

*Our vision is to be a community of grace,
telling the unsaved of salvation by grace,
encouraging the saved to live and grow in grace,
and extending grace to others.*

An Exciting Time Indeed

As children, we all remember the many times we anxiously waited for Christmas Day to arrive. We were filled with anticipation as we saw the gifts appear under the Christmas tree, trying to guess what each one was, hidden under the beautifully wrapped paper. When the day finally came, our hearts were eager to rip off the paper and see what surprises awaited us.

Surprises are fun! They're fun to receive, and they're also fun to give to others. We still enjoy the anticipation of the unknown, at least when we know something good is to come.

Sometimes the unknown can bring fear or anxiety. Our minds are often filled with what-ifs, usually unwarranted but they come nonetheless. Trusting God in the unknowns is a muscle all of us must develop. Our hearts tell us that God is in control but our minds are not always as quick to follow.

I truly believe Burleson Bible Church is on the cusp of something great. As our new pastor Gary arrives, so might some anxieties, and that's ok. It wouldn't be unusual to wonder what he will do that's different or what new ministries might begin? What God is going to do through our church is an unknown, but what is known is that God is faithful and His purposes for us are perfect.

It's an exciting time, and I hope you are looking forward to watching God not only use our church to greatly impact our community for His Kingdom, but to also use you in unexpected ways. As we step out in faith, we need to be reminded of some important truths. First, we don't know the whole plan but God does, and he chooses us to be a part of it. Second, there might be some things that do not make sense to us but much like stepping out of perfectly good boat to walk on water, our God is completely trustworthy! Finally, we have the opportunity to see God perform the impossible - yet again. He has shown Himself to BBC in so many ways in the past that we shouldn't be surprised for what He will do through us in the future.

Keep praying for BBC. It's an exciting time indeed!

Jaris



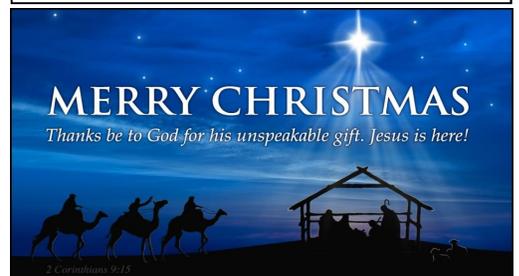
December

THE MONTH OF

Calendar of Events

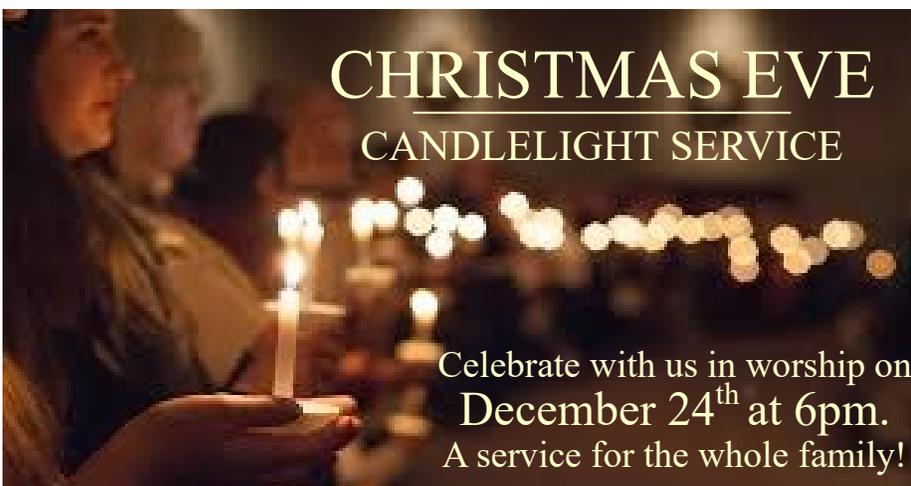
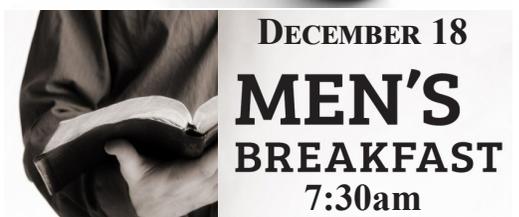
Join us for these upcoming events.

- 6 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 13 - Mothers-In-Law small group, 7pm
- 18 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
- 18 - Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am
- 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight, 6pm
- 25 - Christmas Day!
- 26 - No AWANA or Youth activities

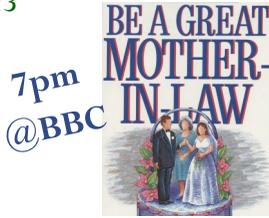


- Praise the Lord for His clear provision in bringing Gary Armstrong to BBC as our next Senior Pastor. Welcome Gary and Chela!
- We extend our deepest sympathies to Mike Lothes and his family in the passing of his mother.
- We praise the Lord for Steve and Ruth Porter and their work in Nigeria over the past 33 years. Pray for them as they visit their supporting churches and friends, and transition into retirement.

FAMILY UPDATE



DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group	6  Evening of Prayer 7pm	7	8	9	10  December 10 7pm Ladies Christmas Gathering Becky Charpentier's Home	11
12 9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group	13  7pm @BBC BE A GREAT MOTHER-IN-LAW	14 * Verna Matlack	15	16	17	18  7:30am Ladies Prayer Breakfast MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30am
19 *Evan Lutz Caitlin Ridlen Wayne Hammond 9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group	20	21	22	23	24  CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 6pm	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. Jesus is here!
26 10:30AM Worship	27 * Sonja Rains	28	29	30	31	*Birthdays