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## A Counter-Intuitive Way to Grow the Church

by Pastor Jim Fleming

*But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteem. And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number (Acts 5:13-14).*

This was not your usual revival meeting. One man came forward to make an impressive contribution from a real estate deal. Instead of the adulation he envisioned, this man received a thundering rebuke and died on the spot. The guys with the stretcher hardly had time to get his body to the morgue before the man's wife showed up. She betrayed her complicity in her husband's giving scam and promptly joined him in death.

Needless to say, everyone in town was a little rattled! Whispers were heard on the street: "Don't get too close to those Christians unless you want to put your life on the line." The whispers were not without warrant. The basic problem with this late couple was an attempt to represent themselves as something they were not. They wanted to look like the real deal without being the real deal. Perhaps they actually thought they **were** the real deal. But God was not fooled by this sham and made His point with double corpses as exclamation points.

Here is Luke's summary of the reputation of the early church after the "double death revival" meeting: *But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteem (Acts 5:13)*. The average Joe of Jerusalem respected the saints. He appreciated their commitment. But he also had enough sense to realize that an insincere association with these saints could be fatal.



So here is what I find fascinating. Some would say that church growth requires us to present ourselves to the average Joe as unthreatening and undemanding. We should demurely declare, "Hey, come hang with us. We are benign enough to be safe and un-intimidating. You'll feel perfectly at ease."

But look at Acts 5:14! When the church was respected but intimidating is when growth kicked into high gear! Luke reports, "*And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number*" (Acts 5:14). The word "and" at the beginning of the verse tells us that when the church was frighteningly real, that is when its growth went into overdrive!

Suppose someone comes among us and says, "I respect your devotion and dedication, but I'm not ready to make this kind of commitment." Don't interpret that comment as a call for us to become less committed or to hide our devotion to Jesus under a bushel basket. It's an affirmation we are following the lead of one of the fastest growing churches in history. We may be a little scary to an average Joe when we are the real deal, but that is also when he sees that in Jesus you don't have to live a life that's just average.

# CHURCH-WIDE

## Welcome, Christy!

At the Session's regular monthly meeting on November 14, **Christy Bicknell** was unanimously approved as our next Women's Ministry Director. We see this as a precious gift from God and look with excitement and anticipation to all He will do through Christy's ministry among us.

Christy and her husband, Curt, are not new to First Evan. They have been members here since November of 2019, but Christy's history with First Evan goes back to her college days at Rhodes when she was a member here and then later supported by First Evan through our seminary scholarship fund when she went to Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS).

The excerpts below from Jen Pierce, Search Committee Chairwoman's, letter of recommendation to the Session best summarize our excitement.



"The following are a few of the many reasons we feel the Lord has directed our steps toward Christy: her wise, thoughtful, and measured demeanor; her DTS training in Biblical Studies and her rootedness in the Word of God; her deep love for First Evan; her strong background in ministry to single women; her love for and work with urban and international ministry in Memphis; the recommendation of Crickett's mentors and confidantes; Crickett's own knowledge of FEC's women's ministry paired with her knowledge of Christy and her skillset; the support of Christy's husband Curt; and lastly, her strong desire to see women discipled, encouraged, growing in Christ and equipped for making Him known. And this list is not exhaustive!"

"When Christy taught in Heart to Heart Bible Study many weeks ago, women (not knowing of our closed-door committee meetings) began to wonder out loud if Christy would be considered as our next women's ministry director. After our Committee introduced Christy as a Candidate for the position, we had an overwhelmingly positive response by those who have heard from her and by those who have known her for many years. She shines! For these many reasons, please accept our recommendation of Christy Bicknell for Women's Ministry Director."

After spending time with Christy, the Session whole-heartedly agreed with the search committee's assessment and are pleased to announce Christy will be joining our staff this January.



