

# Centered in Christ

## Bonaire First Baptist Church

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2016

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12/3	Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
12/10	Camp Christmas
12/11	Deacons' Meeting 5:00 pm
12/13	W.O.M.
12/15	Joyful Hearts Trip
12/16	Youth Scavenger Hunt
12/18	Christmas Musical
12/24	Christmas Eve Service
12/25	Merry Christmas

Please join with the sanctuary choir and full band for a Christmas worship experience, "Jesus Makes Everything New." This musical will be presented during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m.

*Matthew 4:16* says "the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." Jesus is that light! He is the bright morning star, the hope that dawned the first time He came, and the light that will shatter all darkness when He comes again!

Through the message of Christmas favorites and new songs, our prayer is that you will leave this place excited to tell others, "Immanuel has come! Jesus has been born! Our Savior is here!"

Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 2016

Music starts at 5:45 pm and the service starts at 6:00 pm.

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# Student Ministries



**Monthly**  
 Student Worship  
 Every Wed.  
 6:45 pm  
 Student Nursing  
 Home Ministry  
 4:00 pm  
 2nd Sunday in Dec. and Jan.

**DECEMBER**

Dec. 10th	Camp Christmas 9:00 am—1:00 pm
Dec. 11th	Nursing Home Ministry 4:00 pm Caroling
Dec. 16th	Christmas Scavenger Hunt 6:00 pm

## COMING ☆ UP...

Woodland Christian Camp  
 January 14-16

We will look at what truth is, and how we live it in our world. Then we will use the truth to identify the lies, falsehoods, contradictions, and virtual realities the world tries to sell us.



## Preschool Christmas Program



Everyone is invited to the Weekday Preschool Christmas program on Wednesday, December 14th at 10:00 am.



### December

7th Store Night

14th Theme Night  
 End of 2nd Quarter

21st, 28th No Club



The Preschool is having a Scholastic Book Sale in the Family Life Center December 6, 7, and 8.



### Lottie Moon Christmas Mail Box

It is time again to mail Christmas cards! Instead of buying stamps, place money in the Lottie Moon mail box and cards to church families in the appropriate slots. The money goes to the Lottie Moon Mission.



## Men's Ministries

**Men's Breakfast-**  
Saturday, December 3rd  
8:00 a.m.

## *Ladies Ministries*

*Women on Mission  
Meeting  
Tuesday, December 13th  
at 10:00 a.m.*

Joyful Hearts Luncheon,  
Thursday, December 15th  
12:00 p.m.

The church office will be closed:  
December 26th and  
January 2nd

Several times a year we collect canned goods for the Christian Social Ministry. We are asking that you pray about helping at the CSM. There is a need to work in the pantry or the office. The days are Tuesday or Thursday from 9:30 am until 2:00 pm.

Right now the CSM is in need of rice, sugar and canned goods. In the past three weeks they have helped over 300 families. If you would like to help with a monetary donation, please make the check out to Bonaire FBC with CSM on the memo line.

### **Why we support the International Missions Offering!**

The Gospel Resounds Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas offering. As you know, 100% of our offering goes to the international missionaries' work. How do they use the money? It goes toward a place to live, transportation, groceries, clothes, education for their children, all the things we take for granted. But most important of all, their service is taking the good news of Jesus to people in the parts of the world in which they serve. This holiday, as we think of donating to our missions offering remember not to think of missions as something we do on special occasions, but like Jesus engage in constant missions. Let's worship and give offerings to God through our daily behavior. Then we will honor our international missionaries who are spending their holiday away from their families.



From the Pastor.....

*Luke 2:14 (NASB)* “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.”

Merry Christmas to all the Beloved Saints at Bonaire FBC!

Christmas-it’s the time of year to think of the incarnation of our blessed Savior. I hope this is the focus of all our activities. Along with Christmas come the classics that help us to see the cultural impact of Jesus’ Advent. Among the classics I recommend are “A Christmas Carol” (George C. Scott’s version is the best followed by Alastair Sim’s from 1951), “It’s A Wonderful Life,” and any Christmas song by Elvis – especially “Why Can’t Everyday Be Like Christmas,” a song which wishes for peace year-round.

In this article I would like to think about that “peaceful” sentiment that is expressed in songs, movies, and books –even cartoons like Charlie Brown. How can we as believers enjoy peace and even spread peace with our lives and especially our words. Remember, true peace exists on three levels: peace with GOD (vertical), peace with other people (horizontal), and peace with ourselves (inner-peace). Without vertical peace and inner peace, horizontal peace is either missing or contrived for superficial appearances. Sadly, as believers we hurt others, and we spread dissension when we fail to value the peace of GOD. It is important to note here that peace is very important to GOD—that’s why He sent His Son! So, we need to really think about what it means to be “peacemakers.” First of all, think about the value of peace. If GOD the Holy Spirit tells me continually throughout His Word that peace is to be sought and treasured, then we must pursue it in order to be obedient i.e. trusting GOD’s Word. Secondly, let us consider the real treasure of peace with GOD. Many times people get involved in conflicts because they are miserable and “misery loves company.” Christian, you are forgiven by GOD and He has placed you “in Christ.” GOD is positively thrilled about you “in Christ” (not in your merit) and He proved it by sending His Son to die for all of us who will believe in His Son. So then the third kind of peace, horizontal, is not only inspired and commanded by GOD, but His Holy-Spirit enables us to pursue it. Really! We can deal with personal hurts because “GOD is for us,” and we can use healing words and deeds because GOD is pleased to use us.

The “Prince of Peace” came and died for us and now He intercedes for us. With this foundation of peace let us pursue peace by kind deeds, encouraging words, and by searching our hearts so that we may ask the Holy Spirit to give us a genuine disposition of peace.

I am not “just saying” this. These are important thoughts that will help us be peacemakers and better witnesses for Christ.

Yours In Christ,

Kenny