

Tyro Tidings

December 2022

Tyro Christian Church



“For to us a child is born, to us, a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

–Isaiah 9:6

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DECEMBER 2022 CALENDAR

December 2	Blanket Blessings – Building Blocks Class #2
December 3	JOY Group Trip to Woolaroc
December 4	Incredible Pizza Trip – 1 st – 6 th Grade Spiritual Board – All Elders, Deacons, and Staff
December 6	Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study – 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
*December 7	Hide Them in Your Heart – 6:45 PM – 8:10 PM CLOVERTON Concert @ 7:00 PM
December 9	TCCS Christmas Play Matinee @ 2:15 PM
December 11	TCCS Christmas Play @ 6:00 PM
December 13	Ladies Christmas Party (Teen Building @ 6:00 PM)
December 14	JOY Group Lunch @ Noon – Lon Betts Classroom Wednesday Night Christmas Parties
December 15	TCCS Preschool Christmas Program @ 6:00 PM
December 18	Candlelight Service @ 6:00 PM
December 19	Elder’s Meeting @ 7:00 PM
December 23-26	OFFICES CLOSED – Merry Christmas
December 25	HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!!! – ONE SERVICE @ 9:30 AM
December 30	OFFICES CLOSED - Happy New Year

*Indicates meets weekly unless otherwise notified

ELDER'S MEETING

There will be an Elder's Meeting on December 19th, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

SPIRITUAL BOARD

There will be a Spiritual Board Meeting on December 4th, 2022. This is open to all Elders, Deacons, and Staff Members.

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us on **Tuesday evening, December 13th, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM** in the Teen Building for



our annual "Ladies Christmas Party." We will have a potluck so bring your favorite side dish or dessert. The main dish will be provided. We will have an ornament exchange,

so please bring an ornament for less than \$5 if you wish to participate. Please be sure to invite your family and friends. For more information, please see Stephanie Owen.

BAD WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

For Church cancellations due to bad weather, there are several places you can check:

- 1) The website (www.tyrochristian.org)
- 3) Call the church office and listen to the answering machine
- 4) Check Facebook.

POINSETTIA SERVICE

This year we are going to do something a little different. We will not be hosting a Poinsettia Service; however, if you have a family member(s) or loved ones who have passed away and would like to honor them, we ask that families begin bringing their poinsettia plants at any time in honor of your loved ones. Please place a card stating who the plant is to honor (in plain sight), and put your name on the bottom of the plant if you would like to take it home later.

TCCS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Tyro Community Christian School is excited to present an all-school Christmas program called "The Auction." This performance shares the Christmas story uniquely and excitingly. Performances: Friday, Dec 9th at 2:15 PM and Sunday, December 11th at 6:00 PM. Don't miss this opportunity to bring in the Christmas season!

AROUND THE WORLD IN 90 SECONDS

Christmas blessings to you! We often say that Christmas is "the most wonderful time of the year," and there are many reasons that could be true!! One of those reasons is how the holidays often remind us of the people we love.

Please remember to send our missionaries some love too! Feeling our care from afar will undoubtedly brighten their days and remind them that they are in our thoughts and prayers this holiday season.

- Jim and Maria Felix Moreland
- Nonato, Tanya, Thalys, Nadya and Ian Silva
Caixa Postal 23,
Araguaina, TO, Brasil, CEP 77804-970
*(can send cards for both these families to the same address)
- Andrew, Johana, Victoria, Andrew, and Paul Stringer
462 Morning Dove Dr.
Grand Junction, CO 81504
- Adam, Dani, Kaiyah, Chester, Trek, Emma Ready
524 W. Naranja Ave.
Mesa, AZ 85210
- James, Heidi, Elizabeth, Anna, Lydia Morrill
PO Box 1790
Mbale, Uganda, East Africa
- Imir, Janette, Gabriel, Gideon Gashi
FAHU Postal:322, Prishtina High School
Matiquan, Prishtina, Kosovo 10000
- Emrys and Usha Rees
PO Box 475
Lapel, IN 46051-0475

JOY GROUP LUNCH

Our Christmas JOY Group lunch will be **Wednesday, December 14th**, at noon in Lon Betts's classroom. Please bring meat, a side dish or a dessert. We will have a **gift exchange**. Men bring a man's gift, and women bring a lady's gift. The price limit is **\$5.00**. We will also be fixing **Goodie Plates for shut-ins** - Please bring candy or cookies to put on the plates.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TCC

Merry Christmas

May the Christmas season fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter as we remember the birth of our Savior.

