

The Authentic Life News & Notes

December 2024











Important Date:

- Deadline for DR Christmas Bags
- Christmas Sweater Sunday
- Annual Church Business Meeting

Heaven Came Down...

As we celebrate this Christmas season, let us pause to marvel at the incredible gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who came to bring light to a dark world. His birth reminds us of God's boundless love and the hope we have in Him, no matter the challenges we face. Amid the season's busyness, let's not lose sight of the guiet miracle of that first Christmas night. In the stillness of Bethlehem, heaven touched the earth, and the promise of salvation was fulfilled. That same peace and joy are available to us today. May your homes be filled with

laughter, your hearts with



Christmas Sermon Series

This Christmas, we invite you to join us for a special four-part sermon series, "The Gift of Christmas." Together, we will unwrap the greatest gift ever given—Jesus Christ.



Wednesday Morning 9 AM - 2 PM United Way and Streetside Showers Wednesday Evening 5:30 Family Dinner 6:15 AWANA Check In

gratitude, and your spirits with the wonder of Emmanuel God with us. Let's carry His love to those around us, being the hands and feet of Christ in a world that so deeply needs Him. From our family to yours, may this Christmas season fill you with renewed faith, unwavering hope, and abundant joy. You are deeply loved, not only by our church community but most importantly by the One who gave us the greatest gift of all. Merry Christmas and blessings in Christ.

Pastor Jimmy

6:30 Youth Bible Study 6:30 History of Music 7:00 Adult Bible Study 7:40 Closing Prayer



Staff 2025 Planning MeetingTuesday, Dec. 17th Pastors, Elders, and Deacons Meeting Sunday, Jan. 12th



Youth Christmas
PartyWednesday the 18th

Our Upcoming Family Events...



Ladies Ministry Meeting

You're invited to a special gathering with our Ladies' Ministry! Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, inspiration, and encouragement as we grow in faith and friendship.

Event: Dinner & Bible Study

Date: Tue. the 10th

Time: 6-8 PM

Location: ALF Fellowship Hall

This event is a chance to recharge spiritually, share stories, and connect with women of all ages and backgrounds.

Feel free to bring a friend, and come as you are! We look forward to spending this meaningful time together. Please RSVP to Melinda @ (903) 456-3262. See you there!

Christmas Communion - 15th

Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior with a time of worship, reflection, and holy communion. This sacred service is an opportunity to reflect on the



gift of Jesus Christ and partake in the bread and cup, remembering His love and sacrifice. Come, let us adore Him together!



Christmas Eve Candlelight - 24th

Celebrate the beauty and wonder of Christmas with us at a special candlelight service beginning at 5:30 PM. Let us gather to honor the birth of Jesus Christ with worship, scripture, and the warm glow of candlelight. Bring your family and friends to experience this peaceful and joyful evening as we rejoice in the Light of the World.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1:5



No Midweek Ministries

- December 25th
- Janusry 1st



Church Pancake Breakfast - 29th

Start your day at 9 AM with delicious pancakes, warm fellowship, and great company! Bring your appetite and your loved ones as we enjoy a hearty breakfast together. This is a perfect opportunity to connect, share laughter, and build community. All are welcome—come as you are!

We can't wait to see you there!



10th Annual Community Service

We're excited to invite you to join us as we come together in fellowship and worship at the 10th Annual Unity Service. This inspiring gathering celebrates the beauty of unity in Christ among churches in our community.

Date: Jan. 5th @ 8:30 AM location TBA

Let's join hearts and voices in praise, reflecting the love and harmony of God's family. Transportation can be arranged if needed—please let us know! We look forward to experiencing this blessed occasion with you!





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