



News from Creighton First Baptist Church



As I was praying and preparing to write this article, the Lord put it on my heart and mind how busy the last month was. Hard to believe the election was almost a month ago, Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Store, a baptism and of course Thanksgiving with family, I hope you were able to spend time with family over Thanksgiving.

Now we flip the calendar to December and turn our focus to the birth of our Savior—Jesus. There will be a lot of stuff out there to pull us away from Jesus' birth, my prayer is for us not to leave Christ out of our Christmas. To keep the focus on Christ, let me recommend a few ideas for you. First, on December 1 start reading the book of Luke. If you start on the first you will finish the book on Christmas Eve, keeping you focused on Jesus' birth, life, death and most importantly His resurrection. Also attend a service or two, not just Sunday morning but Christmas Eve or Christmas plays at churches besides ours. Some of the big churches have great plays and walk throughs to attend. Let people know what you are celebrating and do not be shy about saying Merry Christmas. Then most importantly, spend some quite time alone with the Lord praising Him for all He has done.

I pray you and your family will have a blessed Christmas and will not forget that Jesus is the reason for the season. See you hopefully every Sunday and on Christmas Eve.

Have a blessed month.

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December memory verse: John 16:33

Coming Soon!

Saturday Night Service
December 7 at 6:00 p.m.



December 14 at 8:30 a.m.

Christmas Caroling
Wednesday, December 18
6:00 p.m.



6:00 pm

Merry Christmas



Community of Care

The Creighton Community of Care will be the hands and feet of Christ and respond to needs in the Creighton area, guided by Matthew 25:35-40.

Our next scheduled meeting will be March 17, 2025, and could be conducted online, but for now, is scheduled to be held at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you know of any needs that we need to be looking at, or wish to volunteer, please contact any of the churches in Creighton.

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December Memory Verse:

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. *John 16:33*



Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10:45 a.m.
Bible Study	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday evening	5:30 p.m.
Fireside Chat on Facebook®	7:00 p.m.

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The focus for December will be the birth of Jesus, and we will be practicing our Christmas songs.

December 4: God with Us (*Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25*)

December 11: The Savior Who Came to Us (*Luke 2:4-12, 16-20*)

December 18: Christmas caroling!

December 25: Christmas!!—no TeamKID meeting.



Adult Bible Studies for Life: Looking Forward to Christmas

December 1: Looking Forward with Hope (Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11)
 December 8: Looking Forward to Peace (Isaiah 8:20-9:7)
 December 15: Looking Forward to Joy (Luke 2:4-14)
 December 22: Looking Forward to Love (John 1:14-18; 3:14-18)
 December 29: Looking Forward in Worship (Matthew 2:1-11,16-18)
 January 5: Looking Forward with Expectation (Matthew 24:32-44)

Youth Bible Studies for Life: Looking Forward to Christmas

December 1: Looking Forward with Hope (Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11)
 December 8: Looking Forward to Peace (Isaiah 8:20-9:7)
 December 15: Looking Forward to Joy (Luke 2:4-15)
 December 22: Looking Forward to Love (John 1:14-18; 3:14-18)
 December 29: Looking Forward in Worship (Matthew 2:1-11,16-18)
 January 5: Looking Forward with Expectation (Matthew 24:32-44)

