



Richland Baptist Association Newsletter

December 2021

From Your Director of Missions (D.O.M.):

Christmas Season is here! We have the joy of celebrating “The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us”. What an exciting month lies ahead. Some will celebrate Advent while others will celebrate more traditionally. No matter how we celebrate, we must be focused on God’s great gift to mankind.

During this time of year, please pray for and remember those that experience the absence of our Lord in their lives. It is they that can not celebrate Christmas because they do not have the Gift of Christmas in their hearts. This is a great time to share the Gospel as more people are receptive to the Good News this time of the year. Also let us keep our focus not just upon the Manger but also the Cross, the Grave and the Resurrection as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

There are several upcoming events and I ask that you please add them to your calendar. Make plans to attend as many of them as possible whether they are for your local church or our association.

Pat and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Merry Christmas. We pray that Our Lord richly blesses you and your families.

Yours in Christ,

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Upcoming Events for the Month of December

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| December | 03: | Pastor and Wives Christmas Party 6PM (Eastside Baptist) |
| December | 05: | Associational Christmas Gathering of the Churches 6PM (Start Baptist Church) |
| December | 13: | Executive Board Meeting 10 AM (Eastside Baptist/ Pastor’s Lunch 11AM @ Big John’s) |
| December | 25: | Christmas Day |

Upcoming Events for the Month of January

- January 01: New Year's Day
- January 11: Pastors' Conference (lunch at Big John's at 11AM)
- January 12: Disciple Making Movement Lab, Baptist Building
- January 16: Sanctity of Life Sunday
- January 24-25: Evangelism Conference, First Covington
- January 25: Senior Adult Luncheon, First Covington

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Opportunities to Serve

Pastor: Calvary Baptist Church
Cedar Baptist Church
Newton Baptist Church

Youth Minister: First Baptist Archibald

**If you have a need in your church, please let us know and we will post it in the Monthly Newsletter.*

Something to Think About...

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given ... and his name shall be called ... Prince of Peace.

- Isaiah 9:6

Beside the wise men or magi, there was another thing that was not at that first nativity: **chaos**. Oftentimes, the hustle and bustle of our holiday season stand in sharp contrast to the peace our Lord came to bring. Be careful that we are filling folks' hearts and souls with the Spirit and not just filling their calendars.

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