



Kings Day, Thursday, Jan. 5, also known as Epiphany is the climax of the Advent/ Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are counted from the evening of December 25th until the evening of January 5th, which is the Twelfth Day.

The twelfth day of Christmas commemorates the visiting of the Christ Child by the three Wise Men with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Many families gather in their homes to celebrate this feast with friends, food, singing, and gifts.

Our King's Day celebration includes eating the King's Cake. When the piece with the wafer (or baby) is found, that person will be asked if we might pray specifically for their family as a reminder that we will also ask God's blessings for the many families that represent our church. We will conclude the evening by blessing our own homes and doorways with a chalk inscription, "May Christ bless this home." Come join us for fellowship, a covered dish meal, and the blessings of a new year. This event will take the place of our Second Sunday Stretch Lunch.

**King's Day Celebration Thursday,
 January 5th 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall,
 Please join us!**



Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service 7:00 pm

Join us for a traditional/"family friendly" service with Christmas carols and communion. Bring your children and grandchildren, your guests, your neighbors, and even your "Grinches," and let us celebrate together the gift of the Christ child. As families and friends worshipping together we will

- ponder the story of Christ's birth
- hear and sing beautiful Christmas carols
- remember the promise that God who came to dwell among us as a gift still resides among us as we remember in communion the mighty acts of Jesus Christ for our redemption
- fill the darkness with the light of Christ

The candlelight part of the service will have "child-friendly" candles for the safety of our little ones. Childcare is available if desired. Let's fill the sanctuary with our grateful and expectant hearts and the light of Christ piercing the darkness as we worship the newborn king!

Christmas Morning Service 10:30 am

From 9:30 til 10:15 breakfast will be served with a Christmas carol sing along. Bring a favorite breakfast dish if you wish to share or just enjoy the pancakes and bacon we serve. At 10:30 Worship the newborn king as the shepherds, angels, and wisemen from long ago. The service will be short and casual and stocked with blessings! Bring *your* stocking! We'll fill it with good things!



We would like to thank our LOGOS Volunteers for their time and servant hearts they put into this Ministry. Without our parents, volunteers and prayers we would be lost! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! LOGOS begins January 25th. God Bless you all!



We are forming teams for next year's Children's Church. If anyone is interested in being a teacher or a helper every 6 weeks or so; please contact Georgianna at 940-781-6445



Children's Learning Center is in need of little dress up clothes from shorter people or little children. Nothing scary, please.

A Christmas Challenge

Select a Christ like attribute you want to have as your gift to Christ this Christmas.

Write it down on paper, describing how you will act as you give this "gift" to Christ. Then seal it in an envelope and pack it away when you take down your Christmas decorations.



Next year, when you get them out, put it under the tree and open it Christmas Morning 2017, see how you did, if you really gave Christ a gift or if you forgot to make the effort. Remember, today he wants our efforts, not our perfection.

We are in need for someone to take over adopt a highway

Below are the responsibilities

1. Act as a liaison between TX-DOT and church to pick up trash on a quarterly basis during the year.
2. Coordinate with TX-DOT to obtain trash bags and safety vests.
3. Schedule primary and alternate trash pick up dates.
4. Ensure safety of all volunteers.
5. Organize and assign pick up areas, based on the number of volunteers who come out.
6. Report to TX-DOT in order to have trash bags removed from roadside.

If you are interested please contact the office with questions. 940-569-3348



First United Methodist Church of Burkburnett

Policy on the Open Carry of Firearms

No person may enter any property of the First United Methodist Church of Burkburnett, Texas with a handgun that is carried openly. If a person enters the property with a handgun that is visible, ushers and/or staff will not place themselves in danger by blocking, restraining, or other action(s), but will immediately call Law Enforcement. Signs will be posted as required by law. This policy from the Trustees takes effect immediately. The policy is printed here for your information and the required signs will be placed at all entrances to the church in the near future.



Merry Christmas from Children's Learning Center

CLC Christmas Party and Special Guest!

CLC has a Christmas giving project for Patsy's House in Wichita Falls. Monetary donations are being accepted by CLC until January 15th. Merry Christmas!