## Thanksgiving Eve Soup Supper & Service

On Thanksgiving Eve, we enjoyed a rich time together as we gave thanks for God's blessings in our lives. We aimed to put Psalm 40:9-10 in action: "I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation...I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness from the great congregation." It was a thrill to hear stories of God's grace at work among us as a congregation. He is worthy of our praise, honor and thanksgiving!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Anna Phillips**



**Phillip and Ruth Thompson**



**Sam and Sara Caitlin Wilcox**

**Preston and Tammy Davis**

## Midweek at First Evan Resumes Wednesday, January 11

There's something for everyone on Wednesday nights. It starts with dinner at 5:00 p.m., then we have activities for all ages: [www.firstevan.org/midweek](http://www.firstevan.org/midweek).

**Attending or volunteering and need childcare?**

[www.firstevan.org/midweek-childcare](http://www.firstevan.org/midweek-childcare)

(For ages 2 and under. Subject to availability.)

## Discover First Evan Sunday, January 29

4:00-6:00 p.m., Chapel

This class is offered to those interested in learning more about First Evan or desiring membership. Attending the class in no way obligates you to join, but it is the first step toward membership. Questions can be directed to Jacki Stieferman at [jstieferman@firstevan.org](mailto:jstieferman@firstevan.org). Sign up at [www.firstevan.org/dfe](http://www.firstevan.org/dfe).

# CHURCH-WIDE (CONTINUED)

## “Going Deeper” Midweek Elective with Pastor Jim Fleming Wednesdays, January 11–March 8, 6:15–8:00 p.m., A111

No Sunday sermon can fully unpack a passage in 30 minutes. Would you like to know what Pastor Jim left out of his sermons on Daniel? Come to the Wednesday night elective, GOING DEEPER, to better understand the depths of Daniel 7–12 and more. Bonus: You will also have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss implications of what is taught. Want to translate the Book of Daniel into dynamic life change? Pastor Jim Fleming will help us learn what God says we need to know about our future.

## Thanksgiving Offering

*A Christmas Gift for our Missionaries*

**Give now through December 4**

There is still time to give a Christmas gift to our missionaries. Designate “**Thanksgiving Offering**” on your check to First Evan, or give online at [www.firstevan.org/thanks](http://www.firstevan.org/thanks).

## Year-End Giving

In the month of December charitable organizations, including many which faithfully serve our Lord, will appeal to you for year-end support. Many non-profit organizations, including First Evan, receive a large portion of their budget in the month of December. We trust that if each one in our church family, including you, prays and obeys, the Lord will meet the needs of First Evan and the other ministries and missions our congregation supports. Will you pray, seeking our Lord’s guidance for your year-end giving?



Gifts must be placed in the offering chests at church or delivered to the finance office by December 31, 2022, in order to be considered as charitable gifts for the 2022 tax year.

*The church office will be closed December 23–27. The finance office will be open December 27–30 from 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 31 from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.*



Gifts mailed to the church must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by December 31, 2022, in order to be considered as charitable gifts for the 2022 tax year.

*If your mailing envelope is postmarked after December 31, 2022, your gift will count towards 2023, not 2022, regardless of the date on your check.*



Gifts given online through our website: [www.firstevan.org/giving](http://www.firstevan.org/giving) or [First Evan](#) app by midnight, December 31, 2022, will be considered as charitable gifts for the 2022 tax year.



Gifts given through Venmo [@fecmemphis](#) by midnight, December 31, 2022, will be considered as charitable gifts for the 2022 tax year.



If interested in making a stock donation, please call the finance office at 901-682-8452.

## Giving Opportunities

First Evangelical Church is thankful for the many faithful members and regular attendees who consistently give tithes and offerings to the Lord. Our Church is greatly blessed through your generosity. Although we do not pass a collection plate during worship services, there are collection boxes conveniently located at the entrances of the sanctuary to collect offerings. Checks and cash are wonderful and convenient ways to give to the ministries of First Evan, and are the primary method used for most of the gifts that we receive. Outlined below are a number of other ways you can give to First Evan that we want to bring to your attention.

**Stock Gifts** Even with the uncertainty of the stock market, many people still have stock worth more than they paid for it. A long-term appreciated stock offers two tax savings. First, you avoid capital gains tax. Second, you receive an income tax deduction based on the increased value of the stock instead of the cost basis of up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income.