-TCC Staff

(Don, Jeff, Joyce, Harty, Silas, Stephanie, Matt, Travis & Terry)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

As we enter the Christmas Season, let us reflect on what it represents. Phrases like “Jesus is the Reason for the Season” or “Keep Christ in Christmas” are great reminders, but they can quickly lose their meaning if they are not modeled or lived out by us in our sphere of influence, such as family, friends, neighbors, or in our community.

With that in mind, here are some suggestions that will put hands and feet to this:

- Participate in our TCC food drive to provide for our food baskets/pantry
- Participate in outside/para ministries such as Angel Tree, Toys for Tots, Samaritan’s Purse’s Operation Christmas Child, Salvation Army, etc.
- Donate and/or Volunteer at a local Foodbank (we have them in Independence, Coffeyville, and Caney), or a homeless shelter (you may have to drive to the bigger cities such as Wichita, Tulsa, OKC, Joplin, Springfield, etc.)
- Pay it forward at a coffee shop, drive-through, or restaurant
- Send Christmas cards to and visit the shut-ins at nursing homes, assisted living, and/or hospitals
- Invite people over to your house after Church and have lunch together

This is by no means an exhaustive list of things to do, but it is a start. Let your creativity guide you to “. . . provoke unto love and to good works” (Heb 10:24 KJV).

Also, please start thinking about inviting your friends, neighbors, and unsaved family members to attend our Candlelight Service on Dec 18th at 6:00 PM and our combined Christmas Day Sunday Service on Dec 25th at 9:30 AM. The music, drama, and eternal message of the Gospel will bless everyone.

Have a very Merry Christmas!

BLANKET BLESSINGS

We will meet on Friday, December 2nd at 9:00 AM in Room 2 of Joyce's area. Please come in through the single south door. Many thanks to the ladies that have been participating!! A BIG thanks to those who came in November. We welcomed Terri Hayes and Rita Wintjen! If you would like to join us, please get in touch with Gloria White at 620-515-4281.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM MINISTER

Ben Merold tells the story of an individual he knew who had been in the ministry for a time. He would call Ben every two or three years and say, “Ben, I have to leave the church.” And through the discussion, this individual would say something to the effect; “I have to leave because I told them like it is,” or “I laid it out for them” Ben finally got upset with him, and during one of those calls Ben said “Instead of telling them like it is, why don’t you try telling them how it could be”

As we look through scripture, it is about ‘how it could be.’ Matthew 1:21 says, “She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” When the angel spoke that to Joseph, it was a message of hope. The angel is saying mankind does not have to suffer the penalty of sin any longer. This baby is the perfect sacrifice who will atone for your sins. This is about ‘how it could be.’

As you read through the gospels and read of the paralytic being healed, Peter’s mother-in-law being healed, multitudes being fed, sight given to the blind, the lame walking, and the raising of the dead, these miracles are about hope. The miracles are a preview of things to come. This is about ‘how it could be.’

As you come to the end of the gospels, you read about Jesus’ death on the cross, where He pays the price and penalty for our sins and conquers death through His resurrection. This is about ‘how it could be.’

The married couple, who seems to wind up at the same dead-end of unresolved conflict again and again, needs to know ‘how it could be.’ The person who has fallen to the clutches of alcohol, drugs, gambling, or any of a number of addictive behaviors needs to know " how it could be.”

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 says ⁵⁵WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR VICTORY? WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR STING? ⁵⁶the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law; ⁵⁷but thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

JOY GROUP TRIP

We will visit the beautiful light display at Woolaroc Saturday, December 3rd leaving TCC at 3:30 PM. We will also pick up at the dentist's office in Caney at 3:45. We will eat in Bartlesville before going on. Please call Stephanie in our Church Office to sign-up.



