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You know the Christmas I'm talking about. That Christmas that sticks out in your mind as one of the best Christmas Day's ever. I think I shared mine with you in a message a year ago. It was the day I unwrapped the Super-Duper Double Looper. I had asked for that particular racetrack multiple times. I had told mom. I told dad. I had even told Santa told Santa. But I did not think I would really get it.

You know the conversations kids overhear in family life. Finances, or the lack thereof, had been the topic of many family discussions Dad had with Mom. I knew Santa was not in charge of my Christmas. And in my mind, that Super-Duper Double Looper was an expensive gift for my parents to have the means to get. So, a boy could only dream and be settled with whatever happened come December 25.

You know, parents have a way of surprising you! When I picked up the last gift of the few I got, it had the shape. A not so thin rectangular box with some weight to looked to be the right size for the best electric racetrack ever made. I started at the end and cautiously peeled just the end of the paper off first. I did not want to go all in on believing this might be that one gift I had asked for just yet. I did not want to be disappointed if it turned out to be a knock-off, or a board game, or any other number of gifts that it could have been other than my desired request. As the peel of paper came off that end and the colors and words absorbed into my childish brain, I knew! "Oh boy, a Super-Duper Double Looper", I exclaimed in a fit of excitement. All time seemed to stop as Mom and Dad focused in on the joy their youngest son was exuding. I could at last believe, because I had fully received.

There was another gift I received as a result of Christmas that I did not ask for. It was a Christmas that took place over 2000 years ago that blessed me before I ever even knew about it. Growing up, I did not know I wanted this gift or even needed this gift. It is the gift of salvation. And for my heavenly Father, finances was no object. For my Savior, cost was no obstacle. Hebrews 12:2 tells us of Jesus, "who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." The "joy set before Him"? Think about that for a moment. God the Son was overjoyed to bring salvation as a gift to His creation. Not as a gift in a rectangular box, but on a cross. Not a gift to be unwrapped from paper, but opened from a tomb.

The gift God gave us by presenting His Son Jesus, to pay the price for our sins in full, is a gift that many of us did not even know we should ask for. But when the gospel opened our eyes, we understood it was a gift we must receive. And we could at last believe, because we had fully received.

I have no idea what became of that Super-Duper Double Looper. Long forgotten except in memory, it has surely found it's resting place scattered in some trash heap and buried. But the gift of salvation, ushered in by the birth of the King, is everlasting. And can't you understand, the joy that God the Father exudes when you look on His gift of love with joy and gladness yourself. This Christmas, take the time to look at God's gift of salvation to you. I mean, really sit down and inspect it. See that it is the greatest gift that money can't buy. That kind of gift can only be bought by love.

[John 15:13] "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

In Christ,

Bro. Leroy

BIBLE READING PLAN FOR DECEMBER, 2024

December 1	1 Corinthians 12-14
December 2	1 Corinthians 15-16
December 3	2 Corinthians 1-4
December 4	2 Corinthians 5-9
December 5	2 Corinthians 10-13
December 6	Acts 20:1-3; Romans 1-3
December 7	Romans 4-7
December 8	Romans 8-10
December 9	Romans 11-13
December 10	Romans 14-16
December 11	Acts 20:4-38; Acts 21; Acts 22, Acts 23:1-35
December 12	Acts 24-26
December 13	Acts 27-28
December 14	Colossians 1-4; Philemon
December 15	Ephesians 1-6
December 16	Philippians 1-4
December 17	1 Timothy 1-6
December 18	Titus 1-3
December 19	1 Peter 1-5
December 20	Hebrews 1-6
December 21	Hebrews 7-10
December 22	Hebrews 11-13
December 23	2 Timothy 1-4
December 24	2 Peter 1-3; Jude
December 25	1 John 1-5
December 26	2 John; 3 John
December 27	Revelation 1-5
December 28	Revelation 6-11
December 29	Revelation 12-18
December 30	Revelation 19-22

FROM YOUR YOUTH PASTOR

"What a privilege it is to _____" What would you fill in the blank with? What comes to your mind first and does it change as you put more thought into it?

