

Sermon Notes:

Missionary Spotlight

Lighthouse Children’s Home—Myanmar

The last two months have been busy with schoolwork and studies. The children are at the local school during the day, and evenings are filled with more studying with a tutor. There is a lot of memorization required to pass the bi-monthly exams. It’s not a good system, but it is what the government requires. The kids work hard and do their best to keep up with all their classes.

On a more fun note, let’s answer one of our most frequently asked questions: What is on their faces? Thanaka is a traditional cosmetic. Girls and boys wear it on their faces as a sunblock and skin protectant. The smell is also said to repel mosquitos! Thanaka is made from a special wood ground on a stone with water until it forms a paste. It is then applied to the skin however the wearer wishes. Our children love to use it and would not be ready for the day without it!



Sunday, December 1, 2024

As we polish off the remains of the Thanksgiving feast, many have already transitioned to the celebration of Christmas. I am personally very thankful for Christmas because Christmas is a special time of the year for all believers. It is the season that we have chosen to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. The season is filled with laughter, joy, and the presence of family, which all contribute to a time of wonder.

Yet, not everyone is so joyful about this moment. Many years ago, George Bernard Shaw invented a society for the abolition of Christmas. For him Christmas was simply a “nuisance,” supported by the “mob” as a “carnival of mendicity, gluttony and drunkenness.” But after years of campaigning, Mr. Shaw had to admit his society was a failure. “So far,” said he, “I am the only member. No matter the efforts of this world, you cannot remove the reality and the splendor of the birth of our great Saviour!

Pastor John M. Binger



2024 SCRIPTURE MEMORY CHALLENGE IS ROMANS 12

There is still time for you to quote Romans 12. You can do it!

Today's Schedule:

10 am—Connection Groups—Adult classes meet in the Sanctuary

11 am—Morning Worship Service with Ronnie Warren
Ministering

4:30 pm—Green Team in the Youth Room

4:30 pm—Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

6 pm—Evening Service

Diaper Shower for Maddy and Caleb Dedmon in the Chapel following the
Evening Service



This Week:

Wednesday **Mid Week Service** at 7 pm in the Sanctuary
Master Club for kids at 6:45 pm in the Chapel
FOCUS for Teens at 6:45 pm in the Youth Room

Saturday **Memorial Service for Jim Davis** at 10 am in the Sanctuary



Altar Results

Liberty Bell was Baptized

Christmas at Hillside

The Tale of the Drowsy Shepherd
Kids Christmas Program

Cookie Reception to follow

Sunday, December 15th, 6 pm

Cradle the King with Praise—Adult Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 22nd, 6 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24th, 6 pm

No Mid-Week Service on Wednesday, December 25th

A Look Ahead:

Sunday, Dec. 8

Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

Kid's Christmas Program Practice 3-5 pm

**Wedding Shower for Faith Weisbrod and
Payton West** at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall



Tuesday, Dec. 10

Single Seniors Christmas Luncheon at 11:30 am at
Mexican Villa on South Campbell

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Master Club and FOCUS Award Night at 7 pm in the
Sanctuary

CHURCH WIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 14th, 12-2 pm

At the Sac River Cowboy Church—6448 State Highway EE, Springfield

- Ugly Sweater Contest with a prize for the winner
- Bring your favorite Christmas side dishes and desserts
- If you can provide a cooked and sliced ham, please sign up in the foyer
- Each child and teen will receive a gift from their church family (\$20 budget). There are still a few names available.



Attendance, Offerings and Missions

Attendance Last Week		2025 Missions Goal	300,000.00
		Missions Received (wk 4)	23,843.28
Wednesday, Nov 20	123	Building Fund Total Received	295,856.23
		Last Week's Totals (11/18/24 - 11/24/24)	
		Tithe/General Offering	12,461.57
Sunday, Nov 24		Missions Giving	5,573.32
Connection Groups	189	Building Fund	1,270.00
11 am Worship	260	Other	59.76
6 pm Service	140	Total Offerings:	19,364.65