

TODAY
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- 8:30a—Deacon's Prayer
- 8:45a—Prayer Time (all ages)
- 4:30p **Christmas Eve Service (Seder)**
- TLC Registration Balance Due



THE WEEK

•Tues.—Fri., Dec. 26-29—TLC (Teen Leadership Conference) —9:00a Departure from the church

[weekly activities are listed on the back of the bulletin]



- Dec. 31—12:30p Finance Committee Meeting in the Library
- Jan. 2—11:30a J.O.Y. Group Potluck Luncheon
- Jan. 6—10:00a AWANA Grand Prix Work Day
- Jan. 7—Deacon's Meeting
- Jan. 10—AWANA & Cross Current Youth resumes
- Jan. 11—Ladies' Bible studies resumes Tues. PM (6:30) and Thurs. AM (9:30)
- Jan. 12—7:10p Men's Ministry **Family Night at the Idaho Steelheads**—Cost: \$15 see today's bulletin insert (Doors open 6:30p) For Tickets see BJ Bourn or online at WWW.IGROUPITX.COM/IDAHOSTEELHEADS Username: Meridian Password: Baptist
- Jan 13—9:00a—12:00 Noon **New Members Class**—please RSVP
- Jan. 13-15—Junior High **WINTER BLAST** Pinewood
- Jan. 20—10:00a **Women's Ministries' "Kick-Off" Event** in the East Wing—Oatmeal Bar will be served—this is your opportunity to get acquainted with our churches Women's Ministries and to sign up to serve on the various committees
- Jan. 21—Potluck & Annual Business Meeting & Election of Church Officers
- Jan. 21—Sanctity of Life Sunday
- Jan. 26-27—Couples Retreat at Camp Pinewood—Cost: \$98 per couple includes lodging, 4 meals, and program activities—begins with Friday dinner and concludes Saturday dinner—weekend of the McCall Winter Carnival —Please make your reservations online at camppinewood.org
- Feb. 4-18—Annual Missions Conference
- Feb. 18—MFBC's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Ministry Assignments

Dec 24:

Greeters: Dave & Sherrie (F)
Thane & Dana (B)

Ushers: James M./ David/ Yuriy/ Mike S.

Nursery:

- AM: Amanda & Iyana / Robin
- SS: Robin / Kathy C.
- PM: Melissa & Allegra

Children's Church: Kara Hero / Carson

Children's PM Ministries: No class this week

Sound Booth: Audio Jason/ (AM) Tyler (PM)

Video Gary (AM & PM)

Security: Luke (AM) Jim (PM)

Facility Setup: No Volunteers Needed (week of Dec. 24)

Dec 31:

Greeters: Bill & Annalee (F)
Gary & Margaret (B)

Ushers: James F. / Donn / Carl / Alan

Nursery:

- AM: Donna / Katie / Nikki
- SS: Susan / Marietta
- PM: John & Erin

Children's Church: Kara Allegra / Scott

Children's PM Ministries: Priscilla

Sound Booth: Audio Jason/ (AM) Tyler (PM)

Video Gary (AM & PM)

Security: Jim (AM) Mike M. (PM)

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HELP WANTED! Our Security Team needs more volunteers. Please see Dick Olson if you can help.

MERIDIAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Merry Christmas

December 24, 2017

Pianist: Michelle
Song Leader: Jim

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn #291—Isaiah 9:1-7
Prayer
Greetings

Hymn #259—Angels From the realms of Glory
Hymn #281—What Child Is This?

Prayer & Offering: Pastor Dave

- Welcome Guests
- Special Music: Choir

Song—Joy Has Dawned
[Dismiss Children]

Scripture Reading: Garrett Munger

Message: *The Lion and the Lamb*

Text: Revelation 5:1-14 Pastor Randy

Closing Hymn

4:30 PM Service

Pianist: Michelle
Song Leader: Jim

Christmas Carol Sing
Remembering the Birth of the Messiah
Pastor Randy / Seder
Text: Various

4:30 pm

Christmas Eve Service

NO PM Children's Ministry tonight



December



Peter Hudson
Colombia

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ◆ Pray for wisdom and direction as we work more and more with the at risk youth of Medellin
- ◆ Pray for the neighborhood of Robledo Aures
- ◆ Pray for a church plant in Robledo Aures
- ◆ Pray for salvation for Santi's Family and friends (Eunice, Orlando, Carolina, Alejo, Paola, Dayron, Cristian, Alex, Luz Dari, Daniel, and Pipe)
- ◆ Pray for salvation for Daniel (big Bible), La Piña, Stiven, and their friends
- ◆ Pray for continued spiritual growth for Eatiwar, Andres, Jorge, and Santiago
- ◆ Pray for the church leadership



Deposit Report 2017

General Fund Budget:
\$46,930.75

WEEK: December 17, 2017
General Fund: \$7,463.00
Special Fund: \$18,649.15
Deposit: \$26,112.15

MONTH: DECEMBER
General Fund: \$29,357.90
Special Funds: \$30,703.22
Deposits: \$60,061.12

Gleanings from our Seasons

"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1 NLT

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

He was born in an obscure village, the son of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village, where



he worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he became a wandering preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of those things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through a mockery of a trial. He was executed by the state. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that One Solitary Life.

By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness. He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels. Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world. Taken up in glory. 1 Tim. 3:16

Submitted by Pastor Dave