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every time I
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Philippians 1:3

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From the Pastor

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"The Glorious Light of Christmas"

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind." John 1:4, NIV

On December 4, 2022 at 1:03 a.m. there was a significant breakthrough at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Using powerful lasers to create heat and pressure, the kinds inside a star, there was enough to drive atoms together releasing tremendous energy in a process called "Ignition." Nuclear fusion is called the "Holy Grail" of clean energy. Basically, we are learning to harness the incredible power of the stars. This immeasurable and awe-some power of energy and light, John says finds its source in the Word, the Creator, the one who is "life" and "the light of all mankind."

The astounding affirmation about Jesus, the Word is that he is the source of life and he is the glorious light by which people are pointed to God. Twice in John's Gospel Jesus calls himself the light of the world (8:12; 9:5). Three things stand out about Jesus and the light. (1) The light Jesus brings is the light which dispels chaos. It brings peace, harmony. In the creation story God moved upon the dark, formless chaos and said, "Let there be light" (Gen. 1:3). Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness bringing order out of the chaos of our lives (1:5). (2) The light which Jesus brings is a revealing light. We never see ourselves until we see ourselves through the eyes of Jesus. And when we see ourselves, we are driven to God. Psalm 36:9 reads, "For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light" (my emphasis). (3) The light which Jesus brings is a guiding light. Without God's light we walk in darkness (Jn. 8:12; 12:36), like people stumbling on a dark and unfamiliar path. But with his glorious light the way is clear. "In your light we see light."

As we enter the season of Advent and Christmas, we celebrate the glorious "light of all mankind" who has come to us bringing peace and salvation and we joyfully proclaim and reflect his "glorious light" to all who sit in places of darkness. This is the season to "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). As you view this Winter edition of the Good Newsletter aside from our regular schedule of worship and Bible studies you will find seasonal events and activities that represent opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, service, and outreach. Pray for people in your life, and for opportunities to invite people to Bible study, or worship, or one of our special Christmas community events. And thank you for your faithfulness to love all people and to let the glorious light of Christ shine through you to bless others with the Gospel in our community.

Pastor Joe

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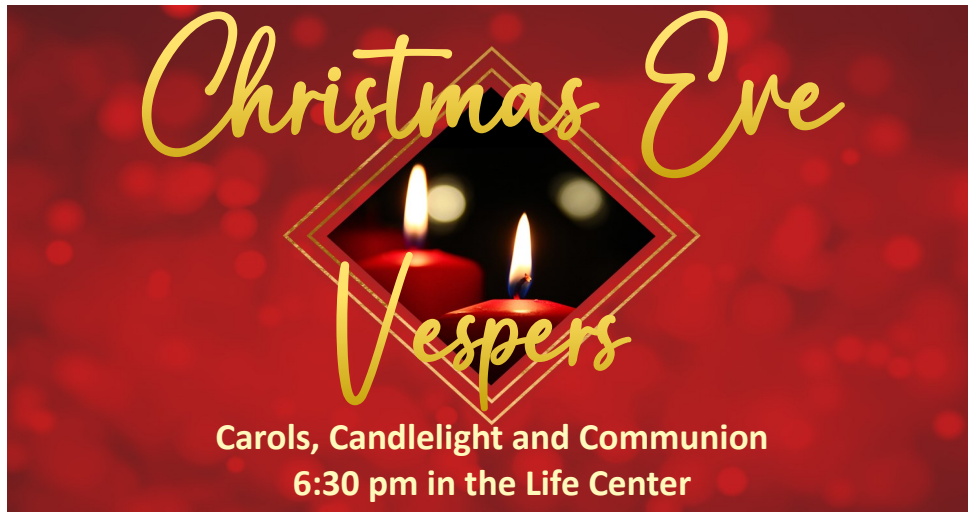


The Season of Advent

Advent means “arrival” or “coming” and includes the four Sundays leading up to Christmas beginning December 1st. Advent offers us an opportunity to spiritually prepare for the Christmas season by focusing on the coming of Christ into the world (past), in our hearts (present), and the “second coming” (future). To help make your journey to Christmas more meaningful for you and your family, we have provided the Advent devotional, “**Come Let Us**

Adore Him.” You can pick up a copy in the Life Center. Consider giving a copy to a family member or friend and invite them to join in the celebration of the season.

