Dellview Baptist Church

December 2026 Newsletter – Christmas Edition

FROM PASTOR NEAL...

December is Here!

The season is a time for traditions, both old and new. During this time, we can look back at the year and look ahead with hope. This season holds great potential!

As we jump into this time of activities, music, gifts and memory-making, let's think about how we can celebrate the very heart of it all. How can we make Christ, the greatest gift of all, central in our lives and central during this season.

Time is ticking away. Christmas Day will be here in the twinkle of an eye. As we celebrate, let me ask, "Does Christ actually live in your heart? The gift we receive is Jesus… Everything else, every other benefit is found in Him! He is the inheritance. He is the investment in whole …

Don't forget your "one." Persevere! Juana and I truly appreciate your prayers. Continue to pray for our church. Blessings to all of you. Pastor Neal & Juana Abbott



He is the Messiah!

Merry Christmas

From Your Church Staff:

Pastor Neal, Cyndi, Rebecca, Debra and Greg

Luke 2:11-12 - Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

FROM REBECCA... Music Director

"Jesus is King!" -- The Bible states that Jesus is a king. John 18:36-37 ESV
Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of the world. If my kingdom were of the world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from this world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am king. For this purpose, I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world-to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

I attended a music festival in Fort Worth this past October. I wore a t-shirt that said "Jesus is King." Throughout the day I was stopped by several people commenting on my t-shirt. Their comments were all positive.

Here are some of the things I heard:
I love your shirt. He is king! I agree. Praise God. King of kings. I am a believer. He saved me.

I could not help but smile. This was a heavy metal hard rock festival (80,000 people). This was a very subtle way of sharing our faith. Not all reactions were positive. I noticed two girls looking at me. I heard them saying they could not believe I was wearing that shirt. They looked puzzled. I smiled at them. I am not sure if they knew the Lord, but I know my t-shirt made an impression.

Daily I try to share Jesus love by saying "God Bless You and Jesus loves you." I get all types of reactions. Yesterday the drive thru worker, said, "God bless you too." I am constantly trying to find new ways to share my faith.



LADIES BIBLE STUDY...
Bonnye Vidal

What we are learning: **Our study is based upon God's heavenly pattern described at Hebrews 8:5. God's Word has always provided descriptions or blueprints of each pattern—which ALWAYS reflect an evolving picture of Christ.**

The book of Jude warns the Church—The One Body of Christ—to guard itself against apostacy. Apostacy is a falling away from the truth set before us in Christ and His instructions, and Jude gives us "Korah" as one example. So, who is Korah and WHY is he an example? In the wilderness, Korah incited the children of Israel to rebel against the leadership of Moses and Aaron, *see Numbers Chapter 16*.
Exodus 6:16-27 sets forth the Levite lineage of the brothers Moses and Aaron, along with Korah's. They were all grandsons of Levi. Moses' and Aaron's father was Amram, while Korah's father was Izhar. In Korah's rebellion, he stirs up discontent among the Levites and asks Moses an important question: *'If the whole congregation is a holy assembly before The LORD, then why do you set yourself above us all?' (Numbers 16:3).* The simple answer is that it was not Moses who set himself and Aaron above the others, but God. When Korah and his men attempted to offer holy incense before The Lord, they were all destroyed as the earth swallowed them up; yet the congregation still grumbled and doubted.
So, when God sent a deadly plague among the people, it was Aaron who 'stood between the living and the dead' with his holy censer of incense to stop the plague.

So, in our church, who stands between us and ruin? It's not the pastor, deacons, or teachers—IT IS CHRIST, the One who was also rejected. Remember that Aaron represented Christ as our Great High Priest, always interceding for us between the living and the dead, and Moses represented Christ as the One with God's authority to build His holy temple.

1 Peter 2:4-5 reminds us, *"As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."* Let us keep our eyes on Christ. Selah.

FROM Cyndi ... Children and Youth Ministry
Happy December Church Family ...

Can you believe we have reached the final month of the year? December is always a magical time of the year. A season that invites us to slow down, reflect on all we have been through, and share a little extra kindness and warmth with the world around us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

FUN FACTS:
December got its name from the Latin word, decem which means "ten," because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the ancient Roman calendar. December's traditional birthstone is the turquoise, but zircon and tanzanite are also December gemstones. The birth flower is the holly. Did you know in Christian tradition the sharp spiny leaves of holly represent Jesus' crown of thorns, the red berries represent His blood, and its evergreen nature stands for eternal life? The holly is said to represent hope, happiness, and festivity. On another note, no pun intended, the tune "Jingle Bells," was originally written in 1857 for Thanksgiving not Christmas. The tune was originally named, "One Horse Open Sleigh." It was changed to "Jingle Bells" in 1859 and was the first song ever played in space. Another fun fact, the song "Rudolph the Red- Nose Reindeer," was originally an advertising gimmick for Montgomery Ward in 1839. The word Christmas came from the words "cristes maesse," meaning "Mass of Christ."

IMPORTANT DATES—
St. Nicholas Day-12/06--Honors the 4th century Christian Bishop known for defending the vulnerable and serving as the patron saint of children, sailors, merchants, and students.
12/07--Pearl Harbor Day- Honors the 2,403 service members and civilians killed in the 12/07/1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.
12/24--Christmas Eve-For Christians it is the vigil of the Nativity of Jesus and the culmination of Advent, often marked by midnight mass or candlelight services.
Christmas Day-12/25--Annual religious and cultural holiday celebrated, commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. It is observed widely as a secular winter festival. This year Christmas Day falls on a Friday.

