day of the week is _____ and it is His _____ and victory over _____ that we are to celebrate.

Point 2 - Christmas provides us a platform to share the _____ that we have in Christ. It allows us to openly express the _____ we feel because we are in Christ.

Point 3 - The Joy we have is because the Lord has _____. Immanuel (God with us) was sent so that we and all who _____ can have the hope of overcoming the world and the power of _____ and _____.

Point 4 - The message of Jesus is a message of _____; of great joy because unto us a _____ was born. The question is, what are we going to do with that opportunity?

Attendance

Bible Class.....N/A
Worship A.M.....N/A
Worship P.M.....60
Wednesday.....115

2013 Budget: \$3,800
Contribution: \$2,223.00

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Welcome

December 15, 2013

Announcements

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Opening Prayer

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Communion Message

Communion

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Offering

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

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Closing Prayer

Preacher's Porch



Case number AT-635721 or something like that is the official document on file with the Wichita Falls Police Department. I know because I filed it. I really felt that I had to because of the circumstances. You see, a couple of weeks ago, I was out running (yes, I know several of you have told me that it would kill me) with some of the cross-country kids from Wichita Christian. We were at Kiwanis Park in Wichita Falls at about 6:30 in the morning. It was still dark and we were on the north side up toward the cemetery when one of the faster runners decided it would be funny to hide behind a bush until the slower ones got there and then jump out and scare them (us).


Needless to say, his plan worked and he accomplished his mission to the point that the young man running just behind me screamed like it was a horror movie. Unfortunately, it quickly became almost that as only a breath later, a rather large man jumped up on the privacy fence surrounding a house on the other side of the bush. He proceeded to cuss us out and then to threaten us, "Y'all wanna get cut up!!!"

My first and literal response to him was, "No, not really." He then continued with threats and rants while I instructed my runners to "go on" while I made sure he was not giving chase. Anyway, with the Boys and Girls Club about 1/2 block away and an elementary school across the field from that and with us being in a public park where many kids play baseball, run, etc., I figured it was a pretty necessary thing to file a police report. So why did I feel like the officer taking the report felt put-upon to write down the information?

Now, I am certain that if you think back over the years I have written this article, you will remember my running Misadventures, including but not limited to, encounters with skinks, snakes, pot-holes, dogs, blisters, freezing temps and fog, cars and now a raving lunatic. So why do I do it? Why do I put myself at risk of whatever? Well, for my health of course. To control my weight, blood sugar, blood pressure, attitude, and more.

But what have I endured for Christ? I don't ever remember being truly at risk, in fear for my well-being while trying to tell someone the good news.

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Kirby Whitley has started another 6 weeks of treatment.
Jerry Greene needs to find a facility as close to home as possible to continue his rehab.
Ella Courtney, Todd Davis' grandmother, is in the hospital in OKC with double pneumonia.
Continue to Remember: *Jerry Greene, David & Jennie Waggoner, Landon Farmer, Bill Wood, Theo Allen, Kirby Whitley, Brenda Estridge, Krista McCarty, Rosalie Littlejohn, Brownie Pickens, Wan & Sue Callaway, Khristie Beard, Nikki Freeze, Alyene Williams, Alastair & Linda Ferrie, Coach Darrin Mayes, Karla Brinkley, and April Taylor*



Wednesday Supper December 18th
Chefs: Youth Group
Menu: Sandwiches & Chips
Desserts: Birthday Cake
There will be no meal on December 25th or January 1st



Our Annual Christmas Party at the State Hospital is Tuesday, **December 17th** at 6:30. We need sweets of any kind and singers. If you can go and/or bring a dessert, please go sign up on the sign -up sheet in the foyer. We will leave the building at 6:00.

.....Preacher's Porch Continued

Why? Well, as much as it pains and embarrasses me to say so, probably because I am not putting myself out there for Christ the way I put myself out there for running. You see, somehow, I have the idea that Christianity and faith are "good news" and therefore I should be comfortable in my pursuit of them. I can't reconcile the idea of endangering myself (or my faith) to tell someone about something they don't want to hear anyway (thus the discomfort). And so, I sit back and wait on the people and the opportunities to come to me. But just like fitness, it will never happen that way. Jesus said, "If any man would come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me." That is definitely NOT a message of comfort and convenience.

How about you? Are you striving for the faith? Or are you a spiritual couch potato? We must get moving if we are to get stronger, healthier, fitter. Keep that in mind.

In Him, Todd



Upcoming Events
(items in red are this week)

12/15 **Potluck & Back-to-Back Services**
12/15 Elders & Deacons Meeting
12/17 Ladies Bible Class Party
12/17 State Hospital Christmas Party
12/18 Ladies Christmas Party @ Angie Duncan's Home
12/28 Courtney Perry's Wedding
12/30 Sunshine House
12/31 All Adult New Year's Party

Saturday Mornings @ 6:30
Men's Breakfast @ Bridge Street Grill

Saturday Mornings @ 9:00
Women's Breakfast @ Stewart's Sweet Stop


Office will be closed December 23-January 3rd.

Birthdays:

12 Lura Masters
12 Sara Jo Yarbrough
13 Dana Garrison
14 Paul Landis
19 Courtney Perry
22 Dorothy Sanders
23 Sandy Webb
23 Madeline Marks
24 Hollis Adams II


Anniversaries

20 Mike & Selinda Taylor
31 Lynn & Viki Salmon



Our sympathy goes out to **B.J. Lowery** and his family on the sudden passing of his sister, **Linda Loucks** from Petrolia last week.



This Sunday is our back-to-back service where we will have our morning service, potluck lunch and then immediately following that, we will have our second assembly. Davis/Yurcho Service Group is in Charge of the kitchen.



The Ladies Bible Class Christmas Party is Tuesday during class. We will have a devotional, followed by a Chinese gift exchange and finger foods. We will resume class for the new year on January 7th.

The Elders, Deacons and Ministers Monthly meeting will be immediately following our second service Sunday afternoon.

The Ladies Christmas Party is Wednesday night at Angie Duncan's Home. Please bring a dessert or snack food.

During all of your holiday shopping and baking, please remember to look for these, cut them out & turn them in to the office! Each one is worth 10 cents for our local school. We will be donating them to Midway.