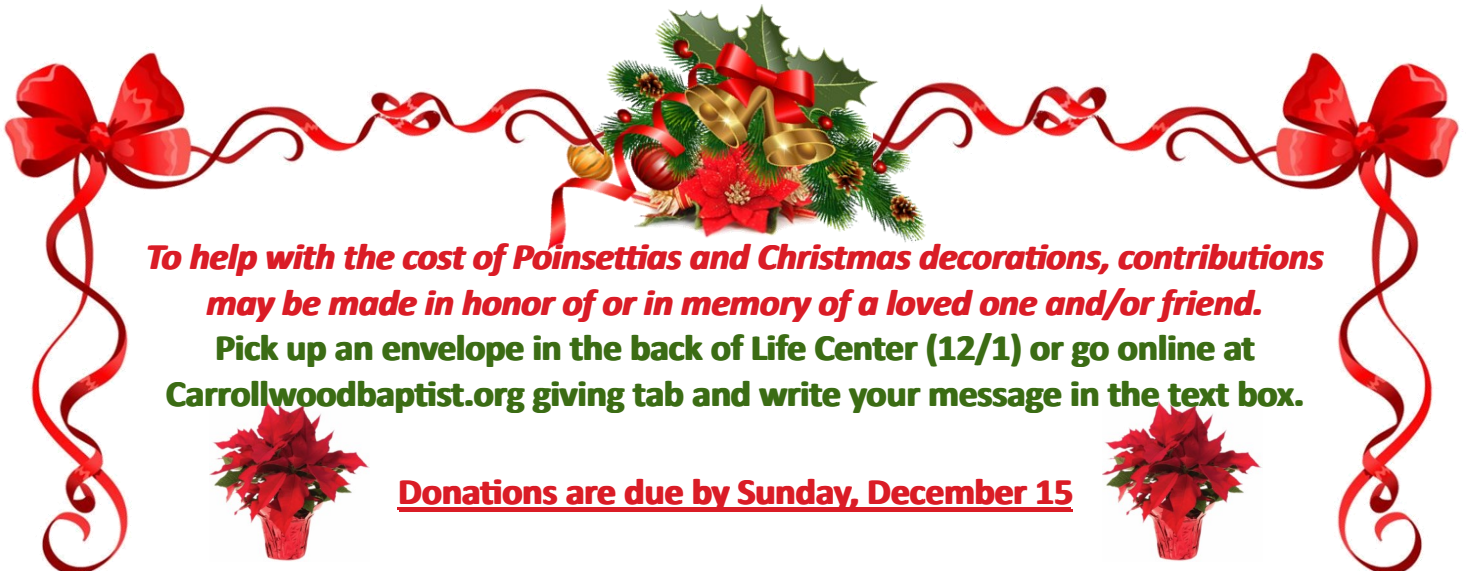
UPCOMING EVENTS



The Church Office will be open 9:00 am-Noon on Tuesday, December 24th and closed on December 25th, 26th and 27th.
Have a Very Merry Christmas!



The Church Office will be open 9:00 am-Noon on Tuesday, December 31st and closed on January 1st and 2nd.
Have a Safe and Happy 2025!



To help with the cost of Poinsettias and Christmas decorations, contributions may be made in honor of or in memory of a loved one and/or friend.

Pick up an envelope in the back of Life Center (12/1) or go online at Carrollwoodbaptist.org giving tab and write your message in the text box.

Donations are due by Sunday, December 15

Christmas Card

Drop-Off



Insert your cards for the church congregation into the alphabetized slots in the back of the Life Center.

Then, you will check your slot and pick up any cards that you received on your own. **No Stamps Required! It's FREE!**
See Sandra Porter for ?'s.

Senior Singles Luncheon

Tuesday, December 17
12:00 - 2:00 pm
Rhonda Alain's Home

Sign Up in the Life Center (12/1)
or call 813-962-3214

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ CBC

5:00-6:00 pm Dinner: 1st Wednesday of Each Month

Dec. 4th Holiday Favorites , Jan. NO DINNER , Feb. 5th Soup and Chicken-n-Dumplings

PRICES: \$10/Adult \$7/Child Free/Preschool \$25/Family in Same Household

DECEMBER 4, *11 (NO ACTIVITIES 18 & 25)

6:00-7:00 pm Adult Bible Study in the Chapel

6:30-7:30 pm Youth in the Youth House (doors open from 6:00-8:00 pm)

7:00-8:00 pm Children in Action in room #103

Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Life Center

7:30-8:30 pm Band and Orchestra Rehearsal in the Life Center

DECEMBER 11

BUDGET MEETING at 6:30 pm in Carpenter Hall; No Adult Bible Study

Children in Action ~ 6:30-8:00 pm ~ Christmas Party ~ rm #103

Youth ~ 6:30-7:30 pm ~ Christmas Party ~ Youth House

JANUARY 8, *15, 22, 29

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JANUARY 15

MEMBERS MEETING at 6:30 pm in Carpenter Hall

No Adult Bible Study; Other Activities will Meet at their Normal Times

FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19, 26

6:00-7:00 pm Adult Bible Study in the Chapel

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MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

ALL MEN WELCOME!

