

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sponsored by Women's Ministry



PASTOR'S CORNER

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CHRISTMASTIME

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. ⁹Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; ¹¹And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We have just celebrated Thanksgiving and now we're preparing for Christmas. We usually meditate on the birth of Jesus at this time of year. His purpose in coming was not to give us the sweet picture of a baby in a manger. He was born to die on the cross that we might be reconciled to God. So, don't think of a baby born in a manger during this Christmastime. Christmas is much more than that. It's about God coming to earth in human flesh so He could die on the cross to pay for your salvation and destroy all the works of the devil in our lives! That's what Christmas is all about.

It's about a true story of a King who traded his kingly garments and took upon Himself the clothing of a servant. But the story doesn't stop there. Jesus---our King who exchanged His royal robes for the clothing of flesh---loved us so much that, He "... humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross"

You see the first time Jesus came to this world, He came as a little baby boy that was born in Bethlehem. But the next time He comes---and it could be anytime---He will come as the Lord of lords and the Kings of kings! Why? Because, wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. And according to the Bible, at that moment "...every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in the earth and things under the earth."

Inza and I are so thankful to you the Oak Grove Church family for all you have done and are doing. We want to say to each of you...Merry Christmas and we pray that this will be one of the most wonderful Christmases you have ever experienced in your entire life! And as you rejoice at the first coming of Jesus Christ, don't forget to make sure your heart is ready for His second coming.

Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Be Bless and know that you're always in our prayers.

Women's Ministry

A special thanks to those who helped to make the Senior Citizen Lunch a success.

Rev. Ball-----

To all Ladies: the Women of Oak Grove is having a fellowship on December 18th at Ryan's on Two Notch, 3-5 pm Please come join us. We need a count, so if you are planning on attending please let Rev Ball or Sis. Vining know as soon as possible.

Wal Mart is not the only Savings Place.

Also, SAP= Stop And Pray

December



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bro. Marcus Adams	1
Rev. Audrey Levy	1
Sis. Ruby Williams	3
Bro. Roland Dinkins	4
Sis. Sherida Bostick	5
Bro. George Byrd III	5
Sis. Sherrie Poole	6
Sis. Annette Rickenbacker	6
Sis. Toshika Hudson	7
Sis. Zandra Middleton	7
Sis. Lolita Lyles	7
Sis. Icola Roseborough	8
Sis. Teranni Randolph	9
Sis. Patricia Jones	11

Rev. Isadore Bowers Jr.	12
Sis. Levette Hayes	13
Sis. Lacretria Blanding	13
Bro. Ronnie L. Blanding Sr.	14
Sis. Dana Roseborough	14
Bro. Trent Mealing	14
Sis. Nycole Thomas	14
Bro. Gregory S. Samuel	15
Sis. Aislynn Woodard	17
Bro. Sedrick Harrison	17
Sis. Shanita Littlejohn	18
Sis. Lisa Holtzelaw	18
Bro. Tyrone Jacobs	19
Sis. Jessie Postell	19
Min. Cassie Jones	20
Deacon Willie Brown	20
Sis. Arlene Walton	20
Sis. Iris Pearson	22
Bro. Bryon Blanding	22
Bro. Dale Gibbs	25
Sis. Mirian Houston	27
Sis. Kymburle Sims	27
Sis. Crystal Palmer	27
Sis. LaKiesha Griffin	28
Sis. Inez Woodard	28
Rev. Gladys Ball	29
Sis. Kristen Woodard	31
Bro. Jeremiah Sumter	31

A special Blessed Anniversary to Reverend and Sister Kendrick for 38 years of marriage as of December 12th.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER
JESUS IS THE REASON
FOR THE SEASON.

Upcoming Events

December 14 Women's Ministry meeting
We will be electing Officers

December 16 Church Administration meeting

December 18 Women's Fellowship at Ryan's 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

December 19 Christmas Program TBA

December 25, ***MERRY CHRISTMAS.***

December 29, Bible Study Fellowship 7:00 pm

December 31st 10:00 p.m. Watch Night Worship Service.

Sister Care is a home for battered women and their children.

The Women's Ministry is collecting paper products for Sister Care. There is a box located in the vestibule for those items. Also we are collecting fragrance lotions and sprays for those ladies at Sister Care as Christmas gifts.

Sunday, December 19th will be the last day to donate. Thank you for your help

Women's Conference in the Mountains.

We are planning a Women's retreat to Cedine Conference Center in Spring City, Tennessee, March 18-20. The cost for the trip is \$190.00-\$210.00 depending on how soon we register. You may pay in installments; the last payment is due in March. The price includes lodging, meals and the bus trip. They take care of everything all we have to do is come and enjoy, the word, and other activities. It will be a weekend you will remember and grow from for a long time.

"I have gone for two years with another church, I really enjoyed myself and want to share it with you" says Rev. Ball. See her for more information. If you are thinking about going, let me know, so we can have a possible head count. Check it out on the web: at www.cedine.org

TO OUR YOUTH



Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
— PSALM 103:2 NIV

“This Man Called Jesus”

Free 2 hour play like none you have ever seen. This is a family must. The scenes take place on two stages. There are live animals in the scenes.

The play is held at Lake Murray Baptist Church, hwy 378 just outside of Lexington, going toward Saluda.

Play dates and times:

December 3-5; 10-12; 17-19. Fridays at 7:30pm. Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30pm and 6:30pm.

Take the family, your friends and neighbor. It is free.

Congratulations to Air Force Airman Antwan J. Jordan.

Antwan has completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. He is the son of Anthony Jordan of Columbia. He is a 2010 graduate of Richland Northeast High School.

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Scripture of the Month

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. ⁹ As the Scriptures say,

“They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

10 + 1 Things to do this Christmas

1. Thank Jesus for giving His life for our sin.
2. Sing Christmas carols even if you can't carry a tune.
3. Share stories about your best Christmas growing up.
4. Give a gift to stranger.
5. Spend some time with someone that lives alone.
6. Relax.
7. Watch some Christmas movies on TV.
8. Laugh a lot.
9. Bake, Eat, and Exercise.
10. Make some new Christmas memories.
11. Share Christ with someone that hasn't confessed Him as Savior.

