

**December 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Advent Begins</b> Week of Prayer for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering begins	2	3  AA 6pm	4  Women's Bible Study – 10:30am	5  Men's Group – 7pm	6	7
<b>8</b> Baptism Service Christmas Themed Fellowship Potluck after AM service	9	10  AA 6pm	11  Women's Bible Study – 10:30am  CMC Meeting – 6pm	12  Men's Group – 7pm	13	14  Youth Ice Skating – meet at 4pm
15	16	17  AA 6pm	18  Women's Bible Study – 10:30am  Christmas Party here at 6pm	19  Men's Group – 7pm	20	21
22	23	<b>24</b>  Christmas Eve Service at 6pm AA 6pm	<b>25</b>  	26  NO Men's Group	27	28
29  "Jesus Revolution" Movie Night – 5pm	30	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve  AA 6pm				

## Celebrating the Coming of Jesus!

We want to celebrate the coming of Jesus. We can do this through our giving. Thank you to everyone who participated in giving shoeboxes to children all over the world! This month, we will have another opportunity for giving to Mission work. It is called the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. This offering supports our International Mission Board workers all over the world. We will hear video reports from them each week in our worship services.

The first four weeks of December are the traditional Advent season of the Church. Candles will be lit to remind us that Christ is coming. On Dec. 1, I will challenge us to "Return to The Lord." On Dec. 8, we are planning to celebrate baptisms. I will ask "What is Baptism?" The next two messages, Dec. 15 and 22, will focus on Christmas. We will study both Matthew and Luke's reports. On Dec. 29 we plan to return to our series on the book of Luke. On Sunday evenings we will continue to explore Hebrews 11, through the background information given in the book of Genesis. We are learning how people live by faith. You and yours are welcome to each service; Sunday's at 11am & 6pm.

We will enjoy a potluck together on Dec. 8 after the morning worship service. Please bring your favorite Christmas themed food. We will enjoy it as we fellowship together. On Wednesday night Dec. 18th at 6pm we will have a Christmas party. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a seasonal snack. We will have a "White Elephant Gift Exchange." Wrap up something nice that you have at home but don't need to keep. We will give these gifts and enjoy some fun together. The Rempel family will put on a Candlelight Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 6pm. Please join us for a short but special service to remember the Birth of Jesus.

On the evening of the 5th Sunday, we will be showing the movie "Jesus Revolution." Since it is a two-hour movie, please come early for a 5pm showing. We will enjoy some snacks together as we watch the movie. On behalf of my wife and family, and on behalf of our Church Staff and families, I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Pastor Tim Rempel*

*"And she will have a Son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21*

Well, it's that time of year already, the time we remember that our Savior was born! He was born to save us from our sins as Matthew tells us above. How grateful we should be as God sent His Son for you and me! It has been incredible to see God continuing to save people; we as a church are blessed to see God moving in such an incredible way. Let's rejoice that God has worked in our lives and continues to work and move to see people drawn unto Him!

We as a church will be celebrating a baptism Sunday on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. Let's join together to welcome and celebrate these professions of faith in Jesus, and we will also enjoy a potluck that day. It's going to be a wonderful time.

We will be taking the youth Ice skating to Turlock on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>; permission slips will be needed as well as drivers. Let me know if you are willing.

Some activities coming in 2025 will be the student ignition conference in March, and camp at Camp Cazadero this summer for the youth and children, as well as quarterly activities.

I just want to say Thank you to our Church family for all of your love and support this year, it has been a blessing to continue to see God work here at FBC, Newman. May your family have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New year!

Serving Him,  
*Associate Pastor Tim Weimer*