Meets on the **third Saturday** of each month with breakfast, fellowship and prayer together in Carpenter Hall at 8:00 am. See Doug Earle for ?'s.

SATURDAYS:

December 21

January 18 (Deacons Meeting Following Breakfast)

February 15

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



The Ladies Prayer Brunch and Bible Study is a great monthly gathering for the women of our church, usually held on the **second Saturday** at 10 AM. It's a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, prayer, and spiritual growth. Please check the church calendar for specific details each month. If you're interested in hosting the brunch at your home or leading the short devotional, please reach out to Betty Morris. Your participation and support are greatly appreciated!

Saturday: February 8th at 10:00 am in Carpenter Hall

No Meeting in December or January

A Christmas Happening at CBC for Ladies of all Ages

\$7

Continental Breakfast, Worship, Crafts, Hot Lunch & More...

Saturday, December 14

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

LADIES! Invite Your Friends, Neighbors and Family!

Contact: Rhonda Alain, Lynda Gano, Jeannie Hernandez, Betty Morris, Jenn Singleton, or Michelle Sutton for ?'s

**Buy Your Tickets until December 8th
in the Life Center**



CBC KIDS



Children in Action Wednesday Nights

7:00-8:00 pm

Room #103



AMY KIEFER, LEAD

Children in Action
Christmas Party and Activities
Wednesday, December 11
6:30-8:00pm

Children in Action
Saturday, February 8
Deliver Goody Bags to Shut-Ins
9:00 am-2:00 pm



BORN IN A STABLE

*Born in a stable a long way away,
A little tiny baby in a bed of hay.
His mother was Mary and the angels did sing,
"Glory to God, for the birth of a King!"
Three kings came to see Him from lands far away,
They followed the star to praise Him on this day!
The baby's name is JESUS, He is the Son of God!
He came to teach us how to live,
Our Savior and our Lord!*

DECEMBER (10:30 - 11:30 am) Preschool/KidsTime SCHEDULE

1 st	Carol Wade / Sandra Porter	22 nd	FAMILY SUNDAY
8 th	Rhonda Alain / Heidi Barlow Jenna Hogberg	29 th	Sandra Porter / Debbie Cakouros Robin Singleton
15 th	Rhonda Alain / Sandra Porter Robin Singleton / Kate Robert Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration!	January and February schedules will be coming out soon!	



**Have A Very
Merry CHRISTMAS
and a
BLESSED New Year!**
CBC Preschool &
KidsTime Team

PARENT REMINDER:

Our Preschoolers -3rd graders will have their Family Sundays (corporate worship with the adults) on Dec. 22nd, Jan. 26th and Feb. 23rd.
Thanks so much!
Rhonda Alain

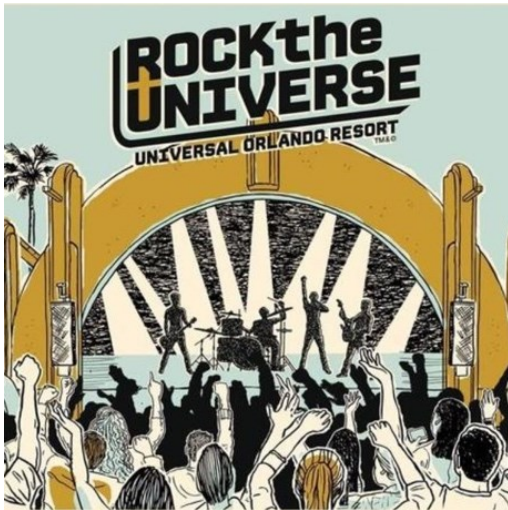




STUDENT MINISTRY

Student Christmas Party!

Come out and enjoy a night of fun at our Student *White Elephant* Gift Exchange Party on **December 11 at 6:30 PM!** Unwrap the laughter and surprises as you exchange quirky gifts with your fellow students (\$10 gift limit). Don't forget to bring something sweet to share in the spirit of the season. Join us for a jolly good time and let the Christmas cheer begin!



