

# Teen News

Good morning! Thanks to those who came to the Christmas Dinner last Tuesday evening. The fellowship and food was awesome. We have a loving congregation and it was great to get together. The youth group will have a Christmas party this Wednesday at 6:15 pm in the activity building. We have a lot planned and I know you all will have fun! Remember to bring a wrapped white elephant gift with you. Thanks for being here today and I will see you all tonight.

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## HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE SPARKS

On Saturday night, December 23rd, at 6:30 P.M. David & Jennifer Sparks will again be hosting a "Ugly Sweater Party" at their home. Please bring a snack food that night and join us.

## EVENING SERVICE TIME CHANGE ON DEC. 24th

On Christmas Eve we will meet at 1:30 P.M. for the evening worship service instead of the regular time of 6 P.M. Please note.

## ADDRESS CHANGE

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Phone number is the same –delete cell number

## HAVE YOU LOST YOUR JOY?

There is no greater joy worthy to be compared to the joy in our hearts the day we obey the gospel and we became children of God. I have seen this joy on the faces of hundreds who had just been baptized. Remember the day of your salvation and the joy you had. David had that same joy, but sin had taken it from him. Is there any despair to be compared to that when we have wronged God? Is there a way to restore that joy? Absolutely. This is why David asked God for its restoration. God longs for you to be in heaven. David sinned—we all do. David lost his joy—we all have. David's joy was restored—we too can regain that joy! David had these same experiences. He had great joy when those tribes who did not support him to be king came to him pledging their loyalty to him. He then defeated the Philistines. He had captured Jerusalem and moved the ark of the covenant to the holy city. His armies were defeating all nations around them. He had joy! All of this began to change when he failed to lead his army in battle. David stayed home and, standing on the roof of his palace, and watched Bathsheba bathing. The events which followed this are well known—the "pleasure" of forbidden sin, the pregnancy, the attempt to deceive Bathsheba's husband, the death of that husband, the period of grieving for the dead husband and then the marriage. Then it happened! Joy lost can be joy regained if we repent. Joy in heaven and on earth. Luke 15.

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## DOOR GREETERS

December 17  
Marshall & Eva Walker

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

December 17  
Andy & Shelia Link

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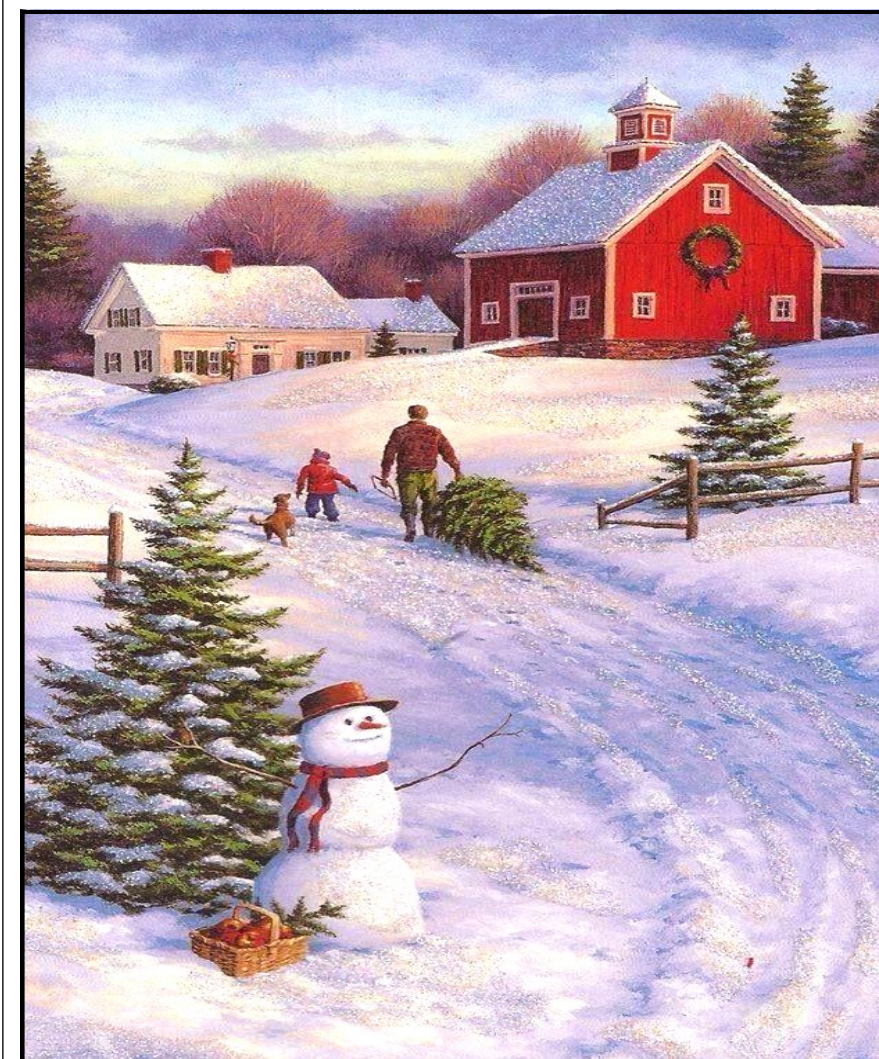
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FOX 29 KSVP Lake  
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ABC 10—KTEN  
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**ASSEMBLY TIMES**  
Sun: 9:30 AM Class  
10:30 AM Worship  
6:00 PM Evening  
Wed: 7:00 PM



