

TODAY: December 13



- ◆ 8:30a—Elder & Deacon Prayer Time
- ◆ 8:45a—Prayer Time (all ages)
- ◆ 11:00a —Sunday School Classes (all ages)
- ◆ 1:00p—Elders Meeting
- ◆ 4:00p—Choir Practice

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS



9:00a Choir Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
[other activities listed on the back of bulletin]

SAVE THE DATE!



Dec. 20—TBA 9:00a Christmas Brunch
- 10:00a Christmas Cantata
(Note This is a date change.)
Dec. 24—5:00p Christmas Eve Service

Merry Christmas

Dec. 31—Jan. 2—All Valley High School Winter Retreat at Camp Pinewood



December 2020 Graduate
Class of 2020 Kaila Ho / BSU



Jan. 16-18, 2021—Junior High Winter Blast at Camp Pinewood
Jan. 24, 2021—Annual Business Meeting

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

December 13:

Nursery:

SS: Gloria / Robin

Sound Techs: Yakov / Katelyn /
Jonathon (AM & PM)

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

December 20:

Nursery:

SS: No Sunday School

Sound Techs: Jason/ Anna / Alex
(AM & PM)

Safety Team: Ray (AM) Elaine (PM)

AWANA

Christmas Project:

We are collecting new pillows for the Boise Rescue Mission—Please bring your pillows to the church no later than **Dec. 16th**.

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be pregnant by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, since he was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. ²⁰ But when he had thought this over, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a Son; and you shall name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." ²² Now all this took place so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: ²³ "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN WILL CONCEIVE AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." ²⁴ And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, ²⁵ but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he named Him Jesus. NASB

MERIDIAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

December 13, 2020

10:00 AM Service

Pianist: Sara M.

Song Leader: Jim C.

Welcome / Prayer: Danny

#225—Go, Tell It on the Mountain

#223—The First Noel

#245—Exult in the Savior's Birth

Special Music: *In the Bleak Midwinter* Jennifer

#230—What Child is This?

Scripture Reading: Jim B.

Isaiah 9:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Message: "The King's Arrival"

Text: Matthew 1:18-25 Pastor Randy

Song—Jesus, Name Above All Names

#107—Fairest Lord Jesus

Song—More Precious Than Silver

6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Lina

Song Leader: Scott

#87—The Love of God

#184—Come Behold the Wonderous Mystery

#181—His Robes for Mine

Special Music: Fife Family

Message: *The Visit of the Magi*

Text: Matthew 2:1-15 Pastor Randy

Prayerfully consider how you may participate with our **Continuing in Faithfulness** Building Campaign over the next three years. For more information please call the church office



MISSION FOCUS



December



Kirk & Juanita McKeeth

El Tesoro Idaho

- A family recently arrived from South America, not believers. We helped them with food, warm clothes, translation, housing applications, serving with grace that they might see God's grace in Christ.
- Persisting in relationships to share the gospel, even with interruptions such as: seasonal work, jail time, family crisis, etc.
- Ongoing counseling with multiple families facing challenges.
- El Tesoro, for growth in discipleship, commitment in service.
- Faithfulness now and clarity for next steps in ministry in this season of life.

Some Gleanings from our Seasons

Hanukkah

Dec. 10-18, 2020



Ecclesiastes 3:1a For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...

Within the seasons, we experience the goodness of God for we are held within their scope of order in creation. Not only do we see the climatic effects of the seasons, but the LORD instituted times of **REFLECTION, REJOICING, REDEMPTION, RENEWAL** and **REST** throughout the calendar year for His people.

Today, we will consider our current season, **Christmas**. Or are we really talking about **Hanukkah**? Well, let me just say, **YES**. I appreciated how C. Rosen expressed it in the Dec. 2012 **Jews for Jesus** newsletter.

"As my husband and I raised our children, faith was foremost, holiday ritual was secondary. Yet the holidays were tools for reinforcing **(REFLECTION)** the faith we were trying to instill, so at our house we celebrated both Jewish and Christian holidays. We celebrated **(REJOICING)** to teach our children that God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that He redeemed our Jewish people at Passover and later sent the Messiah to redeem **(REDEMPTION)** everyone, Jews and Gentiles, from sin **(RENEWAL & REST).**"

What a wonderful reason for the season, as expressed by righteous and devout Simeon shortly after the birth of Christ. "For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." Luke 2:30-32

-submitted by Pastor Dave

JEW^S FOR JESUS

Deposit Report 2020	
December General Fund Budget:	
\$39,140.77	
WEEK: December 6, 2020	
General Fund:	\$17,351.00
Special Offering:	\$14,601.00
Deposit:	\$31,952.00
MONTH: DECEMBER	
General Fund:	\$20,400.89
Special Offerings:	\$14,767.55
Deposits:	\$35,168.44
Building Fund Balance as of 11/30/20	
\$587.137.00	