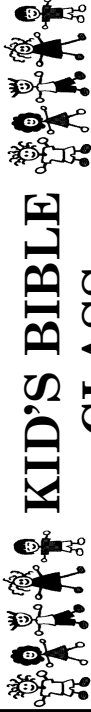


CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Children 4 years to 5th grade are invited to join us for Bible lessons and activities presented on their age level. Children are dismissed from AM Worship at 10:20 AM (English) and 11:35 AM (Spanish).



KID'S BIBLE CLASS

Sundays & Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

Main Building - Bride's Room

All children are welcome to join us in learning the books of the Bible and memory verses through games and activities.



DECEMBER GAME PARTY

Saturday, December 15th
1:30 - 4:30 PM

at the Deer Park Community Center

All children ages 4 and up who attend Cindy's Kid's Bible Class are invited to a Game Room Party. Meet in the big church parking lot at 12:30 PM to go to Deer Park for fun and snacks.

We will return to the church between 5:00 and 5:30 PM.

All children attending must have a *Children's Activity Consent* form filled out and signed by a parent or guardian to attend. (*Children's Activity Consent* forms may be obtained from Mrs. Cindy.)

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Join us in Reading through the Bible in 2018

Tips on Reading the Bible Daily

1. Start reading the Bible today -- there is no better time, and there's no reason to wait.

2. Set aside a specific time each day. Set your schedule and then stick to it. Mornings are great, but feel free to use any time that works consistently for you.

3. Read the Bible for the sake of learning, not simply to accomplish your next reading. Say a short prayer to God before you begin, asking the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and understanding, then be refreshed by the words you read!

December Daily Bible Reading Plan

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In Our Church Family...

In Christian Sympathy...

Brother Michael Thomas and his sister, Nancy Lotze and their families in the loss of their niece, Michelle Rene' Moen who passed away, Friday, November 2, 2018.

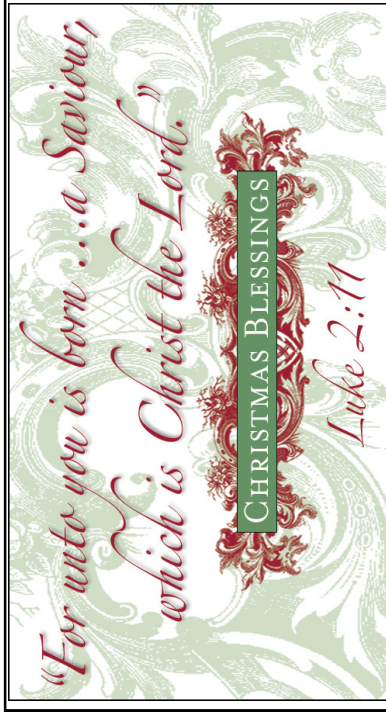
Michael Womack and his family in the loss of his mother, Pamela W. Keeling who passed away, Tuesday, November 6, 2018.



Even though I
walk through
the darkest
valley... You
are with me...

Psalm 23:4 (NIV)

Join us for a *Candlelight Service*
Monday, December 24th
at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary



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ADVENT

 The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. During the season of Advent, one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday until all of the candles, including the fifth candle which is lit on Christmas Eve. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Advent wreath uses three colors of candles – purple, pink, and white.

On the 1st Sunday of Advent (Sunday, 12-02-2018), the 1st CANDLE is lit (purple candle) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF HOPE – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. “*And again, Isaiah says, ‘The Root of Jesse will spring up, One who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in Him. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.’*” (Romans 15:12-13) and (scripture reading of Luke 1:26-38)

On the 2nd Sunday of Advent (Sunday, 12-09-2018), the 2nd CANDLE is lit (purple candle) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PEACE OR PREPARATION – God kept His promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! “*As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: A voice of one calling in the desert. ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God’s salvation.’*” (Luke 3:4-6) and (scripture reading of Matthew 1:18-25)

On the 3rd Sunday of Advent (Sunday, 12-16-2018), the 3rd CANDLE is lit (pink candle) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY – The angels sang a message of JOY! “*...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;*