**Insurance Policies** A gift of a life insurance policy you no longer need makes a perfect year-end gift. To qualify as a gift, First Evan must become the owner and beneficiary or the irrevocable beneficiary. If the policy is paid up, your tax deduction is usually the cost basis or the replacement value of the policy, whichever is less.

**Charitable IRA Rollovers** A qualified charitable distribution (QCD), which allows individuals over 70½ years old to donate up to \$100,000 in IRA assets directly to charity annually, without taking the distribution into taxable income is a great way to give and avoid capital gain taxes. There are certain rules on timing your gift for it to count as a 2022 contribution. We encourage you to talk to your tax advisor or the company that handles your IRA in order to ensure that your QCD gift can count towards the 2022 calendar year.

**Life Income Gifts    Bequests    Endowment Gifts    Gifts of Inventory    Gifts through Wills**

# WORSHIP

## PULPIT PREVIEW

- DEC 4 *Stay the Course*  
"Son of Adam" Daniel 7:13-14, Pastor Jim Fleming
- DEC 11 *A Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols*  
"Seven First Impressions" Luke 2 (selected), Pastor Jim
- DEC 18 "Best Gift Ever" 2 Corinthians 8:9, Pastor Jim
- DEC 24 *Christmas Eve "Jesus is the Light"* Luke 2:25-32, Pastor Jim
- DEC 25 *Christmas Day "Four Gifts"* 2 Peter 1:2-3, Pastor Jim
- JAN 1 *New Year's Day* Kevin Weaver, Chairman of the Session



**"The Arrival of the King"**  
A Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols  
Sunday, December 11  
9:00 and 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary  
*International friends are invited to the International Brunch at 10:20 a.m.*  
"The Arrival of the King" is presented by the Worship Choir, orchestra, soloists, and readers. The long-awaited King has come, humble and bringing a message of mercy (Isaiah 9:6-7)! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us. [www.firstevan.org/Christmas](http://www.firstevan.org/Christmas)



**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Children's Nativity**  
Saturday, December 24  
5:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
*Family Service - No Childcare*  
Worship with us! We'll have special music, congregational singing, and a message from Pastor Jim Fleming.

**Christmas Day Service**  
Sunday, December 25  
10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall  
*No Sunday School*  
*Family Service - No Childcare*  
Online: No live stream, but a special devotional message from Pastor Jim will be posted online.

**New Year's Day Service**  
Sunday, January 1  
10:45 a.m., Sanctuary  
*No Sunday School*  
*Family Service - No Childcare*

# ADULTS



## Senior Holiday Luncheon

On November 20, we kicked off the holidays with a good meal, thanksgiving, and adoration!

# YOUNG ADULTS



## Finals Coffee House

Sunday, December 4-Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.-midnight, Gym  
All college students are invited to enjoy a safe and comfortable space, with free food and coffee, to study for exams. Please pray that God uses this event for His glory, that students come and feel the love of Christ, and that our volunteers work well together.

**We still need volunteers! Sign up at [www.firstevan.org/finalscoffeeshouse](http://www.firstevan.org/finalscoffeeshouse).**



## Campus Visits

Break enjoyed providing food and hanging out with Global Friends organization and the BCM on the U of M campus in November.



## Break Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18  
5:30 p.m., The Hall's House  
Grab your \$5 White Elephant gift and a friend, and come to the party! Dinner will be provided. Contact Kassie Sanborn for the address [ksanborn@firstevan.org](mailto:ksanborn@firstevan.org).

# STUDENTS



## Thanksgiving Feast

Student Ministries had so much fun at our Thanksgiving Feast last month. We had a great time together to reflect on all this past year has brought and share moments of gratitude. We ate yummy food prepared by parents and students!

## Worship Together Weekend

Sunday, December 4  
9:30–10:30 a.m., E226

## Girls Christmas Cookie Swap

Saturday, December 10  
6:30–8:30 p.m., The Alley's Home (email [Anna.Phillips](mailto:Anna.Phillips) for address) Bring cookies to share and about 25 recipe cards (one for each girl who comes—so we can remake your cookies at home.) We can't wait to swap recipes with you!



