

**WPBC  
Members...**

- Got an activity or event you need on the Church Calendar? Contact the Church Office at 694-7787.
- If you have changed your address or phone number, please give that new info to the Church Office.

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*from our hearts to yours...*

# News from Wilshire Park

December, 2018

## **World Mission Auction Saturday, December 8 Preview @ 6pm Bidding @ 6:30pm**



Share the gift of Christmas giving by coming to the annual World Mission Auction on December 8 in the Gym. Have you gathered your items for the auction? Homemade goodies are always a big hit. And the best part is bidding on your favorite items against your friends!

Items to be auctioned should be in the Gym **no later than 4:00 pm**. Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000 for missions. Come prepared to buy, laugh, and have a great time. We accept checks and cash.

Don't forget to bring snacks to share with everyone. For questions or more info, please contact LeeBell Ulvestad at 638-9715.

## **Christmas Eve Communion**



**6:00 pm  
Monday,  
December 24**

Make plans to join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion. We'll begin at 6:00 and hopefully have you back home in time to celebrate family traditions around the tree.



## The Pastor's Pontifications

Can you believe it? December is here. The older (more mature) that I get, the quicker holidays crash in on me. It seems like just yesterday I was complaining about how hot it was and now I am looking for my lap quilt. I am so grateful for my teenage grandchildren who agilely ascend to the roof to install my Christmas lights. The exuberance of youth can never be overstated.

I must relate an incident that occurred around Labor Day when Terri and I were in Ruidoso for some rest and relaxation. We were shopping one day and Terri noticed a Nativity scene in a typical New Mexico adobe design. It was different, and it was beautiful, and most of you know that Terri cannot pass up a new Nativity scene.

When we required of the shop owner the price, she said, "All of the nativity scenes have the price on the bottom of the baby Jesus." Then she laughed

and said, "I had a couple in here last week that asked me 'which one is baby Jesus?'" She continued, "I am Jewish, and even I know who baby Jesus is, but it happens all the time. Many people just do not know who baby Jesus is."

Terri and I were shocked with such a statement. But, as we are all aware, our society has reached a melting point of disinterest and negativism toward all things religious. If you travel much out of the "Bible belt," you will find a large apathy toward religion in general and Christians specifically. Tolerance is preached, as long as it applied to us being tolerant of them and allowing them to be intolerant of us.

Before you get too discouraged, there is a good ending to this story. The shop owner told us that she was a "completed Jew." She has found that Jesus is truly the Messiah and the fulfillment of the

Old Testament. She told me that she found Jesus by studying the Old Testament prophecies and then reading the New Testament with its fulfillment. That sounds like a good plan to me.

As the Christmas season unfolds, make sure that you and your family proclaim that Jesus is the reason for the season. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever more!

Whatever it takes!

~ Bro. Glenn

## Sermon Series Info



During the month of December, we will focus our Morning Worship services on our World Mission outreach and the coming of our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ.

Invite your friends and family and make plans to join us for this most meaningful season of our calendar.

### **Pastor's Open House 2:00 - 4:00 pm Sunday, December 9**

Please circle December 9th on your calendar. The 7th Annual Pastor's Open House will begin at 2pm, and Terri and I look forward to opening our home to our church family and friends. Come join us for food and Christian fellowship as we honor our Savior.



### **Quilting Day 3:00 pm Sunday, Jan. 27**

Quilting Day will be taking a break for the holidays but we'll see you in January!

Come join us on Sunday, January 27th at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for quilting fun.

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am Saturday, Dec. 1**

Come and share a time of food and fellowship with men who want to make an impact on their families and the community.

Mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, December 1st at 7:30 am for a great breakfast and a time of prayer and devotion. And bring a friend!



## *Merry Christmas*

**Adult Sunday School party in the Gym**

**Friday, December 7, 2018**

**6:30 pm**

Bring your favorite dish or Christmas goodies to share.

Bring a wrapped gift without your name for a 'White Elephant' exchange.

Childcare provided and everyone is welcome!

