



to know  
**HIM**  
and  
to make  
**HIM**  
known

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### Office Hours

**Monday—Thursday**

8:30-12:30, 1:30-3:30

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*For the most up-to-date  
information,*

*catch us on the web at:*

[www.polkvillebaptist.com](http://www.polkvillebaptist.com)

### Weekly Opportunities

#### Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Morning Worship  
Kingdom Kids Worship  
6:00 pm Children's Bible Drill &  
Sunday Night Kids  
Adult Choir  
Youth Meeting  
7:00 pm Evening Bible Study  
8:00 pm Committee Meetings

#### Monday

7:00 pm Prayer Meeting

#### Wednesday

6:00 pm Youth Bible Drill  
6:15 pm Fellowship Meal  
6:50 pm Preschool, Children &  
Youth Mission Groups  
6:45 pm Adult Prayer and  
Inspiration  
7:05 pm Adult Ministry Projects  
and Studies  
8:00 pm Committee Meetings



*Wishing you a merry Christmas  
and a joyous new Year!*

**Rick, David, Will & Jan**



*digging deep* and *reaching out*  
**to know HIM and to make HIM known**  
Polkville Baptist Church

## Rick's Write

Dear Church Family,

What could be more fun than anticipating the coming of Christmas morning? Kids and adults alike are anxious to get those new toys and trinkets, or maybe new socks and underwear! The pure excitement of tearing into a beautifully wrapped gift to discover "just what you always wanted," hiding under the tissue paper, is unmatched in most of our annual activities and celebrations.

If you made a list, "All I Want for Christmas," what would it include? What might you discover under the tree on Christmas morning — with your name on it — that would cause you to exclaim, "It is what I have always wanted!"? Can your "best gift ever" top the real Indian teepee I got from Santa when I was five years old? (Ask me about a funny story from that year!) Or the G.I. Joe with Jeep and lots of other accessories I got when I was nine?

Lots of fun...and lots of good memories! Even though the food and laughter and the antics of your crazy uncle make for good memories, the really special gifts you have received over the years are sure to crowd your mind during this time of year.

I want to encourage you to think about what you want for Christmas this year. I mean, really think about it! If you could have only one thing... if everything else was stripped away... if this one thing would have to provide all your happiness and hope...

Okay, so I'm fishing for the "Sunday School answer!" If you say, "Jesus," you are in luck because Jesus is God's gift to you now and forever.

Now, let's ask, "What are you doing to prepare for this gift?" and "What are you going to do with this gift?" Your answer to these two questions could very well chart the course for the rest of your life! That's big! But, so is The Gift! Join us in worship as we lead into Christmas with these important questions. And, may yours be the merriest Christmas ever!

Love,



## December Birthdays

12/01	Dan Biddell	12/10	Luke Beam	Adriene Parker	
	John Thompson		Tony Beaver	12/21	Barry Beaver
12/02	Jackson Wilson	12/11	Jessica Robbins	Gary Beaver	
12/03	Ruth Powell	12/12	Damon Cook	Brenda Cook	
12/04	Jaxon Robbins	12/13	Savannah Jones	Emily Parker	
12/05	Amanda Blanton		Colton McMurry	Shannon Vegh	
	Megan Carpenter		Joseph Wright	12/24	Abby Hamrick
	Michelle Davis	12/14	Nicholas Biddell	Holden Shuford	
12/06	Ella Beam		Alex Burns	12/25	Noel Powell
	Rachel Bell		Michael Ledford	12/26	Laura Gammons
12/07	Howard	12/15	Bethany Meade	12/27	Robert Dayberry
	Johannessen	12/17	Austin Milling	Aubree Martin	
12/08	David Bell	12/19	Emily Beaver		
	Lula Mae Blanton		Revonda Wyatt		
	Ramona Toney	12/20	Taylor Lackey		
12/09	Joanna Woodrum		Dale Milling		



