

TODAY: December 2

- 8:30a—Deacon's Prayer
- 8:45a—Prayer Time (all ages)
- 12:30p—Finance Committee Meeting in Room #126
- 4:00—5:30p—Choir Practice
- 7:15p — Cross Current Youth S.N.A.C. at Schimanski's
- Cross Current Youth **TLC \$50 Deposit Due**

THE WEEK

- **Mon.** Dec. 3—7:00p Women's Ministries **Coffee Talk** at Hyde Perk in Boise
- **Wed.** Dec. 5—Final collection day for new pillows for the **AWANA Christmas Project** for the Boise Rescue Mission
- **Fri.** Dec. 7—6:00p **J.O.Y. Christmas Party** at the church —Catered Dinner by Brian & Mary Ann Rhom—The J.O.Y Group is collecting items for the Boise Rescue Mission Christmas boxes—you may bring your items to the party

[weekly activities are listed on the back of the bulletin]



- Dec. 9—12:30p Deacon's Meeting Room #126
- Dec. 14—7:00p Women's Ministries *Christmas*

Goodie Exchange and *Cookie Decorating Contest* (East Wing)

- Dec. 15—9:30a Children's Program Rehearsal
- Dec. 15—10:30a Choir Rehearsal
- Dec. 15—6:00p **CCY Christmas Party**
- Dec. 16—9:00 AM **Brunch** and Children's Christmas Program—No SS Classes

● Dec. 16—6:00 PM—*Christmas Cantata*
Our choir will be performing *Behold, a Savior!*

- Dec. 23—**CCY TLC Balance Due**
- Dec. 24—5:00p *Christmas Eve* Service
- Dec. 26-29—**CCY TLC**—departure 9:00a on the 26th and return late on the 29th
- Jan. 12—**Annual Women's Ministry Kick-Off**—
- Jan. 14-15 Life Touch Photography sessions
- Jan. 19-21—Junior High **WinterBlast** at Camp Pinewood

Ministry Assignments

December 2:

Greeters: Zarybnicky (F) O'Hara (B)
Ushers: Donn / Carl / Alan / Lloyd
Nursery:

- **AM:** Kathy H. / Rosy
- **SS:** Jeremy & Hillary
- **PM:** John & Erin

Children's Church: Christy (Teacher)
 Alison / Josie (Helpers)

Junior Church: Michelle / Viktor / Inna

PM Children's Ministries: Michelle

Sound Booth: Audio / Jason (AM)

Video / Garrett (AM)

Audio / Garrett (PM) **Video** / Scott (PM)

Safety Team: Dan (AM) Jim M. (PM)

December 9:

Greeters: Jean (F) Ham (B)
Ushers: Jason / Thane / Vio / David

Nursery:

- **AM:** Kelly / Amanda
- **SS:** Marietta / Anna B.
- **PM:** Robin / Jacque

Children's Church: Christy (Teacher)
 Carson / Yakov (Helpers)

Junior Church: Michelle / Viktor / Inna

PM Children's Ministries: Michelle

Sound Booth: Audio / Jonathan (AM) & (PM)

Video / Alison (AM) & (PM)

Safety Team: Ray (AM) Elaine (PM)

James & Melissa Fife
 One-year ministry in Togo
 Goal: **\$75,000.00**
 Needed: Approx. **\$4,900.00**



NO W.O.W. (Women Out w/ Women) Ladies' Lunch this month.

MERIDIAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

December 2, 2018
9:30 AM Service

Pianist: Scott
 Song Leader: Jim

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn #216—*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Hymn #218—*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
 Hymn #221—*Fullness of Grace*

Greetings

Prayer & Offering: Pastor Dave
 ●Welcome Guests

●Special Music: Bordiyan Family

Hymn #231—*O Come, All Ye Faithful*
[Dismiss Children]

Scripture Reading: Garrett

Message: *John's Last Testimony*
 Text: John 3:22-30 Pastor Randy

Closing Hymn: Jim

6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Michelle
 Song Leader: Brent

Hymn #77—*God of Grace*

Hymn #318—*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*
 Hymn #59—*Abide with Me*

Communion Service: Gary

Message: *God Sent His Son — Part 3*
 Text: John 3:31-36 Pastor Randy



FOR AGES 2-5 YEARS OLD DURING THE PM SERVICE



December



Joseph & Francisca Akakpo

TOGO

- Joseph is in Abidjan in West Africa—thanks to all of you who prayed for safety
- Met with the Israel consulate officer regarding an Israel visa
- The Lord has open a BIG door for Joseph to go to Israel in April
- Traveling to Bamako, Mali for a mission survey trip after Thanksgiving
- Pray for daughter, Esther, expecting a baby girl (our fourth grandchild) the second week of December through a C-section



Deposit Report 2018

November General Fund

Budget: **\$39,388.92**

WEEK: November 25, 2018

General Fund: \$6,472.00

Special Funds: \$1,712.50

Deposit: \$8,184.50

MONTH: NOVEMBER

General Fund: \$34,645.51

Special Funds: \$39,238.64*

Deposits: \$73,884.15

Ingathering Offering: \$27,018.00*

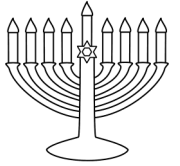
*** Included in Total Deposit**

The mailbox on the Women's Ministries table in the foyer is for giving and receiving of Christmas cards for our friends at MFBC. Please check regularly. If only giving one card for all please place on top of the mailbox. Thank you.

Gleanings for our Seasons

Hanukkah Quick Facts

Hebrew Meaning of Name:
 "Dedication" or
 "Consecration"



Transliterations: *Channukah, Chanuka, Chanukah, Chanukkah, Hannukah, Hanuka, Hanukah, Hanukka*

English Name: Festival of Lights

Western Calendar Month: Begins November or December

Jewish Calendar Date: Begins on Kisle 25

Duration: Eight days

Establishment of Hanukkah: 165 B.C.

Spiritual Application of Hanukkah

Hanukkah is mentioned one time in the New Testament. At that time, the **Feast of Dedication** took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." (John 10:22-24)

Jesus' response was that he already made it clear by his actions, which were not those of a super-Maccabee but of a healer and teacher. Jesus was the kind of Messiah who, rather than destroying Rome, went to his death to atone for our sins and subsequently rose from the dead.

The Maccabees did a great service by preventing the faith of Israel from being swallowed up in Antiochus' plans and the plans of his Hellenistic Jewish cohorts. Yet history shows that their descendants became corrupt, power-hungry, veering from the biblical ideals of kingship and priesthood. Could it be that we need something more than Maccabees to deliver us from something worse than Antiochus—to deliver us from our own sins and corruption? As the lights of the menorah are lit night after night, could it be that we Jews should consider Yeshua, "the light of the world," and the deliverance that he offers?

Adapted from www.jewsforjesus.org



-submitted by Pastor Dave