

### **Fresh Encounter**

God used a prophet to deliver clear notice to the nation of Israel: "Prepare to meet your God" (Amos 4:12). Those five words summarize our annual focus; we do not prepare for fearful judgment but for a fresh encounter with Jesus.

Every December we revisit the anticipation many faithful seekers had while waiting for Messiah to come and make things right. As we again walk that ancient pathway, I have selected the following refreshing themes.

Make every effort to gather in corporate worship. We never know when or where the Lord Jesus might show up to dispense fresh hope and power.

Dec. 3 - God's Strength → Renewing Our Strength in the Lord Isaiah 40:31

Dec. 10 – God's Presence → Releasing Us from Troubles and Fears
John 14:27

Dec. 17 – God's Friendship → Recognizing Each Day as a Gift Psalm 118:24

Dec. 24 – God's Provision → Receiving Life-Flow from the Lord John 15:5

Christmas Eve – God's Sign → Rejoicing in God's Arrival Here 7:00 P.M. Isaiah 7:14

Together with you,

Les





# Fellowship Dinner December 10

We will have a Taco Bar downstairs right after the worship service on Dec. 10. You can make your own taco, taco salad, or tortilla wrap. The church will provide the meat, shells, tortillas, drinks, and table service. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer with how many are coming from your family, and what you will bring.

### **GOODY BAGS**

Each holiday season, we take goody bags to our homebound members. This year we will have four bags in The Gathering Place. You may bring small items like snacks, puzzle books, tissues, lotions, and cards or notes. The deadline for the collection is Sunday, December 17, so that the deacons can distribute the bags by Christmas.



## **THANKS!**

Thank you, to all those who helped decorate the church for Christmas! Words cannot express how grateful I am for the gift of your time.

Sincerely, Helen





# Teachers for Sunday December 3, 2023

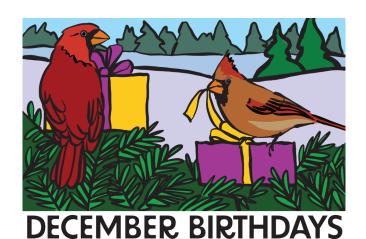
**Kids' Time**Ruth Ann Monroe
Chris McFarren

**LOL** Remain in service



## **ENCOURAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY**

We like to remember our college students and those studying away from home. If you would like to contribute toward a financial gift for the students as they finish their semesters, please give it to Howard or Jan Jones. They will send the students the gifts from their FBC family.



4<sup>th</sup> Rodger Evans Frank Davis

3<sup>rd</sup> Kyla Isch

6<sup>th</sup> Monroe Heller

14<sup>th</sup> Evalyn Fate

17<sup>th</sup> Melanie Shady

19<sup>th</sup> Ed Jambora

25<sup>th</sup> Jim Hiester

30<sup>th</sup> Brent Isch

# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Adventure Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	7 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m. Christian Ed. Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9
ALL-CHURCH TACO BAR 11:15 a.m.	11	12	Youth Bible Study only 6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	15	16
17	Trustee Meeting 5:00 p.m.	19	Deacon Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	22	23
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.	Percice! Christ Bis Born	26	27	28 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	29	30
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# Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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