## January Birthdays

01/01	Eli Carpenter	Lillian Threewits	01/24	Carolanne Queen	
	Jimmy Beaver	01/17	Bill Helton	01/25	Don Peeler
01/02	Sherri Connor		Mary Shytle	Jamie Wilson	
	Tina Greene	01/18	Kevin Milling	01/26	Holly Cape
01/03	Brooke Stewart	01/19	Ashley Melton	Haley Cook	
01/05	John McSwain	01/20	George Creach	Michael Sain	
01/09	Madison Cape	01/21	Jacob Greene	01/27	Mason Bralley
	Lynn Richard		Shirley Grier	Michelle	
01/10	Isaac Connor		Diann Langley	Threewits	
01/11	Jacob Rayborn	01/22	Jan Crow	01/29	Linda Cook
01/12	Lucas Beam		Alisa Goad	Stevin Walker	
01/14	Gavin Martin		Katelyn Price	01/31	Ruth Creach
01/15	James Burns		Joe Wright	Jerry Silver	
	Helen Silver	01/23	Donna Thrift		

## December/January Nursery Schedule

12/06	Kim Swink & Haley Cook	01/03	Bobbi W, Tammy C & Brooke S
12/13	Sandra Gossett & Lisa Carter	01/10	Kathy Beam & Jenny Shuford
12/20	Derrell & Beth Ann Blanton	01/17	Susan Beaver
12/27	Barbara Bumgardner & Leslie P	01/24	Crystal Grier & Kathrine Carver
		01/31	Lalisa Carpenter & Katie White

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WEEK OF PRAYER • NOV. 29 – DEC. 6

## BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS

... AND BECAUSE YOU GIVE,  
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MISSIONARIES TO THE BILLIONS  
WHO HAVE YET TO HEAR.

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**Lottie Moon  
Christmas Offering for  
International  
Missions**

**Week of Prayer:  
November 29 thru  
December 6**

**Toy Distribution Party for  
Clothing Closet Families**  
Saturday, Dec. 19th | 9-11 am

Helpers are needed to provide  
snacks and play with the kids

## Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather a  
decision will be made based on safe-  
ty concerns and a phone message  
will be sent out with changes and/or  
cancellations .

## Polkville Baptist Church Rock 'n' Rollers (Senior Adult Group)

*Our Feet are on the ROCK and  
our Names are on the ROLL!*

**Thursday, December 10  
@ 11:30 pm**

Christmas Lunch provided by the  
staff. Holiday activities after the  
meal.

January activities will be  
announced soon. Be watching the  
Sunday morning bulletin for details!

### New Study:

# GLORY DAYS

LIVING YOUR  
PROMISED LAND LIFE NOW

**Sunday Morning Worship  
@ 10:00**

**Sunday Evening Bible Study @ 6**

**January 17, 24, 31,  
February 7, 14 & 21**

*Keep walking. This may be  
the day your Jericho  
walls come down.*

*Keep walking...keep believing.  
These may be your glory days!*



## And Christmas Events

### Sunday Mornings

The Sunday morning sermon  
series in December will be, "All I  
Want for Christmas." Each service  
will also feature beautiful and in-  
spiring Christmas Music. Sundays  
at 10:00 am!

### Sunday Evenings

**December 6 & 13  
@ 6:00 pm**

An  
evening of  
Praise  
presented  
by our  
Choir.



**December 20 @ 6:00 pm  
Community Christmas Dinner  
Polkville Fire Department**

We will provide a Christmas dinner  
for anyone in the community. We  
just need our folks to provide  
vegetables and desserts. Note the  
location change.

**December 27  
No Evening Services**

## Wednesday Evenings

**December 2 @ 7:00 pm  
Birthday Party for Jesus**

(After the 6:15 Wednesday Dinner)  
Bring an unwrapped toy for a child  
ages birth to 6 along with stocking  
stuffers.

**December 9 @ 7:00 pm**

There will be a discussion of the  
proposed budget for 2016. Led by  
the Finance Committee.

