



A Word From the Pastor

Josh Schmidt

Family,

When you look back on the year that we just had, what is the first thing that comes to mind? Like any year, we had ups and downs. We saw continued growth, baptisms, financial goals exceeded, debts paid off and milestones reached. We also buried some of those we love and saw our friends and loved ones deal with great sickness and disaster. So is the way with life. It is ever-changing. Throughout this season of change, I am reminded of the constant; the love of God.

If you wonder what to expect in 2020, I can promise you one thing. We will continue to place our emphasis on the word of God above all. The Gospel doesn't need gimmicks. The Gospel



doesn't need to be made more palatable. The Gospel doesn't need to be watered down. It has been entrusted to us to guard and to proclaim and that's what I expect us to continue doing as a church.

So in 2020, we will preach, teach and live that Hell is real, God has made a way for His people to escape judgment and spend eternity with Him, and through the cross, Jesus has purchased for Him a people in blood.

Stay in the fight! Lean on one another. Keep pressing forward until Jesus returns.

Merry Christmas,

Happy New Year

and may God bless us in 2020!

Pastor Josh

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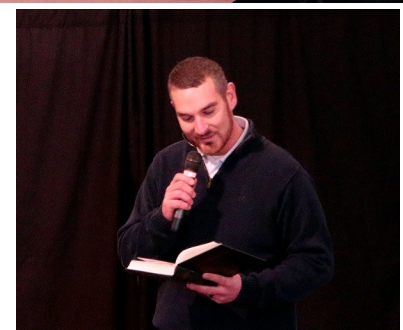
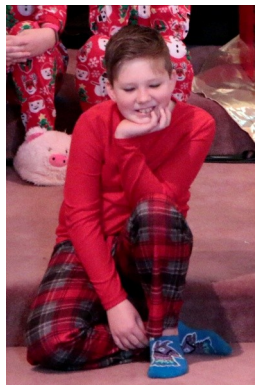
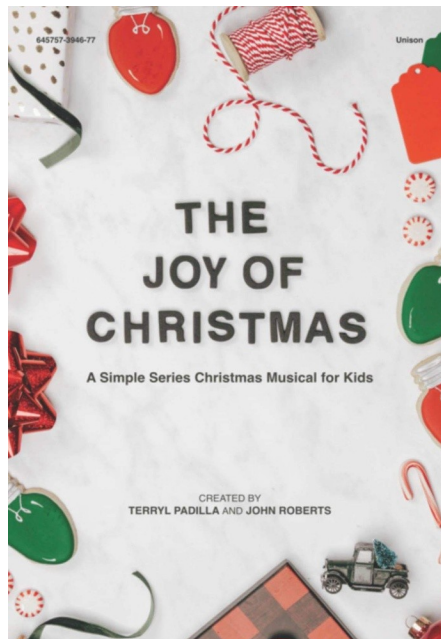
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Kids Christmas Play Sunday December 14

The Joy of Christmas is a Simple Christmas musical for kids celebrating the amazing joy found in Jesus. This program helps kids understand the joy of Christ is not only the greatest gift they could ever receive, but the greatest gift to share with the world.

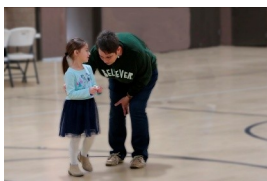
-Amy Burton



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Almost Christmas VBS



Almost Christmas Vacation Bible School.

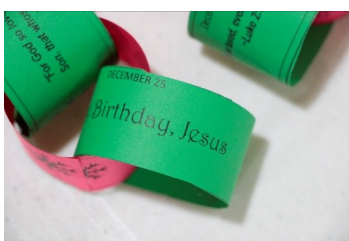
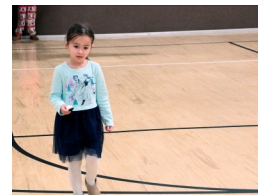
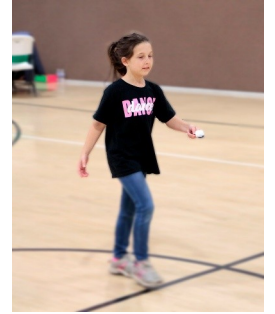
The very name of the event was the map that narrated the entire morning. A ministry that was a couple months in the making, with many individuals helping in different capacities, to make it possible.

22 adults and youth, led a fun filled morning of story time, crafts, snacks, and games. All the activities were based on counting down and preparing for Christmas. The story helped children understand the true meaning of Christmas, and introduced them to Jesus; God's gift to us. An advent scripture chain was constructed to help reinforce the true meaning of Christmas. At the end of the morning, each child took home a copy of the story and their scripture chain to share with their family. In doing this, we hope that it will help create family time and will introduce Biblical tradition into their Christmas celebrations. The Lord sent us 23 children for our first Christmas VBS.



What a blessing!!!!

Ronda Stevens



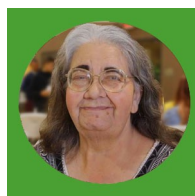
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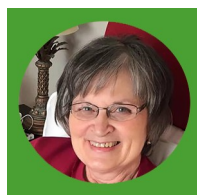
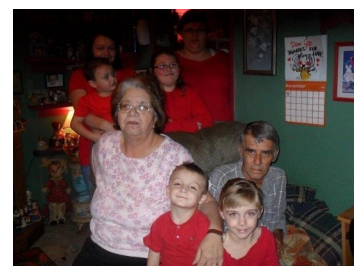
FBC Youth Ring the Bells For The Salvation Army



My Favorite Christmas Memory "Contest" Entries

**Diana Boggs**

Every Christmas has good memories but the one I remember the most was Christmas 2011, the last Christmas my husband had with us. It was a blessing and I will never forget it.

**Joy Thompson**

I have been somewhat nostalgic this year remembering Christmases of my childhood. My parents who were Home Missionaries started Sunday Schools in small rural communities. Every year in December we would travel around to all those Sunday Schools and practice for the Christmas programs to be held there. I think of all the beautiful old carols we sang and the children reciting Christmas poems about Jesus' birth. We called the poems "pieces". Every child had a "piece", whether a two-liner for the younger ones or 3-4 verses for the older ones. The programs were always so special and sweet and glorified Jesus' birth. Then when these special services were completed we received brown paper bags with an apple, orange and peppermint sticks. These are good memories that I cherish!