Prayer is held in the prayer chapel (next to the office) every Tuesday Morning at 9:30 am. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us in this scheduled and intentional prayer time. It lasts 30 minutes.

Adult Bible Study is held Tuesday Morning, right after prayer, 10:00—11:00 am

Another Adult Bible Study resumes on Wednesday Evening, January 4th @ 6:30 pm. Both are led by Roger Watson.



Pastor's Corner

Dear Church Family,

I wish for you a "SIMPLE" holiday. You have heard me speak of a "SIMPLE" holiday before. I urge you to adopt this focus for your Christmas celebrating .

- S is for Salvation
- I is for Incarnation
- M is for Mission
- P is for Proclamation
- L is for Lordship
- E is for Exaltation



By placing our priorities on the gifts God gives we can put our trust in these 6 "SIMPLE" life-giving concepts and discover an ever-flowing spring of advent hope, peace, joy, and love. We can truly thank God for the gift of eternal life and the ways we experience all that God has in store for us as we wait for the return of Christ. This Christmas especially, I have practiced the principles of a "SIMPLE" holiday. I am thankful for Christ's appearance as a tiny babe, but have been brought back time and again this past few weeks to his promised return and the power that flows within each of us to be his followers.

My Christmas prayer for you this holiday season is that you are able to **worship fully, spend less, give more, and love all.**

May your worship bring you closer to the God who desires to be in relationship with you.

May you discover that the resources you have to offer will be sufficient; and that the giving from your heart can be extravagant and generous. May you learn to practice the gift of "margins" -- margins of money, margins of time, and margins of feelings. So that you may have the little bit of extra grace-filled response to those God-interruptions that enable us to grow as disciples. May the love you experience be perfected by Christ's offering within you so that you may be reconciled to God and to your family and neighbors as you learn to love all as Christ loves.

Welcome again, Christ! O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

Overwhelmed by God's gifts of this season!

Pastor Liz

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! 9:30 am Breakfast on Holy ground 10:30 am Worship in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>2 Church office closed</p>	<p>3 9:30 am Prayer Chapel 10 am Bible Study 4-5:15 Zumba 6:30 pm Scouts 7 p Choir Practice</p>	<p>4 6 pm Youth 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>5 4-5:15 Zumba 6:00 pm King's Day Celebration F-Hall</p>	6	7
<p>8 8 am United Methodist Men 8:00am Breakfast on Holy Ground 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm FISH</p>	<p>9 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Trustees</p>	<p>10 9:30 am Prayer Chapel 10 am Bible Study 4-5:15 Zumba 6:30 pm Scouts 7 p Choir Practice</p>	<p>11 6 pm Youth 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>12 4-5:15 Zumba 6 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	13	<p>14 </p>
<p>15 8 am Women's Fellowship with 8:00am Breakfast on Holy Ground 9:15 Grace Groups begin 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Finance Committee 2:30 pm Grace Group 6:00 pm FISH</p>	<p>16 6:00 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>17 9:30 am Prayer Chapel 4-5:15 Zumba 6:30 pm Scouts 7 p Choir Practice</p>	<p>18 6 pm Youth 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>19 11:30 am Lunch in F Hall- Bring a dish 4-5:15 Zumba</p>	20	21
<p>22 8 am Breakfast on Holy Ground 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm FISH</p>	<p>23 6:00 pm Leadership 6:00 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>24 9:30 am Prayer Chapel 4-5:15 Zumba 6 p Scouts 7 p Choir Practice</p>	<p>25 4:30 pm LOGOS Begins 6 pm Youth 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>26 4-5:15 Zumba</p>	27	28
<p>29 8am Breakfast on Holy Ground 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm FISH 7:00 pm Faith Mission Feed</p> 	<p>30 6:00 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>31 9:30 am Prayer Chapel 4-5:15 Zumba 6 p Scouts 7 p Choir Practice</p>	<p>February 1 4:30 pm LOGOS 6 pm Youth 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>Begin the Year with </p>		



If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl, please contact the church office @ 940-569-3348



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