DECEMBER'S CHILDREN'S SERMONS SERIES

- December 4 "When I Honor Authority, I am Blessed."
- December 11 "God Has a Plan for Me"
- December 18 "I Must Care for Others Like Jesus Would"
- December 25 Family Sunday

SUNDAY NIGHTS IN DECEMBER

- December 4th Incredible Pizza
- December 11th TCCS School Christmas Program
- December 18th Candlelight Service
- December 25th NO EVENING SERVICES

HIDE THEM IN YOUR HEART

November 28th – LAST DAY TO TURN IN POINTS!

November 28 – Review Chapters 13 – 24

December 4 - Award Day after 2nd Service

(Students will leave for Tulsa for Incredible Pizza. Students need to wear their Hide Them in Your Heart Shirts).

December 7th - Visiting Shut-Ins & Widows

(Students, please bring candy canes. We will be going Christmas Caroling).

December 14th - Christmas party for ALL 1st – 6th Graders

Parents, please work on sword drills at home this month and memorize the books of the Bible.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 13 Jake Hendren 27 Hollie Higday
- 23 Cash Rivera Berg 27 June Thornton

CYOKAMO 2023

Below are the dates and costs for each camp per student. For more questions, please see Jeff Davis.

- 1st Grade Day Camp- \$35.00 June 23rd
- 2nd–3rd Grade Camp- \$65.00 June 29th – June 30th
- 4th-6th Grade Camp- \$110.00 June 25th – 28th

If you would like to sponsor a child, please see Jeff Davis.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

All 1st – 6th graders will have a Christmas party on Wednesday, December 14th from 6:45 PM – 8:00 PM. This party will be for every child that attends Children's Church, Sunday Nights and Wednesday Nights. We ask that every child bring a gift between \$3 - \$5, appropriate for a boy or a girl. This will be for our annual gift exchange. We will have food, fun, and fellowship with a special ending with God's word. Please bring a friend to this special evening. Our Wednesday evenings will resume on January 4th, 2023, with elective classes.

CHRISTMAS WORD SCRAMBLE

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- Rats _____
- Dressephh _____
- Gramen _____
- Galen _____
- Vaniyitt _____
- Virasou _____
- Ejuss _____
- Stranneom _____
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- Traweh _____
- Gisehl _____
- Yollh _____
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- Arbdggeerni _____
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- Nehimcy _____
- Ebcdemre _____
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WORD BANK:

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| Angel | December | Manger | Shepherd |
| Bells | Gingerbread | Mistletoe | Sleigh |
| Caroling | Holiday | Nativity | Star |
| Chimney | Holly | Ornaments | Stocking |
| Christmas | Jesus | Saviour | Wreath |



PRESCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

3 Aliza LaBatt	20 Cooper Daily
9 Reini Hockett	25 Jesus Christ
9 Rowyn White	26 Maggie Locke
19 Jack Snelson	27 Kinsley Turner

Parents, In the Building Block area, we have snacks during each Service on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. If you would like to donate items to the Building Block area, here is a list: mini vanilla wafers, mini club crackers, big bag Fruit Loops, goldfish, Debbie Snack, paper bags, and snack bags. You may drop them off at the check-in counter. Thank you for your contribution.

If a child brings an item to Church, ensure that the child's name is on the item. This will help the workers in the room to know which item or bag belongs to which child. Please ask the ladies at the check-in desk for help if you need a sticker.

CHECK-IN WORKERS

Check-in workers – you are one of the first to greet our visitors that come. In order to help them get their children to the appropriate place, please be in the check-in area 15 minutes before the start of Service. We need to help get the children into the church service area and introduce them to an usher to help them get settled.

BABY DEDICATIONS

Are you planning to dedicate your new arrival? We have a blessing for you. Our Blanket Blessing team would like to bless your latest arrival with a handmade quilt. *If you know when you would like to dedicate your child, please contact Stephanie Owen in our church office so that we can arrange for your quilt to be available for your dedication.*

CONGRATULATIONS

Jeff & Connie Davis are proud to announce the birth of their grandson, Mason William Davis. Mason was born on November 10th, 2022 weighing 9 lbs. 10 oz. and 21 inches. Proud parents are Joshua & Brooke Davis.

