



## News from the Adventure Zone

Our children present “**An Unplugged Christmas**” on Sunday, December 14, at 10:45 am. “Lindsey and her friends are excited! Why? The local TV station is having a contest for “The Biggest, Brightest Christmas Show Ever” and they are entered to win! They’ve planned a great show to impress the secret judge – lots of lights, a rockin’ carol medley, and even a Silent Night light show. However, all goes well until BAM, all the lights go off! It is in the quiet of a small shining star that they are reminded that Jesus is the true Light of Christmas!”

Dress rehearsal is Saturday, Dec. 13, from 2—4 pm.



Wednesday night, Dec. 10, at 6:30 pm is the annual “**Happy Birthday, Jesus**” party complete with birthday games, crafts, and birthday cake. For all children, age 4 through Grade 6.

## Christmas Gift Suggestions:

- To your enemy, *forgiveness*.
- To an opponent, *tolerance*.
- To a friend, *your heart*.
- To all, *charity*.
- To every child, *a good example*.
- To yourself, *respect*.

- Oren Arnold

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

12.1	Keith Horn
12.3	Jordyn Reeves
12.5	Jenna Hoover
12.7	Judy Murphy
12.9	Jorge Carmona
12.10	John Lewis
12.10	Gary Vaughn
12.17	Thela Hinnen
12.17	Rosemary McCoy
12.22	Alana Moralez
12.23	Francis Gilham
12.27	Jim Allen
12.30	David Baumgartner
12.30	Joyce Litke
12.30	Jim Philbin

Bill & Ruth Hanna	12. 7
Sulaiman & Shimese Bello	12.13
David & Carol Ann Ash	12.15
Frank & KayAnn Haas	12.18
Ray & Pat Wheeler	12.21
Joseph & Rachel Scott	12.29



### Matthew 1:22-23

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us."

# Community Fellowship News

December 2014



## Mark Your Calendar

**12.6**  
Live Drive Through Set Up

**12.12—12.14**  
Live Drive Through Nativity

**12.14**  
Children’s Musical

**12.24**  
Christmas Eve Service

**12.25**  
Merry Christmas

## God’s Good News

Christmas! There is only one other word that evokes as much feeling and thought as the word “Christmas” and that word is “Resurrection”! Christmas, the birth of Christ, would mean nothing to the world if it were not directly tied to the Resurrection.

The WORD came to life in Bethlehem, but life came to my heart because of the death of the WORD. That is GOOD NEWS! We can have life because of Christ’s death.

All of this – birth and death and resurrection—seems to be obliterated by all of the hype and sales at this time of year. It also seems so “Cliché-ish” to attempt to bring our minds back to the real meaning of the season. BUT, it is NOT a cliché and it is not an old, worn out story. The GOOD NEWS is still fresh – still alive and most of all still FREE to anyone who believes.

None of us will be totally exempt from buying something during this time of year, even if it is for ourselves to take advantage of the tremendous sales events. But ALL of us need to also take time to immerse ourselves in the true story behind all of the hype. Jesus, a Savior is born. His life means life for us. His gift to us was His death. God the Father’s gift

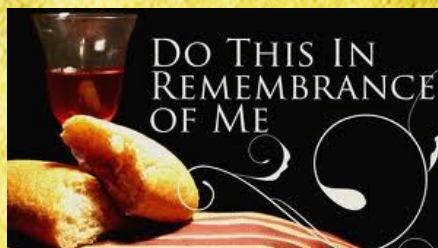
*Reminder: For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:17)*



## Christmas Eve Service

Begin the celebration of Christ's birth by joining us for our Christmas Eve service at 5:00 pm on December 24th. This one hour service includes special music, carols by candlelight, and a Christmas message from Pastor Roger.

Also this year we are including a "Come and Go Family Communion." Pastor Roger is available from 4:30—4:50 pm to serve communion to your family. This serves as a wonderful reminder of why Jesus came to earth as a human being—to sacrifice His life for our sins.



## God's Good News Continued ...

to us was the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Remind yourself of this fact as you wrap or unwrap gifts this year. Remind yourself of God's gift to you as you sit quietly reflecting on the day we call Christmas and let the old story of God's Good News sink deep into your heart – one more time. In spite of any trial you may face – this is a time to celebrate GOOD NEWS!!!



## Live Drive Through Nativity Dec. 12-14 | 6:00—8:00 pm

This annual event cannot happen without the help of everyone! If you have not signed up to be part of this gift to our community, it is not too late. Sign up sheets are in the foyer. Bring cookies, food, be a greeter or participant, help set up or clean up, take posters and help us advertise.

See Bill Hinnen if you have any questions. Posters are on the table in the foyer. Be a blessing to someone else and help us show the Waco community the real meaning of Christmas.



## Prayer Requests:

**Home Bound:** Bettie Hughes, Dorothy Young, Annetta Cotton

**Health:** Betty Whaley, Kari (Kris Huff's sister, lung cancer), Jenny Swezey, Pat and Ray Wheeler, Julie Moore, Ronnie Angel, Virginia Witts' daughter, Beverly.

**Today's Prayer Partners:** Bill Hanna, Harvey Spross, David Baumgartner

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Drive Through Set Up Christmas Parties/Primetime, and Rochelle & Linda's SS Classes
7	8	9	10 Happy Birthday Jesus Party 6:30 pm Fundraiser Dinner 6:30 pm	11	12 <b>Live Drive Through</b>	13 Primetime Lunch 1:30 Children's Rehearsal 2-4 pm
14 Children's Musical 10:45 <b>Live Drive Through</b>	15 Nativity Tear Down 8 am	16 Primetime Lunch noon	17 h20 Christmas Party 6:30 pm	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 5 pm	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! <b>Office Closed</b>	26	27
28	29	30	31 NEW YEARS' EVE			



## h2o Youth News

- \* Dec. 10—All Church Chili Dinner Fundraiser (Cornbread, fritos, etc. and dessert)
- \* Dec. 17—Christmas Party in the Youth Center White elephant gift exchange and redneck Christmas games!

## Coming Wednesday, January 7th— Dumpster Diving

Most of us look at a dumpster and see a place to put trash. But some people look at a dumpster and see it as a place to find treasure. These people are dumpster divers – adventurers who believe they can find things of great value in the most unexpected places.

Throughout the Bible, we find stores of people who stumbled onto God in unexpected places—times when they were stopped at a dead end, when they were stressed at a pressure point, and when they were isolated in solitary confinement. As we dive into their stores of excavation every Wednesday night, we learn more about how we can find God in our own lives.

## Christmas Parties

**Dec. 6 — 6:00 pm Primetime Party** in the Fellowship Hall Bring a gift to exchange and finger food.

**Dec. 6 — 6:00 pm Linda and Rochelle's Sunday School Classes** at the Hinnen's home. Bring a \$5 gift to exchange, finger food and a canned good for the food pantry.

**Dec. 10 — 6:30 pm Happy Birthday Jesus Party** in the Adventure Zone.

**Dec. 14 — 19 North Christmas Lunch** at On the Border after morning worship.

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