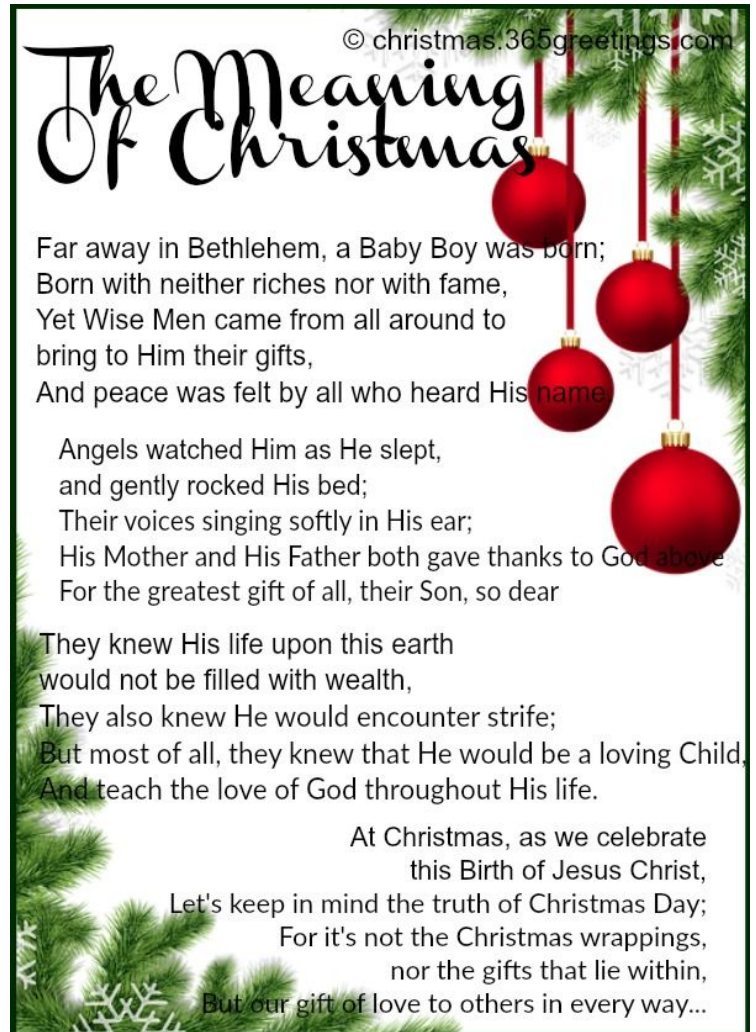
Children Bible Studies for Life: God Sent Jesus

December 1: Prophecy of a Son (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 11:1-5; Micah 5:2)
 December 8: News for Mary and Joseph (Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 1:26-56)
 December 15: A Savior's Birth (Luke 2:1-20)
 December 22: Escape to Egypt (Matthew 2)
 December 29: Jesus and the Teachers (Luke 2:40-52)

Preschool Bible Studies for Life: God Sent Jesus

December 1: Prophets Told About Jesus' Birth (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 11:1-5; Micah 5:2)
 December 8: angels Told About Jesus' Birth (Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 1:26-56)
 December 15: Jesus Was Born (Luke 2:1-20)
 December 22: Wise Men Worshiped Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)
 December 29: Jesus Talked with the Teachers (Luke 2:40-52)

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Pumpkin Crisp

4 C. pumpkin puree, fresh
or canned
1 C. sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp ground ginger
1/4 tsp ground cloves
1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
1/4 tsp salt

1 C. flour
1/2 C. old-fashioned oats
1/2 C. brown sugar
1/2 C. unsalted butter,
melted
1/4 cup chopped pecans,
optional

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.

In a large bowl, mix the pumpkin purée, sugar, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, nutmeg and salt. Pour the mixture into the prepared baking dish and spread it evenly. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, oats, brown sugar, and pecans. Pour in the melted butter and stir until crumbly. Sprinkle the crumble mixture evenly over the pumpkin layer. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until the topping is golden brown and the pumpkin mixture is set.

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Orange Cranberry Ricotta Cookies

2 C. flour	1 egg
1 tsp. baking powder	1 C. ricotta cheese
1/2 tsp. salt	Zest of 1 orange
1/2 C. unsalted butter, softened	1 C. dried cranberries
1 C. granulated sugar	Powdered sugar, for dusting

Preheat oven to 350°F and line baking sheets with parchment paper. Whisk together flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside. In a large bowl, beat the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.

Add the egg and ricotta cheese, mixing until well combined. Stir in the orange zest and juice. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture, stirring until just combined. Fold in the dried cranberries.

Drop rounded tablespoons of dough onto the prepared baking sheets, leaving space between each cookie. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until the edges are lightly golden. Dust with powdered sugar if desired.

