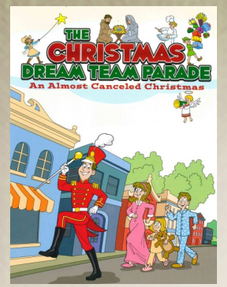


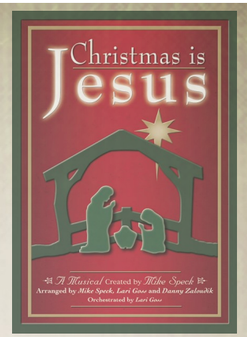
Children's Musical Presentation
By
Valley Grove Baptist Children
Sunday, December 10 @ 6:00 pm

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24
Both Morning Services
No PM Service

NEW YEAR'S EVE
DECEMBER 31
Both Morning Services
PM Service - Silent Lord's Supper

UPcoming EVENTS



"CHRISTMAS IS JESUS"
Presented by
Valley Grove Baptist
Celebration Choir
Sunday, December 3 @ 6:00 pm

Happy Birthday
JESUS Party

After the Children's Christmas
Musical Presentation

LADIES NIGHT OUT
CHRISTMAS PARTY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 @ 6:00 PM
AT STANFIELD'S
Please bring a $10.00 gift to play dirty Santa with. If you have any questions please contact Rendy Harper or Kay Elsner

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF VALLEY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Vision

DECEMBER 2017 – VOLUME 53

Man I struggle with this!

DO YOU STRUGGLE?

The tongue is such a powerful weapon. It can lift up or tear down someone. We can bless or we can curse a situation or individual. We have a choice to speak truth in love, or with anger or a harsh tone. It's our choice. Sharing Jesus and telling people they must change is not always well received telling a person that Jesus loves them changes the dynamics of the conversation. Choose words of encouragement. Do not water down the truth but deliver without offense. Look at the way Jesus looked at people and allow Him to be our role model. Let be an encourager this Christmas season. Let's use or tongue to say Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birthday of our Savior.

Bro Greg

Church Events For DECEMBER

- 2 - Gym Reserved
- 3 - Deacon Meeting
- 3 - Adult Christmas Program
- 4 - Monday Morning Ministry Visiting
- 5 - Ladies Night Out
- 6 - Business Meeting
- 8-9 - Gym Reserved
- 10 - Children's Christmas Program
- 11 - Ladies Bible Study
- 13 - Children & Workers Christmas Meal
- 15 - Newsletter Article Due
- 15-16 - Gym Reserved
- 17 - Children's Reward Night
- 18 - WMU
- 19 - Basketball Ministry Dinner
- 24 - Christmas Eve - 8:00 & 10:30 am Service
- 24 - No PM Service
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 31 - 8:00 & 10:30 am Services
- 31 - Silent Lord's Supper

Outreach Senior Adult Minister

We are approaching a new year: 2018. January 1 always seems to get each one of us excited to start a new activity. We begin our new quarter of Discipleship classes on Jan. 7 at 5:00 pm. Please pray about which class you will be part of this year. Growing in our likeness of Christ is our goal..

1. Survey of the Old Testament, Johnny Watson.
2. I am a Church Member, Darryl Tverberg.
3. All Things New, Mary Isbell . Ladies class for all ages.
4. I Will
5. Follow Me, Frankie LaBoone.

More information will shared in the coming weeks.

Young Adults & Education Ministry

We've been robbed! That was the scene Judy and I observed when we returned to our car at a Cracker Barrel parking lot. A man had broken our window and stolen Judy's purse. Hurt and violated was at the center of our emotions.

Do you ever feel the same way after Christmas? Sweet emotions of giving flooded your heart and a few days later you returned to a store and Valentine decorations were everywhere. Did you feel betrayed and violated?

The world, as hard as they try, can't truly celebrate and savor Christmas because the true meaning is absent from their hearts.

For example, lets imagine you are asked to come to your relative's home for **YOUR** birthday. You sit quietly as your family celebrates your birthday but never speaking to you. They laugh and are excited opening the presents **BUT** you receive nothing. Many eat, drink, laugh but never even glance your way. They all leave without saying a thing to you. You sit with your head down and tears rolling.