**December 16  
FX (Family Experience)  
Christmas Edition**



Dinner @  
6:15 pm  
followed by  
an exciting  
time of  
worship  
including

the Children's Christmas Program.  
After worship there will be family  
photo opportunities and an  
incredible Hot Cocoa Bar!

**December 23 @ 6:00 pm**

Join us in the  
sanctuary for a  
candlelight worship  
service with the Lord's  
Supper. A meditative  
and inspirational way  
to welcome Christ into  
your celebration!



# from the **YOUTH** minister

New year, new promises, new challenges, new opportunities, new obstacles, new adventures. The prospect of the new year is always exciting; there is always so much potential and hope for what can happen in the coming year.

I don't know if you find yourself in this same boat, but every December I find myself gearing up for the new year by preparing a list of "New Year's Resolutions". Often these resolutions are left undone or forgotten by the time Spring arrives on the scene, but I am so committed to them when the year first begins.

Why is that? Why do I allow myself to be sidetracked from my goals? If I'm honest I think it comes down to two aspects: 1) my schedule becomes so full that I have no time for the resolutions; and 2) (and I think this one is more important) I set unrealistic goals and expect the impossible to happen quickly.

I think this second point is a major failing for all of us—especially in terms of our relationship with God; I think that sometimes we get it into our minds that in order to follow Jesus, we must be perfect like He was. News flash: we do not! What an amazing burden that lifts from us! We are not responsible for enacting that kind of change in our lives—God does not expect us to be flawless, He desires that we be willing. God knows that we are sinful—believe me, He knows this better than we do! And just like when I give up on a resolution, it is very easy to throw in the towel and give up on the call to follow Christ if we mistakenly believe that it is required that we have everything right and in order. Instead, ask that God grant you the strength to keep carrying that cross even in the midst of failure.

One of the most important elements of keeping a resolution is the ability to extend grace to yourself when you mess up; without this grace, you will give up and stop trying. It is the same way in our Christian journey, without God's grace, we would be stuck in our sin and unable to have that genuine relationship with Him. However, thanks be to God that He has extended that grace and saved us from ourselves! So as the new year approaches, I hope you will join me in resolving to seek God more than before, but to also accept the grace that is so freely given to us.

God Bless!  
David



**Sunday Small Groups at 9:00 am**  
**Sunday Worship at 10:00 am**  
**Wednesday Impact at 6:50 pm**

**Life Apps for Preschoolers**  
December: *Story Sparklers —*  
*God gave us Jesus*

January: *Who can do that? — Only*  
*Jesus can do that!*

**Life Apps for Elementary Kids**  
December: *Triple Dog Dare —*  
*Compassion: Caring enough to do*  
*something about someone else's need*  
January: *Power Up — Self-Control:*  
*Choosing to do what you should do, not*  
*what you want to do*

**FX (Family Experience)**  
**December 16 & January 13 @ 6:50**  
**In the sanctuary**  
*Great opportunity for family*  
*worship and fun!*

**FX — Christmas Edition!**  
**Wednesday, December 16th**  
**Dinner @ 6:15**  
**FX @ 6:50**

**Family Christmas Pictures &**  
**Hot Cocoa Bar after worship!**

## Koinonia



**Birthday party for Jesus!**  
December 2, following dinner  
**Choir Concert** — December 6, 6 pm  
No Koinonia Fellowship

**Choir Concert** — December 13,  
6 pm / No Koinonia Fellowship

**Christmas FX** — December 16  
6:50 pm

**Koinonia Christmas Party**  
December 18, 6 pm  
Dinner provided / bring \$5 gift

**Community Christmas Dinner**  
December 20, 6 pm / Fire Station

**Candlelight Service** — December  
23, 6 pm

**December 27** — NO Koinonia  
Fellowship--Family night

**Koinonia Winter Retreat**, "What  
Makes You Happy?"—January 15-18,  
meet at the church at 4:30

### COLLEGE STUDENTS

College Christmas Party—Saturday,  
December 19, 6 pm Wear your "ugly"  
Christmas sweaters, Bring a \$5 gift  
for a game.

