



## "How Many More Days?"

We have a little Christmas calendar but is in the shape of a clock. My youngest son is the keeper of the calendar. Each day he adjusts the hand that signals one day closer to Christmas. As we get closer and closer to the big day, he gathers more excitement in his voice as he announces that we are one step nearer to the greatest of days. We all laugh and encourage him to keep us on track.

MacDonald the Younger's excitement reminds me of the eagerness that comes with the anticipation of what is near. Whether it be the joy of the Christmas season, the possibilities of traveling to new and exotic places, or a planned night out with my wife, I am guilty of being caught up in what lies ahead. I recapture the energy of my youth. There is magic in this time of year.

I continue to think of the idea of joy and happiness that my faith brings and wonder if my life emulates this kind of excitement. I hope that my spiritual practices have not become stale? Heaven forbid that I lost the moment when my life changed, and I surrendered my heart fully to the presence of God. Have I honestly forgotten the feeling of divine peace? May it never be so.

I hope that this Advent time will remind us of the joy of being a newcomer to the faith. As we reclaim the particular moment of our conversion, let us continue forward sharing the hope found in our great faith. Perhaps that is why we celebrate a season of anticipation every year; so that we can embrace and remember the freshness of belief. This may be the time that hope is reborn, and excitement comes in our recalling of how we were made whole.

*Blessings and Peace to All,*

*Pastor Joe*



**CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 16. 11:00 am**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!**

December 30 Potluck  
 5th Sunday 12:00 pm



**BIRTHDAYS**

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>December 8 McKenzie Hettingia</b> | <b>December 26 Alex Atkinson</b>  |
| <b>December 9 Freda Neie</b>         | <b>December 28 Dalton Kasel</b>   |
| <b>December 15 Maycee Ware</b>       | <b>December 29 Tim Foote</b>      |
| <b>December 18 Charles Christian</b> | <b>December 29 Theresa McLeod</b> |
| <b>December 19 Belva Bowers</b>      | <b>December 30 Jeff Atkinson</b>  |



**Happy Anniversary**



- December 19 Joe and Cazandra MacDonald  
 December 28 Harry and Mina Sheets

The Snack Pak program has been able to provide food on the weekends for children in Farwell and Texico for the past 2 years solely from the Hi Pro Fundraiser in the spring. This year we are going to deliver boxes of food to the families who receive Snack Paks, to help the children have food throughout the Christmas break. We welcome donations of canned goods or monetary ones.

Thank you as always for being a church who is so giving. Please contact Ashley Nichols, Robbi Actkinson or McKenzie Hettinga with any questions.



**December 2 :** Maryn Terry, Brody White, Caeleb MacDonald

**December 9<sup>th</sup>:** Alec Actkinson, Zeke Kasel, Elizabeth Mahaney

**December 16<sup>th</sup>:** Katy Mahaney, Cooper Nichols, Maryn Terry

**December 23** Madison Osborn, Rory Pomper, Lane Terry

**December 30** Charley Oborny, Brody White, Caeleb MacDonald

**HEAD USHER BOYD WHITE**



Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25: 1-10(UMH 756)

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21: 25-36

Malachi 3: 1-4

Luke 1: 68-79(UMH208)

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:47-55(UMH 199)

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-45

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalms 148 (UMH 861)

Colossians 3: 12-17

Luke 2:41-52



In honor of :

Mary Joplin ( Sara's mother)

Given by Bonnie Howard

Dawn Smith and Janice Smith

Both Given by Glen & Freda Neie



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