Christmas is to be a Holy remembrance of Christ coming from 'heaven to here' born in human flesh, living a sinless life and voluntarily sacrificing it to pay the eternal penalty brought on by our hurtful, shameful and filthy sins?

Therefore, please don't hurt and violate Our Precious Lord! Please, someone live in the Spirit of not robbing Christ! Someone speak of Our Lord! Some family member please read the Bible Story! Someone fight for the meaning! Someone pass on The Truth to kids and grandkids! Someone pray and give thanks because that Someone with a tear wants us to love Him.

Bro. Ted

AREAS OF SERVICE

NURSERY CARE

Sunday, December 3
8:00 am - Angie Willis, Judy Vafeas
10:30 am - Tina Tverberg, Rhonda Keenum, Freddie & Carol Morris, Katie Looney, Brandi Harper Breanna Newell
pm - Norma Hallmark, Brenda Nixon
Wednesday, December 6 - Faye Hester, Vada Landers
Sunday, December 10
8:00 am - Angie Willis, Martha Aday
10:30 am - Connie Posey, Carol Underwood, Dana Massey, Amanda Gomez, Doug McDonald, April Simon, Mark & Krista Chase
pm - Joy South, Carol Aday
Wednesday, December 13 - Lura Agee, Susan Young
Sunday, December 17
8:00 am - Angie Willis, Brenda Simkovich
10:30 am - Sue Jeffreys, Patricia Gomez, Penny Townsend, Wanda Downey, Brandon & Rebecca Burleson, Sandra Kimbrough
pm - Lura Agee, Phyllis Myhan
Wednesday, December 20 - Wanda Berry & Linda Counts
Sunday, December 24
8:00 am - Angie Willis, Sharon Permenter
10:30 am - Joyce Dennis, Charlotte Jeffreys, Rodney & Cassie Sparks, Meagan Rumble, Amy Gregory, Janice Anderson
pm - No Service
Wednesday, December 27 - Mary Jane McDonald, Shelia Creasy
8:00 am - Angie Willis, Judy Vafeas
10:30 am - Tina Tverberg, Rhonda Keenum, Freddie & Carol Morris, Katie Looney, Brandi Harper Breanna Newell
pm - Norma Hallmark, Brenda Nixon

SECURITY TEAM

3 - Lee Aday **10** - Jimmy Tedder **17** - Chris Wright
24 - Mark Chase **31** - Leon Borden

PRAYER TEAM

8:00 am Prayer Team meets in the Prayer Room in the Foyer
10:30 am Prayer Team meets in Room S100 (Senior Adult Ladies Room)

December 3
8:00 am - Tommy & Debbie Counts **10:30 am** - Brandon & Rebecca Burleson
December 10
8:00 am - Judy Vafeas **10:30 am** - Lanny Jeffreys & Dan Roberts
December 17
8:00 am - Doug Myhan **10:30 am** - Norma Setliff & Brenda Weeks
December 24
8:00 am - Ray & Linda Counts **10:30 am** - Jim Sanderson & Jimmy Tedder
December 31
8:00 am - Tommy & Debbie Counts **10:30 am** - Gary & Heather White

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 3
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Greg Newell
Wednesday, December 6
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Don Bradford **Van 2** - Jim Sanderson, Betty Bradford
Sunday, December 10
Van 1 - Reba Newell - Pam Clement
Wednesday, December 13
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Maxine Shelhamer **Van 2** - T. C. Hallmark, Norma Hallmark
Sunday, December 17
Van 1 - Reba Newell, John & Sharon Permenter
Wednesday, December 20
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Joy South **Van 2** - Barry Minor, Hillard South
Sunday, December 24
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Lura Agee
Wednesday, December 27
Van 1 – Reba Newell, Shelia Creasy **Van 2** - Larry Creasy, Susan Young
Sunday, December 31
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Greg Newell

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

3 - Jennifer Beasley **10** - Penny Townsend **17** - Angie Dewberry
24 - Michelle Stutts **31** - Mary Jane McDonald

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, donations during the illness of Beasley Lolley. Most of all we Praise God for the miracle in his life!

The Family of Beasley Lolley

This is a very exciting time for the youth. Pease be in prayer for us as we plan our mission trip to Gulf Shores in January. The kids are getting excited about going back. We have a lot of activities planned and are praying for more. Also, please sign up to be a host for one of our night lights. I promise you will get a blessing out of it. Thank you for everyone's support.

