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Circuit Rider



*“The mission of Kavanaugh United Methodist Church is:
Learning from Christ, Living for Christ,
Loving as Christ and Leading to Christ.*”

*Kavanaugh Motto:
In the Spirit of Christ we seek to:
Learn, Live, Love, and Lead.*

Dear Members of the Kavanaugh Family,
The last week of Advent is the week of love. The Messiah is coming in the little babe Jesus to bring “love’s true light.” As the people of God, we are called to bring the love of God into our worlds – our schools, offices, neighborhoods, families, friends and relationships. The love that we demonstrate through our relationships is the love through which people recognize the meaning of Christmas, the love of God given to the world to heal all that is broken.

The love of the final week of Advent is not like “loving American Idol,” or “loving popcorn,” or “loving the Dallas Cowboys,” or “loving to dance.” The love of God given to us through Christ is fully committed to serving others. Advent awakens us to the reality that God loves humanity so much that he gives God’s self to us in the form of Jesus so that the love that restores our relationship with God will flow through us to renew all our relationships.

What does that mean about how we spend the last week of Advent? It means that the urge to take your family to serve meals at a homeless shelter, or to deliver meals on wheels, or to shop for a less fortunate “angel tree” family comes from the love of God that has been placed in your heart!

Giving of yourself to help others carries with it a joy of fulfillment that is without parallel. For that reason (for the season), each of us needs to take a friend or family member with us when we serve so that others have the opportunity to learn the joy of serving, the love of giving of yourself. Serving others is addictive (and that is a good thing). Make it a point to ask someone to bake cookies with you and then deliver them together. Inviting people to experience the joy of helping others is the greatest gift that you can give! That is the love of God and it is infectious!

Invite someone to come with you to Christmas Eve Holy Communion (5:30 p.m. in the Chapel) or to Candlelight Worship (6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary). These will be tender, loving moments to share with people who might not accept your invitation any other time of year.

Advent is a wonderful time of year! The preparation for Christ’s arrival is almost complete. All that is left to do is give of yourself to others!

God’s best to you and yours,

Stephen Cotten, Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS:



- December 21** Children’s Polar Express Movie Night ~ 6:30 p.m.
- December 24** CHRISTMAS EVE
Communion ~ Chapel ~ 5:30
Candlelight Service ~ Sanctuary ~ 6:30
- December 25** MERRY CHRISTMAS
Lessons and Carols Worship Service ~ 10:55

All Aboard the Polar Express
Children’s
Polar Express Movie Night
Wednesday, December 21st
6:30 p.m.



Come in your pajamas, bring a blanket to sit on and have your Polar Express ticket stamped!!The biggest hot chocolate bar you ever have seen. Please bring your favorite snack! Contact Heather Hamilton if you have any questions.

THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITES ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21st or DECEMBER 28TH. WE WILL RETURN TO OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Church Office will be closed Friday, December 23rd and re-open Wednesday, December 28th. In case of an emergency please call Dawn at 903-450-7281. This number will be monitored during the holiday. *Due to the New Year holiday, the church office will close at 12 Noon on Friday, December 30th and reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.



December 24
CHRISTMAS EVE
Holy Communion ~
Chapel ~ ~ 5:30 p.m.
Candlelight Service ~
Sanctuary ~ 6:30 p.m.

This Year’s Special Christmas Offering will to our Kavanaugh Mission Relief fund.

Prayer Concerns...

Church Members

Mary Lloyd Murray Pickens Lucy & Allen Stephenson Owen Felkel Joe & Bobbie Day
 Gary Reed Jerry Fuller Nellie Spradling Jerry Fuller

Family and Friends of our Church

James Bowie, *Jane Martyn's* Brother-in-law Cindy Caceras, *Mary Lloyd's* daughter
 Howard Reese, *Perks Family* Friend Jennifer Edwards, *Beasley* Family Friend
 Kaitlyn Perry, Friends of *Shay & Natalie Walsh* Bill Buchanan, *Elaine Hooper's* Father
 Matt Skelton, Jean Andrews', Grandson Debra Howard, *Jo Cook's* Daughter
 Bobby & Anabela Nguyen, Family of *Jim & Sara Bobbitt*
 Amber Caceras, *Mary Lloyd's* Granddaughter-in-law
 Amy Estes, *Vernon & Nona Holzwarth's* Granddaughter
 Ken & Diane Steele, Friends of *Mike & Pat Brock*
 Marie Goodland, *Kristen Rapp-Parker's* Friend Mildred Pickering, *Kathy Wood's* Aunt

Others to Remember in Prayer...

