



# **LATTIMORE BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **NEWSLETTER**

January 2017

*BECAUSE WE BELIEVE!*

## Pastor Court Greene Desk

As the we head into January, I will remind you of a few things:

First, as most of us know by now, the coming month of February is our most expensive. This month we pay all of our insurance for the entire year. Please give faithfully, so that the church can move beyond that hurdle and look to 2017 asking “where can we invest God’s resources,” instead of, “what can we cut?”

Second, I enjoyed celebrating Christmas with you this year. I was worried about advent, as a look into the minor prophets is an admittedly odd course to take heading into the Christmas holiday, but you responded well. While Christmas was great, and should be celebrated all year, we must now do what Mary, Joseph, and all the characters of the Christmas story did in the weeks after they met the savior for the first time. We must ask, “what’s next?” In January we will examine that very question, we will hear from Paul as he directs where to cast our gaze in search of what God would have us do, and we will come away (I hope) with a renewed sense of purpose for the new year.

Finally, I’ll remind you of a small graphic that appeared on a newsletter months back. It was a simple acronym: C.A.R.E.. It was present to wet your appetite for a program I seek to implement this year. C.A.R.E. stands for Christians Actively Reaching Everyone. It is an effort to take your small but very powerful offering of one day each month, and use it to maximize our church’s reach in this community. Through this program, all of you will be empowered to minister to those in our church family, those in its surrounding community, and those who are seeking a church family to join. As I continue to reveal just what the program is, I want you to ponder one question: “Can I give one day a month to the kingdom of God?” I hope that the answer is yes, and I hope you’ll be a very big part of a very powerful tool that demands a very small amount of your time.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Lana’s Music Notes

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. The choir has my gratitude. The Cantata went very well. Thank you for all the hard work you did in preparation for the performance. It will soon be time to start practicing for an Easter Cantata. If you would like to join the choir, January would be a great time to do so. Thank you , as well, to the Handbell Choir for their wonderful performances. Hopefully, they will perform twice during the spring.

The hymn “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” says: “...Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always...” (F. Green, 1903-) I hope you will allow music to be a means of praising God.

Lana

Opportunities are available for people of all ages to grow spiritually through music ministry.

- Adult Choir rehearsal 7:30 on Wednesday evenings
- Adult Handbells 7:00 on Sunday evenings
- Children & Youth Music activities are scheduled through Youth and Children's program.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Summer's Youth Notes

We are excited to embark upon a new year. We will be engaging in local community outreach projects and starting a new study on the purpose of a God centered life.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Katie's Children's Notes

As we kick into a new year, having learned about the armor of God back before Christmas, we will begin learning about how we use the armor in spiritual battle. In a child-friendly way, of course.

### Schedule of weekly activities:

#### Sundays

9:45 – 10:00 am Library Open  
10:00 – 10:45 am Sunday School  
10:45 – 11:00 am Library Open  
11:00 – 12:00 pm Worship  
12:00 – 1:00 pm Youth and Children's Activities  
7:00 – 8:00 pm Handbells

#### Monday Nights

7:00 pm Line Dancing

#### Tuesday Nights

6:30 pm RA's and GA's

#### Wednesday Nights

6:30 – 7:30 pm Bible Study  
7:30 – 8:30 pm Adult Choir

### Birthdays for the month of January: (##) = day.

John Dover (1), Cathy Dover (2), Harrill Blanton (4), Cathy Dover (6), Ann Tesseneer (8), Barbara Hodges (10), Cassie Gold (11), Kent Thomas (15), Shonnie Master (16), Edna Cooper (19), Jim Martin (21), Tracye Morgan (21), Josh Blanton (25), Tena Blanton (25), Sarah Dover (26), Jim Fite (26), David Jones (27), and Andrew Blanton (31).

If I (Russ) have missed a birthday or have put one in the bulletin by mistake, please let me know.

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