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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

December 2—Women’s Ministry Christmas Brunch, 11 AM

November 26, December 3, December 10, December 17—Advent

December 3 thru 10—Lottie Moon Offering and Week of Prayer

December 10—Cantata, 11 AM; lunch with Santa, noon

December 24—Candlelight Service, 6 PM

December 31—New Year’s Eve Fellowship, 6 PM

Women’s Ministry Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 2, 11 AM

Tables are being decorated by hosts. Hosts are to invite guests to join them at their table. Please join us for food, fun, prizes, and fellowship.

Sunday School Report

**includes Worship Service and Nursery*

CLASS	Oct 29	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19
Adult	31	26	32	32
Youth	5	0	2	5
Children	6	7	7	3
Preschool	6	2	7	7
SS Total Attendance	48	35	48	47
Worship Attendance*	66	50	65	76

Budget Report

	Oct 29	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 12
Budget Receipts	\$2,882.32	\$2,049.40	\$4,615.00	\$5,824.00
Budget Requirements	\$4,512.00	\$4,512.00	\$4,512.00	\$4,512.00
Budget Receipts YTD	\$195,284.64	\$197,334.04	\$201,949.04	\$207,773.04
Budget Requirements YTD	\$198,528.00	\$203,040.00	\$207,552.00	\$212,640.00
Missions	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$15.00	\$0.00

Food Pantry Report for October, 2023

Money Received	Money Disbursed	Families Served	Volunteer Hours	# Lives Committed to Christ	# of New applicants	# of bags distributed
\$310.00	\$1,390.52	66	94.5	0	11	104

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GOD’S LIGHTHOUSE FOR OUR COMMUNITY



The Herald

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“A burning lighthouse for a coming Savior” is the SABC motto. Since 1953 this church has brought the light of that Savior, Jesus Christ, to hundreds of people in Pasadena and Deer Park. Jesus Christ is still the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is still the head of the Church, and we are supremely honored to be His people, His army, His servants. We thank Him for His faithfulness in the past and look forward to His mighty works in and through us in the future.

Pastor's Note

Remember: Remember Christmas last year?
Remember Christmas as a child?

What do you remember from Christmas' from the past? I remember looking at lights, trains rides, cold weather, family, presents, Santa, reindeer, snowmen, grinch, shopping, Black Friday, music, concerts, food, parades, candlelight, traveling, and spending too much money. Am I forgetting anything?

Remember: Jesus is the reason for the season!

As I quote from Charlie Brown, "Does anybody really know what Christmas is all about?"; it makes me wonder if we have forgotten Jesus. I would like to encourage you to remember Christ this year for "Christ"mas. We as "Christ"ians, should center everything we do around the birth of our Savior during this time of year, and everyday of the year for that matter. Decorate for Christ. Involve family around Christ. Sing and listen to music about Christ. Worship Christ.

Remember: Christ More – Christ; Más

Luke 2:4-20 4 "So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."

Thank You

Thank you, SABC, for the beautiful flowers celebrating my 24th anniversary as church pianist. I am truly honored and blessed to be serving our Lord in this place. I love my church family. Jeanette

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Kassidy Miranda—birthday</i>	2 11 AM—Women's Ministry Christmas brunch <i>Helen McElroy, Wendell Stanley—birthdays</i>
3 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—ADVENT/Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Contemporary Worship	4	5 <i>Alfredo Valles—birthday</i>	6 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study \ B.L.A.S.T. <i>Donna Boyd, Bobby Johnson, Olivia Purvis, Jeremiah Bridgmon—birthdays</i>	7	8	9 10 AM—Final Cantata Rehearsal
10 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Cantata/ADVENT/Worship Service; noon—lunch with Santa (NO EVENING ACTIVITIES) <i>Elizabeth Torres—birthday</i>	11	12 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Distribution	13 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study \ Youth Game Night <i>Betty Sowers—birthday</i>	14	15	16 10 AM—Men's Bible Study <i>Ashley Purvis—birthday</i>
17 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—ADVENT/Worship Service; 5:45 PM—Contemporary Worship <i>Diana Leal—birthday</i>	18 <i>Michelle Tipton, Alan Oliver—birthdays</i>	19 9—11:45 AM—Food Pantry Christmas Basket Distribution <i>Daniel Bridgmon—birthday</i>	20 6 PM—Prayer Service and Bible Study \ Youth Game Night	21	22	23 <i>Sherri Porter—birthday</i>
24 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—ADVENT/COMMUNION/Worship Service; 6 PM—Candlelight Service	25 SABC Office Closed in observance of Christmas 	26 SABC Office Closed in observance of Christmas	27 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	28	29 <i>Kathleen Crenshaw—birthday</i>	30 <i>Morgan Fleming, Betty Dawley—birthdays</i>
31 8:30 AM—Celebration Singers Rehearsal; 10 AM—Sunday School; 11 AM—Worship Service; 6 PM—New Year's Eve fellowship						