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December Newsletter

Forest Hills Evangelical Free Church

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lord's Supper 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	2 Pastor's Study Day 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm CE MTG	3 Pastor Teaches AM	4 6:30 pm AWANA & Bible Study	5	6 Pastor's Day Off	7
8 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	9 Pastor's Study Day 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study	10 Pastor Teaches AM 12:00 pm Diaconate Mtg 12:00 pm Missions Mtg	11 6:30 pm AWANA & Bible Study	12 12:00 pm Goldenagers	13 Pastor's Day Off Wedding Reception 2:30pm	14
15 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	16 Pastor's Study Day 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study	17 7:00 pm NO Council MTG	18 6:30 pm AWANA & Bible Study	19	20 Pastor's Day Off	21
22 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	23 Pastor's Study Day	24 Christmas Eve 8p Christ. Eve Service	25 Christmas Day NO AWANA & Bible Study	26	27 Pastor's Day Off	28
29 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	30 Pastor's Study Day	31 New Year's Eve				



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**Birthdays
This Month**

If we have missed your birthday or someone else's, please contact the office to inform us.

- Dec. 5 Judy Kloster
- Dec. 10 Theresa Thode
- Dec. 11 Scott Sayler
- Dec. 17 Katie Clow
- Dec. 18 Jane Block
- Dec. 21 Tina Leinbaugh
- Dec. 22 Virgil Smith
- Dec. 25 Coledeane White
- Dec. 29 Nan Turnrose

DECEMBER GOLDENAGERS

Please join us at noon for lunch at The Stockholm Inn on Thursday, December 12th for good food and fellowship.
Rescheduled due to Christmas.

INFORMATION DEADLINES

Bulletin Announcements
Deadline for announcements, please email us or call by 10 a.m. Wednesday

Newsletter
Deadline for the Newsletter, please email by 17th of the month

December Events:



December 1, 8, & 15
We will have an in-church Christmas Card mailbox available 12/1 & 12/8 for cards to be delivered on 12/15.



December 13 - 2:30 pm
Please join the Sayler Family in celebrating the marriage of Linnea and David at the church.



Through December 15
Toy Drive for the children at the Rockford Rescue Mission.

Merry Christmas!



December 24
Christmas Eve Service @ 8pm

December 25
"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel." - Isaiah 7:14



December 31 - New Year's Eve
Ring in the New Year

Phil & Judy Kloster's newest information:
10322 E 113th Pl S
Bixby, OK 74008
Cell phone - Phil - 815-980-5909

UPCOMING IN JANUARY:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Once and Future Advent

We have entered the joyous time of year where we celebrate the greatest of all gifts, God the Father sending His own Son, Jesus Christ, as the answer to His promise to redeem His people. We call this season Advent, because it reminds us of the many generations of waiting for God to keep His promises. Additionally, it reminds us Jesus promised there would be a second Advent, a second time when He would come again. Both the past promises and the past keeping of those promises are the cause of our great hope and expectation as we wait for this second Advent.

The Promises from The Distant Past

From the very day humanity and all creation fell, God promised He would send a son who would be the salvation of humanity.

"And I will put enmity Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise
you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."
Genesis 3:15

God then promised to King David a son who would sit on his throne forever.

"When your days are complete and you lie down with
your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you,
who will come forth from you, and I will establish his
kingdom. ¹³ "He shall build a house for My name, and
I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." ²
Samuel 7:12-13

In the distant past, a promise was made by God, He was sending One who would shine "the light" on humanity. One of the better-known records of this promise was made is through the prophet Isaiah.

"But there will be no *more* gloom for her who was in
anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun
and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He
shall make *it* glorious, by the way of the sea, on the
other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. ² The
people who walk in darkness Will see a great light;
Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on
them." Isaiah 9:1-2

The First Advent

The Apostle John opens his gospel with the announcement of The Advent, the arrival of the Promised One, Jesus Christ, The Son of God. He makes this announcement by calling Him "The True Light".

"There was the true Light which, coming into the world,
enlightens every man. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the
world was made through Him, and the world did not
know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were
His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as
received Him, to them He gave the right to become
children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,
¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the
flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:9-13

This first Advent was announced by the Angels.

"In the same region there were *some* shepherds
staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their
flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord suddenly
stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone
around them; and they were terribly frightened. ¹⁰ But
the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I
bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the
people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been
born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² "This
will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in
cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there
appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly
host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the
highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He
is pleased." Luke 2:8-14

The Second Advent

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus promises a day when "the Son of Man" will come in an unmistakable fashion. His coming will be like lightning flashing from the east to the west. This will be an unmistakable event, because it will be another great light.

"²⁷ For just as the lightning comes from the east and
flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son
of Man be... ³⁰ And then the sign of the Son of Man will
appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth
will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING
ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great
glory. ³¹ And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT
TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect
from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the
other." Matthew 24:27, 30-31

In His Grip & Grace
Pastor Mitch