FBC, Newman Calendar DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday Schedule: 9:45am Bible Study for all ages Worship Service 11am Pastor's Bible Study & Youth Group 6pm	<b>研究</b>	December Emphasis is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Church Goal: \$1,000.00				
3 Advent #1	4	5	6	7	8	9
Lottie Moon Week of Prayer begins 12/3 to 12/ Service at San Luis Care Center – 2pm		AA Meeting – 6pm	Women's Bible Study – 10:30am Prayer & Video Study here at 6pm	Good News Club at Von Renner 3 – 4pm Men's Group – 7pm		
10 Advent #2	11	12	13		15	16
Whole Church Potluck after AM service (Bring a dish to share)		AA Meeting – 6pm	See 12/06	GNC Christmas Party at Von Renner – 2:45 – 4pm Men' Group – 7pm		
17 Advent #3	18	19	20	21	22	23
		GNC Christmas Party at Barrington Elem. 2:45 – 4pm AA Meeting – 6pm	Women's Bible Study – 10:30am GNC Christmas Party at Hunt Elem. 2:45 White Elephant Christmas Party here at 6pm	Men's Group – 7pm		
24 Avent #4	<mark>25</mark>	26	27	28	29	30
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service here at 6pm  31 New Year's Eve NO Eve Programs	* Merry: Christmus.	AA Meeting – 6pm	NO Women's Bible Study  NO Evening Prayer Meeting	Men's Group – 7pm		

## **December 2023**

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## **Advent & Christmas**

Sunday mornings in December are always filled with significant worship opportunities. We will begin each worship service with the lighting of the Advent Candles. They remind us that Jesus is Coming! We will also have our annual Mission emphasis. Please plan to give above and beyond your regular tithe to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. This offering supports our Southern Baptist International Missionaries.

The gospel of Luke was written to a man named Theophilus. Luke wanted him to know about the story of Jesus. This Christmas season is a wonderful time to share our faith with our family and friends. Doctor Luke gave us the most detailed account of the pregnancies of Elizabeth and Mary and of the births of John and Jesus. This month we will study these amazing stories in our Worship Services.

On December 10<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Christmas potluck. Please be prepared with lots of food to share together after the worship service.

On Sunday evenings we have been studying the first three visions of Daniel. These visions are challenging passages to interpret. We plan to conclude our study of Daniel in December by exploring chapters eleven and twelve. They record Daniel's fourth and final vision. You are always welcome to join us.

Christmas Eve falls on Sunday night this year. The Rempel family is inviting everyone to a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service here at the Church on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. It will be a very special occasion.

We will have two regular Wednesday night prayer meetings in December. They will be on December  $6^{th}$  and

December 13<sup>th</sup>. On December 20<sup>th</sup> we are planning a special Churchwide Christmas party. Please come at 6pm with your favorite *Christmas finger food to share*. We are also planning to exchange "White Elephant" gifts. Please bring something you already own, but don't need, to give away.

Let's all remember to keep Christ in all of our Christmas celebrations.

## Pastor Tim Rempel

## "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy." Matthew 2:10

Oh how I wish that I could always be as excited as the Wisemen! I do enjoy this time of year, but I sometimes take my eyes off the reason for joy and focus on the difficulties of life, the expense of the many gifts that need to be purchased, and the hustle of the many activities that fill my schedule. If I would just stop and remember all that was promised and fulfilled in the birth of our Savior, I would be just as excited as those wise men!

I am grateful for all I have in Jesus and I pray that you are as well. Don't let the things I listed above keep you from all the joy of the season!

I'm looking forward to all that God has in store for us in 2024. Let's begin to pray for our church and the many opportunities that are coming to serve Jesus and minister to our community.

May God bless and keep you, Associate Pastor Tim Weimer