Rhonda Inman is proud to announce the birth of her grandson, Ledger Grey Blake. Ledger was born on November 2nd, 2022, at 12:45 AM weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz. and 21.25 inches. Proud parents are Benjamin & Jessica Blake. Proud big brother is Baylor Blake.

BUILDING BLOCK AREA SECURITY

Parents, when you come to pick your child up from the Building Block area, please have your number sticker visible, so the worker can see it when you pick your child up from the Building Block area. We also ask that **only one** family member (**14 years of age or older**) pick up the children. This is a safety measure and will help our security personnel to keep our Building Block area secure. If several adults with older children go in to pick up one or two children, our secure area is no longer secure. Thank you for being so helpful in this matter.

GOOD HEALTH GUIDELINES

It is that time of year that we have sickness going around. We have had several families come down sick during November. Please remember, if your child has had a fever in the last 48 hours or has been exposed to sickness, please do not bring them to the nursery – Building Block area. We are taking precautions to ensure everyone has their temperature taken and the toys are cleaned every week. With Christmas in a few weeks, we do not want anyone to be sick during this festive time.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

We are busy during this time of year. Trying to get our houses decorated and Christmas presents bought and wrapped and everything excellent for Christmas. We will also be busy here in the Building Block Preschool area. Please put on your already busy calendar the following dates:

- **December 7th Wednesday Evening** – Cloverton in Concert at 7:00 PM
- **December 11th Sunday Evening** – Tyro Christian Community School Christmas program, 6:00 PM
- **December 14th (2nd Wednesday)** - Christmas party for 2's through Kindergarten, 7:00 PM - 8:10 PM in the Building Block – Preschool area. If everyone brought a \$3 to \$6 gift, that would be wonderful! This will be our last Wednesday night until January 4th.
- **December 18th Sunday Evening** – Candlelight Service 6:00 PM. Children 4 years old and up will attend this Service. We will have volunteers to help with babies through 3-year-olds.
- **December 25th Christmas Sunday** – We will only have one Service this Sunday, 9:30 AM. There will be an alternate nursery/preschool (babies – Kindergarten) Service simultaneously. It will be up to you if you want your child to attend church service (Jesus' Birthday) or come to the Building Block area.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF TYRO TEENS!

As you read this, we are gearing up for a busy stretch towards the end of November and December! First up, on November 30th, we'll be gathering up to go out to get Christmas presents for eight kids in our community that wouldn't have Christmas presents otherwise.

Ponder that for a little bit.

It can be easy to read that sentence and move on without considering the impact, the weight of what is being said, and what is happening there.

Eight kids whose families are struggling and who wouldn't otherwise experience Christmas Day in the sense of getting gifts, as most other kids do, will be able to share that joy on Christmas morning due to the generosity of our students. That kind of experience is what we pray will open up their minds and hearts to hear about the most significant gift we could get- the good news of Jesus.

That's all happening on November 30th. We want the students to be there at 6 PM so we can leave and head up to Independence as soon as possible so that we can make it back and enjoy some pizza together before we dismiss around 8:15. We are also asking students to bring \$10 each so that the kids can know that blessing others comes at the cost of sacrifice.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Raelynn Brungard 13 Madison Holt
13 Melody Holt 27 Karma Roth

WRAPPING GIFTS

We will gather at the teen building on Sunday, December 4th, at 6 PM to wrap the gifts the group bought for the Angel Tree. We will write verses on the wrapping paper as we wrap those gifts. I don't know if the people receiving those gifts will read them, but I would love to hope that one might!

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

We'll have a white elephant gift exchange when we finish wrapping gifts. Your student will only need to bring a random object from your home that they'll wrap before they come that night. We'll have dinner together that night, so there's no need to feed them before they arrive!