Briarcliff Center: Faye Wade Doris Faulkner
Colonial Lodge: Nell Johnston Aldene Williams
Colonial Lodge ~ Tender Care: Pete Coley
Harrison House: Merle Jamison Don & Carolyn Cartwright Jane Wood
Bentley Retirement Community ~ Dallas: Jean Adcock
Summer Ridge ~ Rockwall: Rosemary Grady
The Madison on Marsh ~ Carrollton: Motsie Ellis

New Baby...

Welcome *Fiona Iris McNulty*. She was born on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 5:41 a.m.
 Fiona weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces. Parents are *Devin and Jenny McNulty*.
 Proud Grandparents are *Tom and Sharon Oliver*. Mother and baby are both doing great.
 Congratulations to all.

Remembering our Military Personnel...

- Adam McCaw, US Army, grandson of Katherine McCaw
- Jim Johnston, son of Diane Johnston
- Keith McBride, Son of Don & Beth McBride
- Matt Skelton, US Air Force, grandson of Jean Andrews
- George Whisler, US Air Force, grandson of Travis Kirk
- Tom Shuler, US Air Force, Son-in-law of Rick Porter
- Michael James Adcock, Grandson of Jean Adcock
- Kristen Ratcliff, Daughter of David Ratcliff and Granddaughter of Barbara Ratcliff
- Timothy Carraway, Grandson of Vernon and Nona Holzwarth
- Preston Russell Chapman, Grandson of Hollis Russell
- John Santiago, Jr., Grandson of Jane Martyn
- Tim Lewallen, Son-in-law of Rick Porter

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 20	80
Sunday, November 27	96
Sunday, December 4	97
Sunday, December 11	124
Sunday, December 18	110

WELCOME VISITORS

December 18, 2011

Elena Argil
Don Davis



Socks and Undies

For
 Travis Elementary School Students
 Kindergarten thru Sixth grade
 We will be collecting
 socks and undies
 throughout the Christmas Season

The Staff of Kavanaugh United
 Methodist Church

extends our warmest wishes to you
 and your family for a blessed and
 peaceful Christmas and a Very
 Happy New Year filled with love,
 peace, hope, and Joy!
**Merry Christmas & Happy
 Holidays,**

Stephen, Dawn, John, Heather, James,
 Pat, Randy, Kathy, Linda and Irene.

What a wonderful time of year!!!

What a wonderful Christmas dinner! We believe we served about 180+ people. It would not have been the same if any of you had not been there to participate. Before we start naming names please know that if you are not listed it is because of a "lack of brain cells" on our part and not lack of appreciation. **Decorations:** Heather Hamilton, Cheryl Hobbs and Andrea Howell. **Turkey Team:** John Loher, Neville Purgerson, Randy Talley, Ray Shuman, Don McBride, Charlie Mize, Dylan Cooper and James Adams. **Kitchen Crew:** Heather Hamilton, Byron and Shirley Chitwood, Jeanne Adams, Carolyn and Steve Helsel, Kay Loehr, Beverly Adkisson, Beverly Griffin, Beth and Don McBride, James Hamilton, Nona Holzwarth, Billie Gail Ratcliff, Katharine McCaw, Elaine Hooper, and others. **Delivery Team:** Steve and Carolyn Helsel, Kay Loehr, Ginger Thomas, Ted and Maggie Hill, and Jerry and Marcia Mainord who delivered to our shut-ins.

Thank you to Randy Hooper and the Celebration Singers for the wonderful presentation of "365 days of Christmas Each Year" Great Job Randy and Kids!!

Thanks again to everyone.....our night would not have been complete without each and everyone of you!!

Sunday~ December 25

Worship Service

10:55 a.m.

Worship Helpers

Greeters:

Sanctuary

Jim & Sara Bobbitt

Choir Hall

Emmette Jo Weis

Education Building

Sandy & Bill Rapp

Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-4

John 1:1-14

Sunday~ January 1

Worship Service

10:55 a.m.

Worship Helpers

Greeters:

Sanctuary

Barbara Ratcliff

Choir Hall

Gail Beasley

Education Building

Leah Tillotson

Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 61:10~ 62:3

Psalm 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

LOOKING AHEAD....