## A Very Classy Christmas

Wednesday, December 7  
6:15–8:00 p.m., E202/E226  
Come dressed in your best Christmas attire for a fun night of Christmas festivities! We will be having pizza and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a gift and your appetite! **We will resume Midweek on January 11.**



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Student Ministries Lock-Out**  
Friday, January 13, 9:00 p.m.–7:00 a.m.  
Get excited! We have a fun night of activities planned and we can't wait to hang out with you guys all night! See you there! Register at [www.firstevan.org/lock-out](http://www.firstevan.org/lock-out).

# MEN

## “Experiencing God” Workbook Study by Henry Blackaby

Wednesdays, January 11–April 12  
6:15–7:45 p.m., A221  
(Do not meet on March 15 or April 5)



This is a 12-week study with discussion in small table groups. This is for men seeking direction for what is next...young men just starting out all the way up to older guys with some gas left in the tank who desire to sprint to the finish. This study builds so we are looking for men who are willing to commit to attend every week. If you would like to participate email Lynn Ballinger at [lhb2@aol.com](mailto:lhb2@aol.com) to register and he will send you a link to order the workbook.

## SAVE THE DATE: Men's Fish Fry

Tuesday, January 24  
6:00–8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
Cost: \$7/person or \$50/table



Our guest speaker [Steve Wiggins](#) is a five-time Grammy Award nominee of the band Big Tent Revival. Steve is the founder of Living Room Study and

Groundworks Ministries, both discipleship ministries that focus on Biblical literacy. The goal of Steve's ministry is to elevate the faith of program participants by leading them to a comprehensive knowledge of the entire Bible.

Tickets can be purchased in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays beginning January 1. Contact John Dawson, 901-485-0859, or Jack Pepper, 901-833-0721 for tickets or additional information.

# OUTREACH

## Sharing Spiritual Conversations (Men's Group)

Resume Wednesday, January 11  
6:15–8:00 p.m., E111  
Evangelism and discipleship shouldn't be done in isolation! Come to hear and share spiritual conversation stories that are happening. We also discuss proven ways to engage the lost that are Biblical, clear, and not awkward. Let's live to the fullest as we seek the Kingdom together. Contact Chuck Dalton with questions or interest at [chuck@chuckdalton.com](mailto:chuck@chuckdalton.com).

# WOMEN



## Heart to Heart Women's Bible Study “Leaving a Legacy of Eternal Significance: A Study of 2 Timothy” by Crickett Keeth

January 10/11–March 7/8  
Tuesdays, 9:30–11:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays, 6:15–8:00 p.m.  
Join us for an 8-week, verse-by-verse study of 2 Timothy as we look at the life of Paul and the legacy he left behind with Timothy. We can follow Paul's example as we build into the lives of others and spur them on in their faith. Register at [www.firstevan.org/h2h](http://www.firstevan.org/h2h) beginning December 1. Cost: \$10.



## SAVE THE DATE: A Colorful Day “Rooted in the Seasons of Life”

Saturday, February 4  
9:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. | Cost: \$15\*  
\*additional cost for some sessions

**Registration begins Sunday, January 8**  
Come join us for a special day filled with learning, creativity, and encouragement. You will have the opportunity to sign up for two electives taught by fellow women of First Evan with lunch to follow. This day provides a wonderful opportunity to invite neighbors, friends, and loved ones to experience the community we have at our church. Childcare is provided, but registration is required: [www.firstevan.org/colorful](http://www.firstevan.org/colorful).

## Precept Bible Study “Jeremiah, Part 2: When God's Judgment Finally Comes (Ch. 25–52)”

Tuesdays, January 17–March 7  
6:00–8:00 p.m. via Zoom  
Learn what God's message was to a rebellious Judah as Babylonian exile loomed. Workbook purchased online, cost: \$18. For more information or to register, contact Sara Butler at 901-491-0101 or [sarabutler6@gmail.com](mailto:sarabutler6@gmail.com).

