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A WORD FROM OUR LEGACY BUILDER'S PRESIDENT

DECEMBER 2018

Christmas traditions.... Why are Christmas traditions important? Traditions are a great way to pass down family values to children who will in turn, pass them on to their children and so on. Traditions are a great way to pass down stories of faith and customs through the generations. The most important reason for traditions is to remind us of Christ Himself. One thing I love to do every year when my extended family gets together is to have "the Christmas story" from Luke 2 read by one of the children just before we eat. It's a "captive" audience and we all stop whatever we're doing to listen. The story of the birth of Christ reminds us that God came as a man in the flesh to take away the sins of the world and gave the greatest gift of all time.

Another tradition I enjoy is to read a short Christmas story to my Bible Fellowship Group each Sunday morning during the month of December at the end of our Bible Study time. My sweet neighbor, Phyllis Spence gave me one of my favorite books for Christmas in 1998. It's a collection of short Christmas Stories for the Heart written by people like Max Lucado, Chuck Swindoll, Ruth Graham, James Dobson, etc. and compiled by Alice Gray. ***This one was written by Shirley Dobson and the title is "A Christmas Tradition".***

"These happy days of Christmas come and go so quickly that we have sought a way to hold on to the pleasure a while longer. Therefore, we have developed a custom of saving our Christmas cards from friends and loved ones far and wide, and after New Year's Day, I put them on a tray near the dinner table. Every night we select some cards and read them, along with the letters enclosed with them. We then pray for those families around our table. This tradition may take months to complete, depending on the number of cards we receive. With the busy days of Christmas behind us, we can better enjoy the beauty of the cards and absorb the meaningful verses and personal notes.

The Christmas traditions that we have developed through the years are not unique to the Dobson household. Perhaps yours are similar in many respects. But they are extremely meaningful to each member of our family. These activities serve to emphasize the two vitally important themes that embody the Christmas spirit: celebration of Jesus' birth and life, and celebration of love for one another and for the entire human family. As such, this exciting time of the year brings out the very best that is within us."

It has been an honor for me to serve as President of Legacy Builders this year. May the awesome love and spirit of Christmas stay with you all year long in 2019.

Patsy Tolleson

DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETINGMonday, December 17 at 5:30pm

YOU MUST CALL FOR A RESERVATION by 11:00am on Friday, December 14 for the December meeting If YOU HAVE NOT PREPAID. Prepaid means you have paid in advance for your meals to be on the permanent list.

Please call Penny in the Family Life Center at 601.790.2277 to make reservations.

Entertainment

Janie Walters will share some ways to add joy to your life through a blend of laughter and fall on your knees reverence. Janie is a full-time motivational speaker, a human communications specialist, and an award-winning educator, with more than 25 years-experience at the secondary and college levels. She is the creator and owner of Champion Communications, a speaker service. In addition to a full speaking schedule, Janie Walters is an author, playwright, wife, Bible Study teacher, actress, and former disc jockey. Her style is funny, but sincere. Her content is informative and wise. Janie will encourage us, in times of trouble, to stay in the Word, stay focused, and keep a song in our heart, with praise and laughter in our mouth. Her enthusiasm is contagious!

Menu

- Breakfast casserole
- Grits
- Biscuit
- Syrup
- Honey
- Cinnamon glazed apples

New 2019 Permanent List

We have started a new 2019 permanent list beginning in January. You must prepay to be on the permanent list. The permanent list is a list of Senior Adults who have a standing reservation at our monthly fellowship meal each 3rd Monday. They do not have to call to let us know they are coming. They simply call to let us know if they are **unable** to attend. **Everyone must check in with the cashiers at each meeting even if you have prepaid.**

You must prepay to be put on the 2019 Permanent List. Here are your options:

- **Pay by the QUARTER:** \$15 per quarter (you will need to renew this every 3rd month)
- **Pay every SIX MONTHS:** \$30 twice a year (you will need to renew this every 6 months)
- **Pay by the YEAR:** \$60 per person once a year (you will need to renew this every year)

YOU CAN STILL CALL IN EACH MONTH BY 11 AM ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE MONDAY NIGHT MEETING TO MAKE A RESERVATION EACH MONTH.

If you miss a month, we will not issue a refund. However, being on the Permanent List will make your February meal \$5 whereas it is usually \$8 in February.

If you would like to pre-pay to be added to the Permanent List, please call the Senior Adult Office at 601.790.2277 (Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm).

We accept cash, check, debit and credit cards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringers

We will be ringing bells at the Salvation Army Red Kettle at the Kroger (Pharmacy end) on Hwy 51 in Madison on Thursday, December 6 from 10:00am-8:00pm (two-hour shifts). If you would like to volunteer, you may call Penny Rhodes at 601.790.2277.