In youth we are studying what privileges there are to be a believer in Christ Jesus! To know that our sins are forgiven and we stand before God pure and holy through His blood! The first one we took a look at is in 1 Corinthians 12 where we see what a privilege it is to have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us as believers! In this passage we see the indwelling Spirit providing us with four things:

1. **The Holy Spirit leads us in the truth of God** - Verse 2 tells us that the world will only lead us astray. I'm reminded of a preacher who stated that "everything in this world may deceive us, even our own mind and body, but God's word is the only truth that never fails"
2. **The Holy Spirit testifies Jesus as LORD** - We cannot commit our lives to the Lord without the work of the Holy Spirit, and the flip side is that when we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we will want to obey Him as Lord!
3. **The Holy Spirit unites us with the Father and Son as one** - Throughout verses 4-11 we see the emphasis on the unity that there is in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and as believers, we are united with God through the indwelling Holy Spirit!
4. **The Holy Spirit empowers us with gifts for one purpose** - Spiritual powers that are given by the Spirit to accomplish His will, to make the kingdom of God a reality in the lives of others and to enhance that relationship to bring God more glory, It's the least we can do -Romans 12;1-2

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FROM YOUR YOUTH PASTOR

MOVE Conference 2024

MOVE youth conference sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board will be held at Wild Adventures Theme Park again this year!

The cost is just \$75/\$90 per student, FBC Youth covers all other expenses for the conference! **Meal plan is extra!**
Ticket price will increase after 12/15/24.

We will leave after church on Sunday 12/29 (lunch at the church)

We will arrive home around 11:00 pm on Monday 12/30

We will be staying overnight at Holiday Inn & Suites in Valdosta. Breakfast is provided.

Teens will need Bible, string bag, pen, change of clothes and toiletries

Sandwich materials, chips, water and soda will be available in the bus for meals **OR** teens can purchase their own food in the park **OR** teens can choose the meal plan!

I must have a current health form for each teen!

Return This Side!

Name _____

Age _____ Gender _____

Student phone _____

Parent name _____

Parent phone _____

Parent signature _____

____ I have a Wild Adventures Pass already **\$50**

____ I do not have a Wild Adventures pass **\$65**

____ I would like the meal plan **\$43**

***Meal plan includes:**

Unlimited drink cup

Day 1 dinner: Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Baked beans, Potato salad and Ice cream

Day 2 lunch: Chicken tenders, Hotdogs, Potato chips and Ice cream

Meals are eaten at a designated time and place!