### **Event Pictures Wanted**

Dorothy Soles is collecting pictures from past events to put on our website.

If you have any that you'd like to share, please get them to her soon.

For more details or to get the pictures to her, please give Dorothy a call at (432) 631-0626.



*You're invited to a Baby Shower  
for Cole & Rebecca Frasier*

*Sunday, December 2*

*3:00 pm - 5:00 pm*

*Wilshire Park Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
801 S. Bentwood Drive*

*The couple is registered at Baby Biz and MyRegistry.com,  
which combines Target, Etsy, and Buy Buy Baby registries.*

*Colors are hunter green, bright green, gray, and turquoise.*

*Theme is Woodland Animals.*

### **A BIG Thank You**

The family of Thelma Louise Traweek acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Thank you! Mary Miller



# Women on Mission

## **WOM Meeting**

**5:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 2**

Everyone is welcome as we make last minute plans for the World Mission Auction and pray for our missionaries around the world. The week of prayer for Foreign Missionaries is December 2-9.

## **World Mission Auction**

**6:00 Viewing, 6:30 Bidding**

**Saturday, December 8**

Our goal is \$10,000 and we'll get a jump start at our World Mission Auction. Bible Study classes are encouraged to put together baskets. WOM has made 6 beautiful quilts. Bring your donated items to the Gym by 4:00 pm. Baked goods, Christmas decorations, fun gifts, handmade items are all welcome! Come join the fun as Brother Glenn serves as auctioneer and we raise money for missions. Invite friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family who would enjoy bidding and getting some great Christmas gifts at good prices. For questions, please call LeeBell at (432) 638-9715.

## **Secret Sisters Reveal Party**

**3:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 16**

Ladies, it's time to reveal our Secret Sisters! Please bring a final gift for your sister and snacks or finger foods to share.

## **Operation Christmas Child Update**

Thank you for your generosity and caring hearts. We, as a church, donated 263 boxes to OCC, which means we have been able to minister to at least 1,800 lives and shared the gospel of Christ with each of them and their families. Thank you also to everyone who participated in the church-wide packing party, helped out at Bellview, transported boxes, and donated postage money. You truly are God's hands and feet!

## **Baptist Crisis Center**

Please remember to donate canned foods/warm socks/blankets/hats/gloves for the Midland Baptist Crisis Center. It is going to be a COLD winter and there are many homeless and destitute people that need these items. It is wonderful to pray for them and the Crisis Center ministry, but Jesus tells us also to clothe and feed the poor as a tangible way to show His love. Donation containers are located at each entrance to the Sanctuary or take your items directly to the Crisis Center. For more information, contact Tommy and Nelda Cranford.

## **Financial Peace University**

**6:30 pm on Tuesdays**

**January 9, 2018 - March 6, 2018**

Childcare is provided and there is a corresponding curriculum for children ages 4-10. To register, go to [DaveRamsey.com/financialpeaceuniversity](http://DaveRamsey.com/financialpeaceuniversity) and type in zip code 79703. Dave Ramsey gives Biblical teachings on handling money and getting (and staying) out of debt! For questions, contact the Ulvestad's or the Mizzles'.



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**Sunday Services:**  
 Bible Study 9:50 am  
 Morning Worship 11:00 am  
 Evening Worship 6:30 pm

**Wednesday Activities:**  
 Youth Group 6:15 pm  
 TeamKID 6:30 pm  
 Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm

# November Statistics

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

|       | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Designated</u> |
|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| 11/4  | \$ 4,027.00   | \$ 169.00         |
| 11/11 | \$ 5,109.00   | \$ 111.00         |
| 11/18 | \$ 4,674.00   | \$ 226.00         |
| 11/25 | \$ 5,121.00   | \$ 21.00          |

## ATTENDANCE REPORT:

|       | <u>Sunday School</u> | <u>Worship</u> |
|-------|----------------------|----------------|
| 11/4  | 52                   | No Count       |
| 11/11 | 62                   | No Count       |
| 11/18 | 53                   | 103            |
| 11/25 | 54                   | 93             |