JUST FOR LAUGHS
Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast? A: Ice Krispies!
Q: What do you call a snowman with a six pack? A: An Abdominal Snowman!
Q: Why did the gingerbread man go to the doctor? A: Because he was feeling crummy

LEARNING TIME: This month our elementary students will wrap their unit on the Books of the Bible. Our junior high students will continue exploring the Bible Project's series, "One Story That Leads to Jesus."

VERSE OF THE MONTH--Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)
" For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
As we journey through Advent toward Christmas Day, our prayer is that your home is filled with peace, hope and the wonder of Jesus. Thank you for trusting us with your wonderful children each week. We look forward to celebrating this special season together!

Have a wonderful blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

The calendar changes from time to time, so always check online for updates, etc.
PLEASE NOTE: If bad weather, such as storms or freeze causes us to cancel a service, it will be placed on the online calendar. PLEASE CHECK IT! You can view it on the website – dellviewbaptistchurch.com or the calendar site : 57698973.view-events.com

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 DEACON OF THE MONTH JIM ONION 9:00am Choir Practice 9:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Team Practice 10:30am Videos & Visitation 10:45am Worship - Pastor Neal 12:15pm Spanish Dept. Ministry/Chapel	30	1	2 11:30am Ladies Christmas covered dish - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	3	4 7:00pm Spanish Dept. Ministry/Chapel	5
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13 9:00am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship Team Practice 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Videos & Visitation 10:45am Worship - Pastor Neal 12:00pm Churchwide Christmas Dinner - Fellowship Hall 12:15pm Spanish Dept. Ministry/Chapel	14	15	16 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Prayer Meeting	17	18 OVER 55 'N' ALIVE IN CHRIST CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER 7:00pm Spanish Dept. Ministry/Chapel	19 MEN'S BREAKFAST CANCELLED UNTIL JANUARY
20 9:00am Choir Practice 9:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Team Practice 10:30am Videos & Visitation 10:45am Worship - Pastor Neal 12:00pm Deacons Meeting 12:00pm Music Practice (Fernandez/Onion) 12:15pm Spanish Dept. Ministry/Chapel	21 First Day of Winter	22	23 NO Prayer Meeting	24 Christmas Eve OFFICE CLOSED	25 Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED	26
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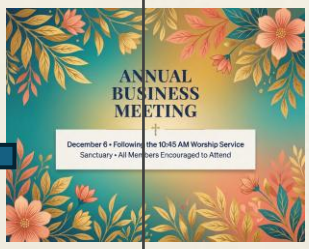
DEACON OF THE MONTH = ANDREW VILLARREAL









TWO SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS ...



DECEMBER & JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

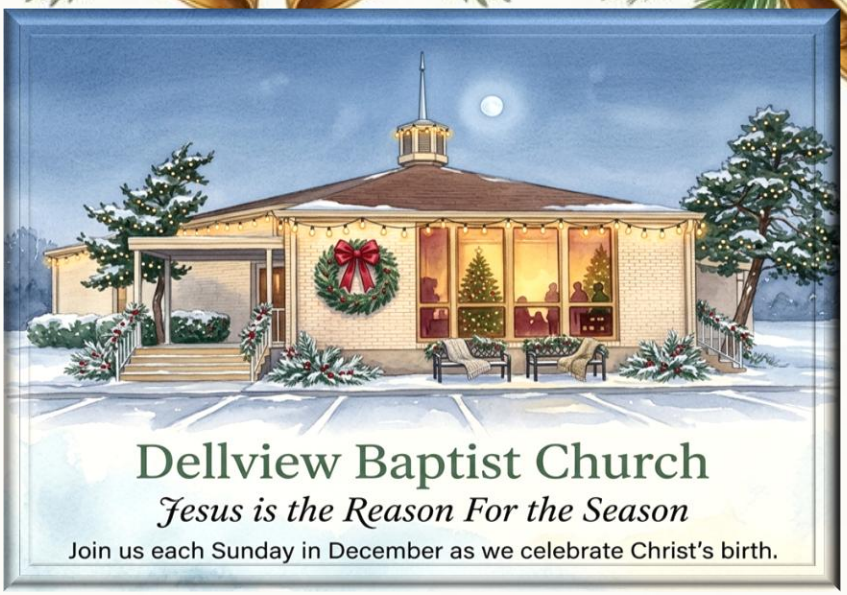
DECEMBER

1 Howard Molina
3 Steve Torres
5 Cyndi Sanchez
10 Anthony Olsen
15 Joe Collier
18 James Cain
19 Angi Olsen
22 Floyd Self
24 Michael Rios
30 Lena Lovett
31 Elaina Flores
31 David Laro

JANUARY

1 Joe Perez
6 Sylvanna Loera
13 Alycea Olsen
15 Rudy Fernandez
16 Rudy Flores
20 Luna Frasier
24 Debra Trull
25 Lizzy Virgen-Rodriguez
27 Rose Kwiecein
31 Travis Lawson
31 Bonnye Vidal

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."
— Psalm 118:24



Dellview Baptist Church Celebrates 75 Years in 2027!





On January 6, 1952 a handful of Christian brothers and sisters met together in a private homes to pray for God's guidance guidance because they felt a need for a new work in the Montiello Heights community. . They met again on January 7th to pray. Feeling led by the Holy Spirit, they pledged to establish a church.

On January 13, 1952 they held their first worship service at James Madison Elementary School on West Woodlawn with Brother Hal C. Wingo preaching. Later that same day, those present signed the charter to become members of Monticello Heights Baptist Church. A five acre goat ranch was purchased in the Dellview area in May of that year. The name of the church was changed to Dellview Baptist Church. The church purchased a used tent and felt blessed to be able to meet on their own land. Their first building was built with the roof first, then the foundation and then the tent was used as the walls.

1952 – 2027 • 75 Years of Faith & Fellowship