CLOVERTON CONCERT

After that, on **Wednesday, December 7th, at 7 PM**, we'll be hosting Cloverton for a Christmas concert! This will also be an opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to something maybe not as intimidating as a church service. So feel free to invite anyone you'd like! We'll have posters and cards to take with you as you'd like!

Be looking next month for an announcement about our summer plans! We're hard at work getting things cemented, and we'll let you know prices and dates between you reading this right now and next month when you get January's Tidings!



COLLEGE ADDRESSES

If someone in your family is in college this semester, please contact the Church and let us know their address. You can also email the Church at gems@tyrochristian.org. We would love to send them a card letting them know we are thinking of them.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT

There will be **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT** services on Wednesday, December 21st & December 28th. We will resume again on January 4th, 2023. Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

2022-2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 4	Incredible Pizza – Hide Them in Your Heart Students
December 7	Cloverton Concert @ 7:00 PM
December 18	Candlelight Service
December 25	Church Service @ 9:30 AM
February 11	Valentine's Day Banquet
March 10-12	30-30 Ministry Super Start (4 th -6 th)
March 26	ROCKS Commitment
March 31	Women's Conference

TCC LEADERS OF 2023

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Don & Cheri Elliott	620-330-1554
Joyce & Mike Foster	620-779-2702
Stephanie & Daniel Owen	620-306-1101
Silas & Lindsey Steele	417-499-9755
Travis & Kori White	620-515-5704

ELDERS:

Blake & Nancy Allen	620-870-1579
Don & Cheri Elliott	620-330-1554
Mark & Kendra Grant	620-252-9038
Mark & Jennie Hayward	620-330-4193
Tom & Karen Jabben	620-515-9040
Tim & Julie Rice	620-331-7463
Ron & Trudy Winsor	620-464-0118
Rex & Annette Heater	620-289-4565

DEACONS:

Steve & Holly Becker	620-515-1127
Aaron & LaRay Brake	620-289-4430
Robert & Pat Fitzsimmons	918-331-7664
Darren & Cathey Heady	620-870-1911
Kyle & Alina Heater	620-515-5084
Mick & Lisa Holt	620-216-0605
Jared & Tracie Jabben	620-515-0818
Al & Ruth Penner	620-423-2077
David & Jan Taylor	620-779-1855
Zack & Amber Wade	620-331-9693

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Save a stamp and bring your Christmas Cards for friends and family who attend Tyro Christian Church, and leave them on the table in the foyer in alphabetical order! Check the table occasionally to see if there are any cards with your name on them! Tables will be available beginning Sunday, December 4th for the cards.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Please join us at Tyro Christian Church for our Candlelight Service Sunday, December 18th, at 6:00 PM. Come celebrate the birth of Christ with friends and family during this exceptional Service containing scripture readings, music, drama, and more!

CHURCH OFFICES

CLOSED

The church office will be closed on December 23rd and December 26th. We will also be closed on December 30th and January 2nd, 2023.



YEAR END GIVING

As 2022 comes to an end, it is an excellent opportunity to be a blessing to the Lord and His Church. For many, it is time to evaluate your tax situations and see if an extra financial gift to the Lord's Church would lower your tax burden and, more importantly, benefit the Lord's Church. With paying off the building ongoing, I'd like to encourage you to think of how you could help with this monumental task.

You should be aware that legally for a gift to be counted for 2022, it must be in the church office on December 31st. We cannot apply gifts after December 31st, even postdated checks, to your 2022 giving statement. If you mail it, it must be postmarked by December 31st, 2022. You might also want to talk to your broker concerning the giving of stocks. You would get a better value for your stocks by giving them to the Church.

OFFERING ENVELOPES



If you do not currently use offering envelopes but would like a set for next year (beginning in January 2022), please sign your name on the list at the Hostess Table. If you currently have offering envelopes, you will

AUTOMATICALLY receive

a set of new envelopes! The new envelopes will be on a table in the foyer around the middle of December. NOTE: When you begin using the new envelopes in January, please throw away your 2021 leftover envelopes! Also, if you want a contribution report at the end of the year, you need to use offering envelopes! If you choose to give online, you will receive a statement at the end of the year, and envelopes are unnecessary.