ROCK THE UNIVERSE, an electrifying youth event, is set to ignite the spirits of our students from **January 24 to 26**. Priced at **\$260**, this three-day extravaganza promises an unforgettable experience. Bursting with musical performances, inspiring speakers, and interactive activities, *Rock the Universe* creates an immersive atmosphere for personal growth and connection. Mark your calendars for this dynamic event that seamlessly blends entertainment and empowerment, making it a must-attend for youth seeking inspiration and a good time. Let Pastor Matt know if you plan to attend.

MUSIC MINISTRY

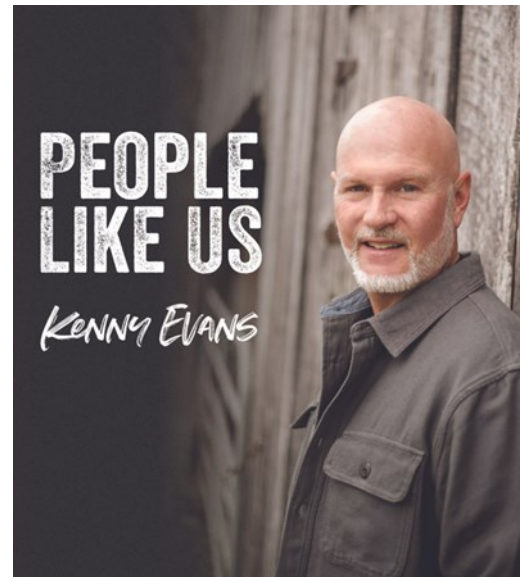


Christmas Presentation

Experience the magic of the season with *"The Glorious Light of Christmas,"* a captivating Christmas musical. Join us on December 22 during our regular 10:30 AM worship service for an enchanting morning filled with timeless melodies and heartfelt narration, bringing to life the story of love, joy, and hope. Let the music warm your heart as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Don't miss this event – it's an unforgettable journey into the essence of love and harmony.
See you there!

Special Guest, Kenny Evans!

We are excited to announce **Kenny Evans**, a gifted *evangelist*, *entertainer*, and *sportsman*, will be joining us at Carrollwood Baptist Church again on **Sunday, February 9, 2025**, during our regular worship time at 10:30 AM! In addition to sharing a powerful message, Kenny will also bless us with his musical talents, combining inspiring words and uplifting music for an unforgettable worship experience. This is a Sunday you won't want to miss! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come and be encouraged through Kenny's dynamic ministry. Come ready to worship, sing, and be inspired!



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



JOY FUN DAY

Citrus Park Mall Indoor Adventure Park

- WHEN:** January 22 (Wed) -11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- WHAT:** Miniature golf, bowling, arcade games, other activities of choice (Go-Karts, Laser Tag, Ropes Course, Rides, etc.) and Dining—all under one roof
- WHERE:** 7902 Citrus Park Town Center Mall
Tampa, FL 33625
- PHONE:** 813-761-5699

See Del Garside or Jerry Goss for questions and/or sign up in the Life Center



Christmas Season Volunteer Opportunities

Consider giving back to your community this Christmas season. There are a variety of worthy ministries in our area to consider. Here are just a few. You can get all the details at their websites, and it is easy to sign up too.

Metropolitan Ministries (metromin.org). Receiving donations, tent volunteer, food distribution, etc. Locations in Tampa and West Pasco.

Feeding Tampa Bay (feedingtampabay.org). Serving meals to persons in need. Locations on Nebraska and Bush Blvd.

Faith Café (faithcafetampa.org). Serving meals in South Tampa.


MISSION NEWS



WOM Quarterly Update:

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in room #204.

The next meeting dates are: Dec. 10, 2024, Jan. 14 and Feb. 11, 2025.

- We want to thank everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child.  **63** boxes were taken to the local distribution site. **Thank You Women on Mission!**
- The ladies sent out cards to church members letting them know that we had prayed for them.
- We continue to give a Sunshine bag to someone special each month. We blessed a church couple with a Thanksgiving gift to let them know how much we care.
- At December's meeting we will address Christmas cards and have a cookie exchange.
- We will be having a missionary from Japan staying with us next year and we plan on studying about Japan and Japanese culture in preparing for her visit.
- We are open to ideas for mission projects locally, nationally and around the world.

Please join us!



More for the Kingdom

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\$1,750

Collected:
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