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LETTER FROM PASTOR CLAY ALLARD: Waiting

I think that waiting is the greatest test of trust. Our impatience proves how distrusting we are of others, of circumstances, of God. And we are an impatient people! I have an education in just how impatient we are every time I take 35E to get home in the evening. Somehow, we feel better flooring the gas pedal to swerve around ONE car and pound the brakes to stop—as if by speeding by that one car, we have managed to speed up the traffic jam we are stuck in.

This season of Advent is all about the power of patience—the incredible power of endurance that comes from trusting that the God Who made promises in His word, Whose Word became flesh in Jesus, Who promises to return, will be true to His covenant with us. When I am patient, I can sit and wait, no matter how slow the traffic is moving, and remember that I WILL arrive home. Patience causes me to surrender my plans, and to be open to God’s plans for me.

What are you waiting for this Advent season? Wait patiently. Wait with trust in the One Who commands you to wait. Even in this season, God is not done with you yet. Trust, and watch how much peace you can find in simply waiting.

And while you’re waiting, come to the Christmas Party on December 9! If you are in Junior or Senior High, come to the Youth Christmas Party on December 23. Rejoice that God will come and set this world right—and that He has called us to be put right, and to join the work of resurrecting this dying world.

December Communion Servers:

9:30am – Alice Hawkins, Pat Jackson, Billy Varner, Ashley Skrine
11:00am – Beve Brining, Tom & Charlotte Strom, Susan Miller, Pattie Westerlage & David Griffin

December Ushers:

9:30am – Max Zarate & Fatima Hernandez
11:00am – Calvin Bluiett & Lonnie Mulkey

Presbyterian Women News



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- Dec 3 – 7 Meals on Wheels
- Dec 4 – CT Meeting @ 10:00am in the Crusader classroom.
- Dec 8 – Serving breakfast at the Bridge
- Dec 11 – Circle 1 at the home of Pat Jackson, 2711 Meadow Dawn Lane, Dallas, 75237
Circle 2 – Parlor, Circle 3 – Crusader classroom
Evening Circle 6:30pm at the home of Jane Seibert, 6911 Clearglen, Dallas 75232



Pray for Peace, Dec 6, at 6:30 pm Christmas time reminds us of the words of the angels:

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.”
 Come and pray for this peace that sometimes seems unreachable.

MY FAITH FAMILY NEWS

Saturday, Dec 8, from 9:00am – 3:00pm is My Faith Family Fun Day for foster children.

To assist or for questions, please contact Susan Miller.



Youth will participate in the all church Christmas Party, **December 9, 6 pm.**
 Game Night, December 14
 Christmas Baskets, **December 22, 9 am – 12 noon**
 Youth Christmas party, **December 23** at the Allard’s, 1-5 pm
 Lock-in to be scheduled

Look for the Angel Tree in the narthex to provide Christmas gifts for our foster children. Please take one and buy gifts!

Monday, December 3 at 7:30 pm
 South Dallas Concert Choir
 Christmas Concert will be in our sanctuary.

Help us decorate our church for this season. **Friday at 10 am**, we will set up the Chrismon tree and **Saturday at 10 am** we will add the greenery and lights to the Sanctuary and maybe decorate the Fellowship Hall. PLEASE JOIN US!

Annual Christmas Party on Dec 9 at 6:00 pm.
Wear your crazy or wonderful Christmas clothes
And bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share.

Worship on Christmas Eve
Monday, 7:00 pm

Congregational Meeting on Dec 2, after 11:00 service
Purpose: review Pastor’s call & elect Elders & Deacons for 2019-2021

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 25 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship	Nov 26	Nov 27 9:30am ESL Classes	Nov 28 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 5:45pm Pastor's Bible Study 6 pm PowWow 7:30pm Choir	Nov 29 9:30am ESL Classes 6pm Tae Kwon Do	Nov 30 10 am PW Put up Chrismon tree	Dec 1  10 AM DECORATE CHURCH
2 9:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Congregational Mtg 12:30 Bldg & Grounds	3 Meals on Wheels this week M-F 6pm Elder/Deacon dinner 7:30 South Dallas Concert Choir Christmas Concert	4 9:30am ESL Classes 10am PW CT	5 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 5:45pm Pastor's Bible Study 6pm PowWow 7:30pm Choir	6 9:30am ESL Classes 6pm Tae Kwon Do 6:30pm Prayers for Peace	7	8 PW Breakfast at Bridge 9-3 My Faith Family Youth Assist
9 9:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 6:00 ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY	10	11 9:30am ESL Classes 10am PW Circles 6:30pm PW Evening Circle	12 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 5:45pm Pastor's Bible Study 6pm PowWow 7:30pm Choir	13 9:30am ESL Classes 6pm Tae Kwon Do	14 6:30 Youth Game Night	15
16 9:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Session mtg	17 5:30 Presbyterian Men's Dinner	18	19 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 5:45pm Pastor's Bible Study 6pm PowWow 7:30pm Choir	20	21 11:00am Sassy Chicks	22 Youth doing Christmas baskets 9am -12 noon
23 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11 Sunday School 11:00 Trad Worship 1-5pm Youth Christmas Party at Allard's	24 Office closed 7pm Christmas Eve Worship w/ warming of the tree*	25 Office closed  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 Office closed 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir	27 Office closed 6pm Tae Kwon Do	28 Office closed	29 Office closed
30 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship	31 Office closed	Jan 1 Office closed Happy New Year	Jan 2 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir	Jan 3 9:30am ESL Classes 6pm Tae Kwon Do 6:30 pm Peace Prayers	Jan 4	Jan 5

***Every year on Christmas Eve, we bring warm clothing and blankets to give to a shelter. Please wrap them in clear wrapping and indicate size if applicable. Your donations can make a big difference to the homeless. Suggestions include warm socks, gloves, scarves, hats, jackets and blankets. Socks are least often donated and yet the most needed item!**



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December Birthdays



4 – Susan Miller
4 – Calvin Bluiett
7 – Tameika Williams
7 – Elizabeth Gayton
13 – Donald Young
13 – Mae Givens
14 – Thomas Stoddard
17 – Kenneth Crumpton

21 – Helen Sadler
21 – Linda Mathews
25 – Willie Demery
25 – Homer Beavers
25 – Bettye Banks
29 – Frances Moore
30 – Donavon Young
30 – Billy Varner