## SCHEDULE & SUNDAY CURRICULUM

### Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

- DEC 4** We Are to Worship God Alone (Isaiah 44) (Children's Choir)
- DEC 11** Lessons & Carols Services, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary  
*No Sunday School; Nursery for ages 2 and under*
- DEC 14** "Emmanuel: A Christmas Experience"  
6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall and Outside



We will start our evening with a pizza dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Then, a special guest will take us on a journey outside to a live nativity where we will hear the story of Jesus' birth, sing Christmas carols, and pet live animals. We will end the night back inside the Fellowship Hall with cookies, s'mores, and hot chocolate.

- DEC 18** Jesus' Birth (Luke 2)
- DEC 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Children's Nativity, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
Please contact Cortney Cannon at [ccannon@firstevan.org](mailto:ccannon@firstevan.org) if your child is interested.
- DEC 25** Christmas Day Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall  
*No Sunday School; Family Service - No Childcare*
- JAN 1** New Year's Day Service, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary  
*No Sunday School; Family Service - No Childcare*



*Pictured: Midweek kids having fun, visiting the Giving Store, and packing stockings for our Sunshine Seniors!*

## FEC Kids Midweek

Resumes Wednesday, January 11  
6:15–7:30 p.m.\*, Preschool, C-Wing  
K–5th Grade, Gym (\*available until 8:00 p.m.)  
Interested in joining us? It's not too late:  
[www.firstevan.org/feckids-midweek](http://www.firstevan.org/feckids-midweek).

# GLOBAL MISSIONS

## Prayer is a Conversation with God

By Leslie Rutherford

I can't remember a time when I haven't prayed, both publicly and privately. However, it took me a few years in my walk to realize that praying was really a conversation with God and that I needed to spend more time listening to Him. One of the best ways I found was to memorize scripture.

*Praying is not simply some necessary compartment in the daily schedule of a Christian or a source of support in a time of need, nor is it restricted to Sunday mornings or mealtimes. Praying is living...Praying pervades every aspect of our lives. It is the unceasing recognition that God is wherever we are, always inviting us to come closer and to celebrate the divine gift of being alive.*

*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. (Romans 8:26–27)*

The COVID lockdown in 2020 gave me the opportunity to spend more time with God. Henri Nouwen's quote captures what God has shown me these last few years:

With so many overwhelming things in the world, and my life, sometimes I don't even know what to say or how to pray. My practice is now to seek the Lord with a humble attitude, admitting my weakness and asking for help to pray. Jesus prayed in the garden, 'not my will but yours...' That's one of the hardest lessons of all in prayer—still learning it! Also realizing when God seems silent I've not been focusing on Him. When I do focus on Him, the answer is often there in a way I didn't expect it.



*Pictured: David and Leslie Rutherford on their honeymoon.*

Prayer is ministry. God has blessed me through people who pray for me. Even when I wasn't aware of it, their prayers were impacting my life. Through prayer you can be a part of what God is doing. If the thought of that is overwhelming, ask the Lord to show you who and what to pray for. Whatever is on your heart, just talk to God about it. That's a great place to start. The more you abide with Jesus, the more you start to understand what's on His heart and the Holy Spirit will direct you in how to pray for it.

# GLOBAL MISSIONS (CONTINUED)

## Short-Term Missions Trip Opportunities

Global Missions is considering a number of short-term missions trips over the next several months. Though many are not yet on the calendar, we are considering the following opportunities. Please let the Missions Office know if you are interested in considering going on a trip in order to serve and to see what God is doing through our ministry partners.

**Malaga, Spain: Media Center Work Team with Dan Wicher**  
Work Trip, March 10–19

**Malaga, Spain: SentWell Center with Alex and Amy Galloway**  
Work/Prayer Trip

**Dominican Republic: Cru with Meg Robbins**  
Evangelism and Work (geared toward families)

**Uganda: Sam and Suzie Davis**  
Vision/Prayer/Evangelism/Training

**India/Nepal: Ministry Partners in Area**  
Teaching/Training (men and women's trips)

**Mexico: Tlapaneco Ministry Partners**  
Teaching/Work/Evangelism

**Romania: Ministry Partners in Area**  
Children's Ministry/Vision Trip



## Sustain Ukraine

**Sunday, January 8: 12:00 p.m. Lunch in E125/126**  
**Packing from 1:00–3:30 p.m. in the Gym**

Please join us as we partner with David and Katya Bute, long-term missionaries of First Evan, as they help provide food for people affected by the war in Ukraine. We will be partnering with *Kids Around the World*, an organization that is heavily involved in food distribution globally. They are needing to replenish their supplies of food packets that have previously been sent to the Butes.

