

TODAY: December 15

- 8:30a—Elder & Deacon Prayer Time
- 8:45a—Prayer Time (all ages)
- 9:00a Christmas Brunch
- 10:00a Choir Cantata “An Acapella Christmas”/ No SS Classes or Children’s Church
- 12:05p—Financial Committee Meeting in Room #N126
- 4:30p—Drama Team Practice

### THE WEEK

- Wed. Dec. 18—6:30p Missionary Night in AWANA—Jerry Berheim will be visiting our AWANA clubs
- Sat. Dec. 21—9:30a-11:00a Children’s Program Rehearsal

[weekly activities listed on the back of bulletin]



- Dec. 22—6:00p Children’s Christmas Program
- Dec. 24—5:00p Christmas Eve Service at the church
- Dec. 25—E107 Reserved for Russian families
- Dec. 30—Jan. 1— Teen Leadership Conference (TLC) for our High School Youth in OR
- Departure: 1:30p Sun. Dec. 29 — Return: Jan. 1
- Jan. 4—9:00a to Noon New Members Class
- Jan. 8—AWANA resumes
- Jan. 11—10:00a Women’s Ministries
- “Kick-Off” Event in the East Wing/Room E107
- Jan. 18-20 JR High Winter Blast at Camp Pinewood in McCall
- Jan. 25—12:00p Baby Shower for Inna Lavor in the East Wing Room E107—Hosts: Lina & Olga
- Jan. 27-29—Pastor Prayer Summit at Camp Pinewood in McCall
- Jan. 29—AWANA Grand Prix Night —car kits are available now for purchase



## Ministry Assignments

### December 15:

- Greeters:** Thane & Dana (F) Ona (B)
- Ushers:** David / Mike / Donn / Carl
- Nursery:**
  - AM: Donna / Katie
  - SS: Kathy C.
  - PM: Glenda / Linda
- Children’s Church:** No Class / Cantata
- Junior Church:** Zack & Kim
- PM Children’s Ministries:** Becca
- Sound Booth: Audio:** Jason (AM) Garrett (PM)
- Video:** Garrett (AM) Scott L. (PM)
- Safety Team:** Craig (AM) Jim D. (PM)

### December 22:

- Greeters:** Marietta (F) Jim & Carla (B)
- Ushers:** Alan / Lloyd / Jason / Thane
- Nursery:**
  - AM: Olga / Nadia
  - SS: Jean / Gloria
  - PM: Connie / Sara
- Children’s Church:** Kara (Teacher) Christy / Hailey (Helpers)
- Junior Church:** Zack & Kim
- PM Children’s Ministries:** Christy (Teacher) Kara / Hailey / Anna (Helpers)
- Sound Booth: Audio:** Jonathon (AM & PM)
- Video:** Alison (AM & PM)
- Safety Team:** Ray (AM) Elaine (PM)

Deposit Report 2019	
December General Fund Budget:	
	<b>\$50,384.62</b>
<b>WEEK:</b> December 8, 2019	
<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>\$9,298.22</b>
<b>Special Offering:</b>	<b>\$6,490.30</b>
<b>Deposit:</b>	<b>\$15,788.52</b>
<b>MONTH: DECEMBER</b>	
<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>\$23,277.99</b>
<b>Special Offerings:</b>	<b>\$166,863.30</b>
<b>Deposits:</b>	<b>\$190,141.29</b>



Merry Christmas

December 15, 2019

9:30 AM Service  
Pianist: Scott

Prelude Music: Jesse and Emma

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn #222—Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Greetings

Prayer & Offering: Pastor Dave  
•Welcome Guests

Hymn #231—O Come, All Ye Faithful

Choir Cantata

“An Acapella Christmas”

Message: Unto Us a Child is Born

Text: Isaiah 9:6-7 Pastor Randy

Closing Hymn #238—Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

### 6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Scott  
Song Leader: Brent Ho

Hymn #185—Here Is Love

Hymn #133—All Glory Be to Christ

Song—All Praise to Him

Special Music: Worship Team

Message: I’ve Come Too Close to the Edge

Text: Psalm 73 Pastor Randy



For ages 2—5 years old during our PM Service



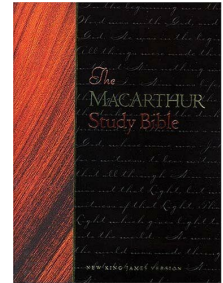
Prayerfully consider how you may participate with our Continuing in Faithfulness Building Campaign over the next three years.



Paul & Laura Fulks  
Baptist Mid-Missions  
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## Gleanings from our Seasons

Introduction to the Gospels by John MacArthur



The English word “gospel” derives from the Anglo-Saxon word *godspell*, which can mean either “a story about God,” or “a good story.” The latter meaning is in harmony with the Greek word translated “gospel,” *euangellion*, which means “good news.” In secular Greek, *euangellion* referred to a good report about an important event. The 4 gospels are the good news about the most significant events in all of history—the life, sacrificial death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

The gospels are not biographies in the modern sense of the word, since they do not intend to present a complete life of Jesus (cf. **John 20:30; 21:25**). Apart from the birth narratives, they give little information about the first 30 years of Jesus’ life. While Jesus’ public ministry lasted over 3 years, the gospels focus much of their attention on the last week of His life (cf. **John 12–20**). Though they are completely accurate historically, and present important biographical details of Jesus’ life, the primary purposes of the gospels are theological and apologetic (**John 20:31**). They provide authoritative answers to questions about Jesus’ life and ministry, and they strengthen believers’ assurance regarding the reality of their faith (**Luke 1:4**).

Although many spurious gospels were written, the church from earliest times has accepted only **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John** as inspired Scripture. While each gospel has its unique perspective (see the discussion of the “Synoptic Problem” in the Introduction to **Mark: Interpretive Challenges**), **Matthew, Mark, and Luke**, when compared to **John**, share a common point of view. Because of that, they are known as the synoptic (from a Greek word meaning “to see together,” or “to share a common point of view”) gospels. **Matthew, Mark, and Luke**, for example, focus on Christ’s Galilean ministry, while **John** focuses on His ministry in Judea. The synoptic gospels contain numerous parables, while John records none. **John** and the synoptic gospels record only two common events (Jesus’ walking on the water, and the feeding of the 5,000) prior to Passion Week. These differences between John and the synoptic gospels, however, are not contradictory, but complementary.

Take time this Christmas season to savor the riches of Christ found in the Gospels. Maybe purchase a new study Bible from the Book Nook for yourself or for another family member or friend.

Merry Christmas!

-submitted by Pastor Dave