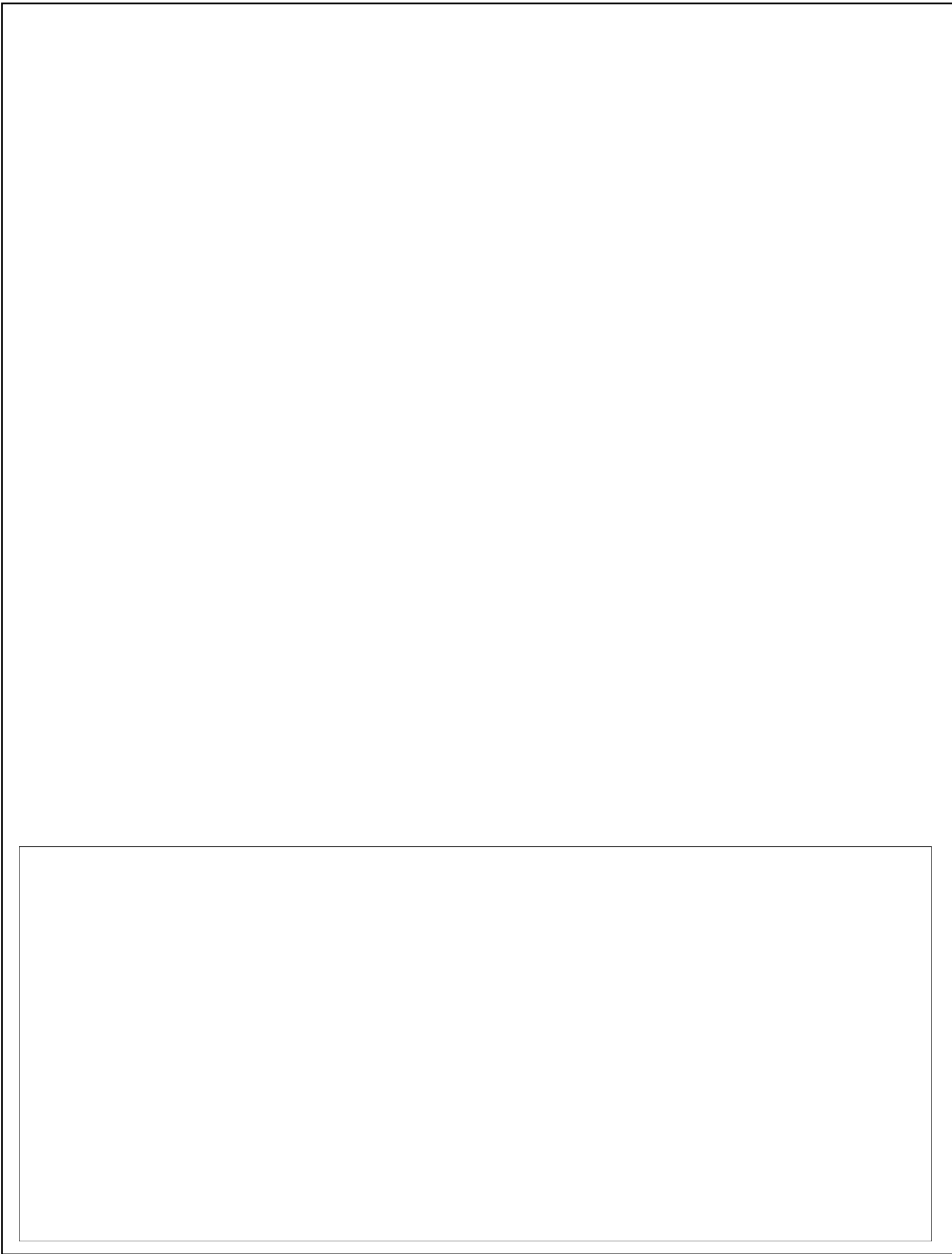
Any questions please call:

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For more info on MOVE conference go to:

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Members Birthdays in the Month of December

12/2 Amy Lock	12/27 Jackson Hilliard
12/2 Nila Pitts	12/28 Judy Sherrod
12/4 Noah Mejia	12/29 Julia Spence
12/6 Robin Satterwhite	12/30 Hoyt Anderson
12/9 Allen Castleberry	12/30 Jeanine Banks
12/9 Lynnette Harper	
12/10 Lydia Williams	
12/12 Jamie NeSmith	
12/12 JT Thompson	
12/13 Noah Palmer	
12/16 Sue Walton	
12/22 Andrea Feagin	
12/23 Marlene Bishop	
12/23 Betty Palmer	
12/27 Don Bodin	



Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed on Friday

Activate The Prayer Chain Tina Sellers 294-8443



Sandra Peck 294-8073

Deacons of the Month: DECEMBER

Neal Hilliard
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**Office will be closed for Christmas on
December 25 and 26**

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Prayer List

MEMBERS

Larry Frosteg	medical
Jimmy Godwin	medical
Shirley Humphries	medical
RayJean Leggett	medical
Amy Lock	cancer
Carl Long	medical
Linda Norman	medical
Phillip Strickland	cancer
Sue Taylor	medical