Join us next Sunday morning at 10:30 A.M. for  
Dan's sermon entitled,  
"The War On Christmas"

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**Christmas Fellowship was great and memorable occasion. More events to come.**



***From Dan's desk:***

Thanks to all of you who came for the Christmas dinner last Tuesday night. It was a great event and enjoyed by all. Everyone had a wonderful time. The food was delicious. A BIG THANK YOU to James and Sandy Singleterry and others who decorated and helped in the kitchen. To prepare for this many people is a lot of work and effort. We are so grateful to Sandy for all she does in this area. We are blessed to have someone with her talent. The building was decorated beautifully. Thanks to Sandy, Beth, Gayle and Audrey and others for helping with the luncheon last Sunday. We had one of the largest groups ever on a Sunday luncheon. We were blessed to have the "ALL STARS" from Houston. They did a wonderful job and a lot of folks stayed for their presentation. Thanks to Sonda for opening her home for the luncheon and Ornament exchange last Sunday. This is an annual event and she always does a wonderful job. We are glad you all are here for today's worship services and class. Sunday is always a great time of fellowship and it also offers us a time to acknowledge God as our Father and offer our praise to Him. Any time we have an opportunity to learn and grow, we should take advantage of such opportunities. Remember that on Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, we will have regular services on Sunday morning and we will have the evening service at 1:30 P.M. instead of 6 P.M. This will provide the opportunity for you to spend time with your family that night. Many get together as a family on Christmas Eve and for this reason we are making this change. See you tonight DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**ANNIE LEE BIRDOW has been returned to the hospital in Tyler. She may be transferred back to Palestine this week.**

**LORETTA YOUNG is having a problem with her eyes. She is undergoing tests.**

**ROSE MARIE FOREMAN, mother of Sharron Carder, has a upper respiratory infection and other health concerns.**

**CINDY SPARKS, niece of J.B. & Joyce Matlock, is having serious health issues.**

### **CARD SIGNING**

This Tuesday night, Dec. 12th, we will again be signing cards to our shut-in's and ill of the congregation. This will take place at the home of Pam Gallaway. Please bring your favorite finger food. This is always a very enjoyable time and the recipients of the cards are very appreciative. We will take the church bus and leave the building at 5:30 P.M.

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

**A big hearty welcome to those visiting today. Allow us to meet and greet you following the worship service this morning. At the end of the service today you will be given a gift bag from our congregation. "It is a small gift, but it comes from big hearts." Thanks again for coming.**

### **WALKING WITH OUR LORD**

What is the first thing you do every morning? What should be the first thing we do? Every morning we ask God to help us be faithful to Him today and when we lay down at night we ask Him to give us the strength to be more like His Son and to live faithfully for Him tomorrow. Knowing Him means keeping his commandments and walking even as He walked. Walking with God as Enoch did, being obedient and walking by faith (Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5-6), on a daily basis, is the only way to ensure that Jesus takes us home to live with Him for eternity when He returns. What does that look like? Continuing to study and grow in your knowledge of His Word, being ever vigilant in prayer, worshipping regularly, associating yourself with other faithful brethren, loving God and each other, sharing the Good News with those who are lost. How are you doing in these areas? Where is there room for improvement? Are you faithful? Darkness brings sin and heartache (Psalm 107:10-12), but God is light (1 John 1:5) and brings joy to all those who walk in his light (v. 7). The key to faithful Christian living is to walk in His light. This doesn't mean that we will not sin, for all have sinned and continue to fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23), but it means that we do not give ourselves over to sin (Romans 6:12-14).

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