Much Love,
Bro. Jeremy

Youth Minister

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1-Victor Simon
2-Roger Morgan
3-Cade Tverberg
4-Greg Newell
5-Geri Duffey
7-Brandon Underwood
8-Nancy Counts
8-Rickey Kirby
9-Ray Counts
9-Connie Ketelhut
11-Jerry McGee
15-Byron Aycock
15-Angie Dewberry
15-Carol Kuykendall
16-Jana Defoor
16-Norma Hallmark
17-Jessica Newell
21-Zane Hodge
21-Gary White
22-Steven Stayton
23-Betty Jeffreys
25-Mary Isbell
25-Christine Montgomery
26-Don Bradford
29-JoAnn Hare
29-Fredia Kirby
30-Joyce Dennis
30-Anthony Gregory
30-Steve Sandlin
30-Nora Sparks

ANNIVERSARIES
2-Gerald & Joyce King
8-Jimmy & Marilyn Tedder
14-Wayne & Rita Underwood
20-Steve & JoAnn Nix
22-Steve & Shelia McCrary
27-Edgar & Charlotte Burgess
31-Jackie & Connie Scogin

Music Ministry

Church family,

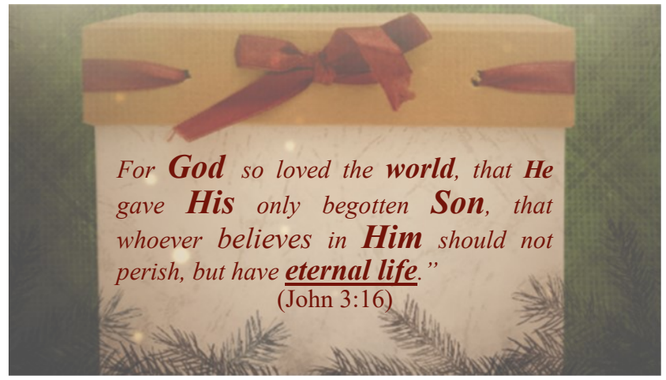
There are lots of exciting things going on within our church as we get ready for the Holiday season and celebrating the birth of our Savior! Times and dates for our Christmas Programs are as follows:

Adult Christmas Musical
When- December 3, 2017 at 6pm

Children's Christmas Musical
When- December 10, 2017 at 6pm

We hope to see you all there!!

In Christ,
Bro. Zach



CHILDREN'S CORNER

- Nov. 30 - Caroling at Nursing House
- Dec. 3 - Genesis
- Dec. 6 - Christmas Rehearsal/Angels Spoke to Mary and Joseph
- Dec. 10 -Primeval History/Children's Christmas Musical
- Dec. 13 - Christmas Supper for Kids/Christmas Story/Ornament/Jesus Was Born
- Dec. 17 - Abraham/Reward Night for Attendance - Skyzone - 3:30
  - Waivers must be completed for Skyzone: https://florencestore.skyzone.com/waiver/
- Dec. 20 - Movie/Reward Night/Wise Men Visited Jesus
- Dec. 24 - Christmas
- Dec. 27 - David and Jonathan Became Friends

December 10 - Cupcakes Needed
Please bring cupcakes for the party after the Children's Musical.

All presents/gifts for sponsored children must be given and taken to their homes by December 8.

The Song, "Silent Night," by Josef Mohr and composer, Franz Gruber

Most everyone has heard the song "Silent Night," but few know about its birth in a little Austrian church called St. Nicholas. In 1818, a group of actors were suppose to present a Christmas musical at the church. Unfortunately when they arrived, it's organ would not work. As a result, the drama was presented at a private home. Feeling inspired after the event, the Assistant Pastor, Joseph Mohr, took the long way home over a hill looking down at the village, remembered a poem written years earlier. The next day Mohr went to the church organist, Franz Xavier Gruber, and he created the music for the poem using a guitar. On Christmas Eve, Gruber and Mohr sang this song for the church. After several weeks, Karl Mauracher arrived to repair the organ for the church. Gruber played this song for him. Impressed by the song, Mauracher shared this song with two singing groups, the Rainers and the Strassers. These groups spread this song over Europe and the United States. Today, we are still singing this beautiful song.