Your contribution of time will make a difference and contribute as an encouragement to the Butes and others who benefit from *Kids Around the World* ministry of providing food while sharing the Gospel.

This will be a great event to invite friends and family to unite together for this wonderful cause! If you have children who are able and willing to participate, they are welcome to join. Sign up to serve: [www.firstevan.org/sustainukraine](http://www.firstevan.org/sustainukraine).



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Global Missions Conference**  
**February 19–February 26**  
**Speakers: Roger Lowther, Japan**  
**and Frank Fortunato, OM USA**

The theme, "All the Nations Shall Glorify Your Name!", flows from the verse, "All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name." (Psalm 86:9 ESV) The emphasis will be on worship and how worship propels missions.



## Worship and Prayer for the World

**Sunday, December 4**  
**6:00–7:15 p.m., Chapel**

Join us for our quarterly world prayer focus, combined with a time of worship in song. Together, we'll ask God to bless Christian workers and extend His kingdom throughout the globe.



## Meet & Greet with David and Mary Alice Stevens

**Saturday, December 10**  
**12:00 p.m. CST, Zoom**

David and Mary Alice Stevens are living in France and serving as missionaries in France, West Africa, and Belgium! [Click here to join the meeting.](#) Meeting ID: 824 2619 1429 Passcode: 518957



## International Brunch

**Sunday, December 11**  
**10:20 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

The International Brunch is an opportunity to honor our international friends in the community by inviting them to *Lessons & Carols* at 9:00 a.m., then having them join us for a reception/brunch. We will celebrate the diversity of peoples attending that Sunday morning and enjoy great food.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	1	2	3
<b>Regular Schedule 4</b> with Communion <b>Worship Together</b> (Students) 9:30 a.m., E226 <b>Prayer Focus 5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Worship &amp; Prayer For the World</b> 6:00 p.m., Chapel	<b>ACT II Widows 5</b> <b>Christmas Luncheon</b> 11:00 a.m., Templeton's <b>Men's Bible Study</b> 6:30-8:00 p.m., E143 <b>Finals Coffee House</b> 7:00 p.m.-midnight, Recreation Center >>> >>> >>>	<b>6</b> <b>Gym Closed</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study 7</b> 6:30-7:30 a.m., Zoom <b>A Very Classy Christmas</b> (Students) 6:15-8:00 p.m., E202/E226	<b>8</b> <b>Women's Christmas Dinner</b> 6:00-8:00 p.m., Hilton	<b>9</b>	<b>Lessons &amp; Carols 10</b> <b>Rehearsal w/ Brunch</b> 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. <b>Meet &amp; Greet</b> Stevens, 12:00 p.m., Zoom <b>Girls Cookie Swap</b> (Students) 6:30-8:30 p.m., The Alley's
<b>Lessons &amp; Carols 11</b> 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Services <i>No Sunday School</i> <b>International Brunch</b> 10:20 a.m., Fellowship Hall <b>FEC Prayer Focus</b> 5:00 p.m., Zoom	<b>12</b> <b>Council Meeting</b> 6:15 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>FEC Kids 14</b> "Emmanuel: A Christmas Experience" 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall and Outside <b>No Midweek</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Regular Schedule 18</b> with Baptism <b>Break</b> <b>Christmas Party</b> 5:30 p.m., The Hall's <b>FEC Prayer Focus</b> 5:00 p.m., Zoom	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>No Midweek</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Church Offices Closed For Christmas</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</b> 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary <i>Family Service - No Childcare</i>
<b>Christmas Day Service 25</b> 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall <i>No Sunday School</i> <i>Family Service - No Childcare</i>	<b>26</b> <b>Church Offices Closed For Christmas</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>No Midweek</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Finance Office open from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for year-end giving.</b>
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