**Carols by Candlelight
Saturday, December 8**

3:00pm at FBC Jackson

- Vans leave FBC Madison at 1:45pm
- FREE
- 30 tickets available
- Call Penny at 601.790.2277 to reserve your ticket.

**Christmas and New Year's Day
Holiday Hours**

- The Church Offices and Family Life Center will be closed Monday, December 24-Wednesday, December 26 and Monday, December 31-Tuesday, January 1.
- December 23 - No Bible Fellowship Groups, Evening Services or Activities
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 4pm
- December 30 - No Bible Fellowship Groups, Evening Services or Activities
- January 2 - No Wednesday Night Activities
- January 9 - Regular Wednesday Night Activities resume

2019 Volunteers and Committees

Look for the signup sheets for the following volunteer and committee positions at the November meeting.

- Greeters
- Cashiers
- Punch
- Table Decorations/Setup
- Menu Committee (helps plan 2020 menu)
- Program Committee (helps plan the 2020 entertainment)
- Travel Committee (helps plan the 2020 trips)

Voices of Joy | Senior Adult Choir

Wednesdays at 11:00am
Room 208

**Senior Adult Game Day
Mondays at 1:00pm
Upstairs in the Family Life Center**

- Join the Senior Adults in a game of dominos or cards.
- Bring a snack to share.
- Drinks provided.

Legacy Builders Door Prizes

Thank you to those who provided door prizes for the November meeting. We appreciate you! If you would like to donate a door prize for the December 17 meeting, please contact Penny at 601.790.2277 or bring it by Penny's office in the Family Life Center.

Our Homebound

- Mary Beasley
- Edna Brown
- Clarence Burnham
- Ernestine Byrd
- Joy Cook
- Dorris Faucett
- Jean Hawkins
- Darlene Haerer
- Virginia Keeton
- Dot McMillon
- Edith Morgan
- Charleen Nutt
- Fran Peters
- Louise Sebren
- Agnes Stanley
- Billy & Nora Tannehill

Prayer Needs

- Pete & Marie Baner
- Billy Bishop
- Harold Bunch
- Gary Clark
- Yvonne Donelson
- Ann Flewelling
- Martha Hall
- Dianne Lancaster
- Dorothy Miley & daughter, Louise
- David Stricklin, Sr.
- Betty Varner
- Rosaline Walker
- Alton Westbrook
- Jimmy Williams
- Merle Williams

Church member names are added to this printed prayer and/or homebound list at the request of the individual or an immediate family member (child or spouse).

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Sue Case	Amanda Bingham	18	Roger Armstrong
	Bennie Hutchins	10	Tijuana Boyanton	Dennis Daniels
	Roy Jones	11	Jean Dan	Pam Hayden
	James Walker		Steve Gong	Carol Newman
	David Watts		Tony Ignozzitto	19
2	Annie Elmore		Wayne Nix	Cheryl Sprow
	Bob Tavlin		Billy Swindle	20
	Diane Wall	12	Jan Clifton	Carol Beebe
3	Jimmy Chandler		Darlene Haerer	Barry Hardy
	Gary Hawkins		Sid Nutt	Carol Lawson
	Mary K. Henderson		Tommie Sullivan	21
	Betty Kuyrkendall	13	Bob Litro	Judy Green
	Miriam Pace		Maurice Thomas	Rita Hall
	Bob Shirley	14	Jane Bryan	22
4	Jim Gilbert		Cindy Coon	Margrette Brumfield
5	Linda Boatner		Patsy Furr	Peggy Runnels
	Bobbie Butler		Anne Marion	24
6	Cheryl Carr		Susan Riley	Bennett Boyd
	Phil Kelly	15	Faira Bishop	Carol Ann Oakman
	Susan Tidwell		Hilda Gaaney	25
7	Betty Bennett	16	Janet Armstrong	Ray Flowers
	JoAnn Curry		J. W. Fielder	Kay Foshee
8	Marie Baner		Cee Meadows	Dyan Melton
	Catherine Lockett	17	Jean Clark	26
	Elizabeth Shows		Linda Hughes	Dian Anderson
	Trisha Webber		Carol Pickering	Charlotte Parkin
9	Gwen Allen		Liz Tate	27
	Nancy Armistead		Roger Willis	Jimmy Blissett
				Terry McMullen
				28
				Frances Ham
				29
				Jeanne Eubanks
				Don Stancel
				31
				Grady McCool
				Edith Morgan
				Myra Young



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 & 10:30am - Bible Fellowship
9:00 & 10:30am - Morning Worship
6:00pm - Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

2:00pm - Library Opens
4:45pm - Church Supper
6:00pm - Mid-Week Service