He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly hosts appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’” (Luke 2:7-15) and (scripture reading of Luke 2:1-7)

On the 4th Sunday of Advent (Sunday, 12-23-2018), the 4th CANDLE is lit (purple candle) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. “*...I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord”* (Luke 2:10b-11) and (scripture reading of Luke 2:8-20)

On Christmas Eve, (Monday, 12-24-2018), the 5th CANDLE is lit (white candle) THE CHRIST CANDLE – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless Lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for His death, His death was for our birth! “*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’*” (John 1:29) and (scripture reading of Isaiah 9:6-7)

NEW BIBLE STUDY CLASS

For Young Adults is now meeting in Room 101 at 9:00 AM.

OUTREACH

Sunday, December 9th at 5:00 PM

Your help is needed in reaching out to guests who have visited Richey Street Baptist Church.

Please join us as we share Jesus with our neighbors.

DEACONS’ MEETINGS

Sunday, December 9th at 7:00 PM

December

2	First Sunday of Advent Bible Study (English) Morning Worship (English) Bible Study (Spanish) Children’s Church (English) Morning Worship (Spanish) Children’s Church (Spanish) Evening Worship (English & Spanish) Kid’s Bible Class	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:20 AM 11:30 AM 11:35 AM 6:00 PM
5	Bible Study / Prayer Time (English & Spanish) Kid’s Bible Class	6:00 PM
9	Second Sunday of Advent Bible Study (English) Morning Worship (English) Bible Study (Spanish) Children’s Church (English) Morning Worship (Spanish) Children’s Church (Spanish) Outreach Evening Worship (English & Spanish) Kid’s Bible Class Deacons’ Meeting	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:20 AM 11:30 AM 11:35 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
12	Bible Study / Prayer Time (English & Spanish) Kid’s Bible Class	6:00 PM
15	December Game Party	1:30 PM
16	Third Sunday of Advent Bible Study (English) Morning Worship (English) Bible Study (Spanish) Children’s Church (English) Morning Worship (Spanish) Children’s Church (Spanish) Evening Worship (English & Spanish) Kid’s Bible Class	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:20 AM 11:30 AM 11:35 AM 6:00 PM
19	Bible Study / Prayer Time (English & Spanish) Kid’s Bible Class	6:00 PM
23	Fourth Sunday of Advent Bible Study (English) Morning Worship (English) Bible Study (Spanish) Children’s Church (English) Morning Worship (Spanish) Children’s Church (Spanish) Evening Worship (English & Spanish) Kid’s Bible Class	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:20 AM 11:30 AM 11:35 AM 6:00 PM
24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Church Office Closed	6:00 PM
25	Christmas Day Church Office Closed	
26	NO Wednesday Services or Activities	
30	Bible Study (English) Morning Worship/Lord’s Supper Observed Bible Study (Spanish) Children’s Church (English) Morning Worship (Spanish) Children’s Church (Spanish) Evening Worship (English & Spanish) Kid’s Bible Class	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:20 AM 11:30 AM 11:35 AM 6:00 PM
31	New Year’s Eve	

CHURCH RECORDS

NOVEMBER 2018

Average Attendance

English Services

Bible Study: 28 AM Worship: 35

Spanish Services

Bible Study: 19 AM Worship: 34

Average Budget Receipts

Average Budget Receipts \$ 1,672.96

Weekly Budget Needs \$ 2,558.18



COMMUNITY REWARDS

www.kroger.com/communityrewards
to link your Kroger card to RSBC today!

13 households who used their Kroger Card when shopping at Kroger between August 27th and October 31st enabled us to earn \$19.93. Unfortunately, we won’t be issued a check until our contributions reach \$25.00.

Won’t you link your Kroger card to RSBC today?

Our new organization number is: AE888

If you need help signing up, call or come by the Church Office.

YEAR END GIVING

Contributions for 2018 need to be received in the Church Office by Monday, December 31, 2018.

Churches trust the Lord to meet their needs by touching the hearts of the people.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7