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

David Chapman (Nan)	medical
Ann Davis(daughter Brim)	cancer
Mark Davis (son-inlaw Brim)	cancer
Sharon Dixon (Maloy)	medical Heart
Connor Fielder (Theressia)	coma (wreck)
Jamie Green (Wilson)	medical
Randy Harris (James)	liver cancer
Rick Herren (nephew Hurst)	brain tumor
Brian James (J. Jam,es)	medical
Robby Jarvis (Monday)	PTSD
Harley Johnson (Fenn)	melanoma
Jeanine Mellow (Lock)	cancer
Chris Mobley (Campbell)	cancer
Lance Morrell (Moltz)	cancer
John & Jean Murphy (Monday)	medical
David Parr (Anderson)	medical
Anthony Petty (Monday)	cancer
John Rich	dementia
Riddley Family (Hussey)	All family in bad wreck
Lynn & Chris Struck (Wallace)	both have cancer
Brenda Taylor (Lenora Butler)	cancer
Candace Trimble (Monday)	medical
Cindy Warren (Bishop)	cancer
James Whitfield (Hussey)	dementia
David Wright (White)	medical
Walt Younkin (Godwin)	cancer

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

Don Bodin, @ Parkway, #307
 Lane Butler, Mitchell County Convalescent Center
 Buddy Campbell, Magnolia Manor, Moultrie
 June Carter, Legacy Village, Rm 208, Thomasville
 Leon Davis, Parkway
 Eunice Hatcher, Parkway
 Gary Hurst, Bainbridge Healthcare
 Shirley Sellers Nazworth, Magnolia Manor, Moultrie
Lula Scott, Passed Away 11/20/24
 Joyce Walton, Southern Pines
 Bill Willis, Parkway

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP DECEMBER 16-21, 2024

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

VOTE ON THE 2025 BUDGET WITH NO DISCUSSION
AND NOMINATE A SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR
WORSHIP/FAMILY PASTOR

COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

First Baptist Church - Pelham

SUNDAY

9:15 am	Morning Mingle - Breakfast
9:40 am	Children's Sunday School Opening Rally
9:45 am	Adult & Teen Sunday School Classes meet
10:00 am	Children's Sunday School Classes meet
11:00 am	Morning Worship Service and on Facebook @First Baptist Church Pelham
4:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study (Will begin January, 2025)

Monday

6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study
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Tuesday

12:00 Noon	Men's Lunch/Bible Study
7:00 pm	Men's Prison Ministry

Wednesday

5:00- 5:30 pm	Kid's Choir
5:00- 6:00 pm	Supper
6:00-7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
5:00- 7:30 pm	Children Program
5:45 -7:30 pm	Youth Meeting

No Wednesday Night Suppers on December 18 and December 25

FBC Prison Ministry

1st Tuesday, 12/3	Neal Hilliard, Gene Sellers
2nd Tuesday, 12/10	Harold Smith, Donnie Palmer
3rd Tuesday, 12/17	Leroy Williams, Gene Sellers
4th Tuesday, 12/24	Andrew Chaffer, Keith Norman
5th Tuesday, 12/31	Neal Hilliard, Gene Sellers

Morning Mingle Breakfast

Please come and join us @9::15 am

Breakfast Teams

December 1	Children & Youth Teachers
December 8	Neal Hilliard Class
December 15	Laura Jane Gray Class
December 22	Dianne Fenn Class
December 29	Matt Hilliard Class

Nursery Volunteers

December 1	Erica & Matt Hilliard, Jessie & Will Norman
December 8	Andrea & Barbara Feagin, Courtney Hilliard
December 15	Lori Williams, Lydia, Karen Moltz
December 22	Melea & Duane Bentley, Lynne Aldridge
December 29	Nichole & Neal Hilliard, Amy & Donnie Palmer

LORD'S SUPPER SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

MOVE CONFERENCE

DEC 29-30, 2024



Merry Christmas

For unto you is born this
day in the city of David a
Saviour, which is **Christ**
the **LORD.**

Luke 2:11

**The Fellowship Hall will be in use on Friday,
December 13 from 10:00 to 1:00 pm for the
Special Gifts for Special Kids Christmas**

And

**The Old Fellowship Hall will be in use on
December 21 and December 26**

Women's Ministry Presents

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Sunday December 1st
6:00pm in New Fellowship Hall

Popcorn and drinks during the movie
Soup and sandwiches after



FBC Pelham Family First Event

Children's Choir Presents

THE LITTLE DRUMMER DUDE



When: December 11th at 6:00pm
Where: FBC Pelham in the Fellowship Hall