Wednesday, December 21

Exercise Class ~ 7:00 a.m.

NO KKDO

NO Wednesday Activities

Friday, December 23

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

Holy Communion ~ 5:30 p.m.

Chapel

Candlelight Service ~ 6:30 p.m. ~

Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25

Lessons and Carols Worship

Service ~ 10:55 a.m.

Monday, December 26

Church office Closed

NO KKDO

NO Christian Believers

Tuesday, December 27

Church office Closed

No Circuit Rider

Wednesday, December 28

Exercise Class ~ 7:00 a.m.

NO KKDO

NO Wednesday Activities

Monday, January 2

Church office Closed

NO KKDO

NO Christian Believers

Wednesday, January 4

Exercise Class ~ 7:00 a.m.

KKDO ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.

Solid Rock ~ 5:45 p.m.

Trustees Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.

Handbell Choir ~ 6:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~

7:30 p.m.

Due to the holidays there will be
 NO Circuit Rider for the next 2
 weeks. Our next CR will be on
 January 10th.

2011 Poinsettias

In Loving Memory Of:

Leroy Andrews.....	Love, Jean, Mack & Tonya
Garland & Daphene Arrington	Mike & Pat Brock
Doris & Frank Barefield	Sherry Reed
Waldo & Jo Black.....	Carey Collier
Charlie & Dorothy Brock	Mike & Pat Brock
Bob Craig	His Family
Kenneth & Theresa Collier.....	Their daughter, Carey Collier
Bill R. Cook.....	Jo Cook
Bonnie Davis	Jerry, Laura, Carrie & Connor
Cleo & Dooley Ellis.....	June & Johnny Tharp
Norene Faulkner	Tom & Leah Rita Tillotson and Family
Frances & Luton Henson.....	Their Family
Leona Johnson.....	Jerry, Laura, Carrie & Connor
Elsie Davis Leatherwood.....	Jo Cook
Mack McCaw	Katharine McCaw
Dr. L.D. McNew	John & Martha Foote
Faye & WT Mainord.....	Kay Cunningham
Jim & Ruby Moser.....	Duncan & Ginger Thomas
Nelda Mullinnix	Murray & Mae Pickens
Joyce Neyra.....	The Neyra Family
Our Parents	Beverly & John Griffin
Our Parents	Mike & Beverly Adkisson
Our Parents	Shirley & Byron Chitwood
Our Parents and Mach	The Helsel Family
Bill McBride.....	Don & Beth McBride
Mary & Barney Oliver	Linda & Norman Oliver
V.M. & Edythe Perks	Perks-Lamb Families
Dorothea Peterson, Joan Neyra's Mother.....	The Neyra Family
J.C. Porter	Rick Porter
Forrest & Ruth Reed.....	Gary Reed
Ester Reif	Don & Beth McBride
Kelly Rhodes	Her Family
James & Mary Ryburn.....	Perks-Lamb Families
Elizabeth "Butch" Russell	Her Family
Elizabeth Russell	Vonnie Chapman
Fagg & Doorene Sanford	June & Johnny Tharp
Doll & Jean Shurtleff	Lloyd Shurtleff
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Stockhoff	The Stockhoff Family
John Stockhoff.....	The Stockhoff Family
Marie & James Tharp.....	June & Johnny Tharp
Fred & Ethel Thomas	Duncan & Ginger Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Wilkins.....	Lloyd Shurtleff
Louise Ward	Gwen Ward

In Honor Of:

Judith Abbott	Claire & Abigale Hooper
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Contreras	Nellie Spradling
Stephen Cotten.....	Tom & Sharon Oliver
Sandy Cunningham.....	Kay Cunningham
Jerry Davis.....	Laura, Carrie & Connor
Ronnie & Elizabeth Green	Nelle Wilkerson
Wayne & Louise Foote	John & Martha Foote
James & Heather Hamilton	Tom & Sharon Oliver
Ray & Andrea Howell.....	Tom & Sharon Oliver
Norma McNew	John & Martha Foote
Mary Mize	Charlie Mize
Joan Neyra.....	Matt Neyra & Family
Dr. & Carole Perks	Nelle Wilkerson
Emmette Jo Weis.....	Judith Abbott
My Family	Aldene Williams
Our Children & Grandchildren	Beverly & John Griffin
Our Family	Bill & Sandy Rapp
Mae Pickens.....	Murray Pickens
.....	Camille Toro, Paige & Dale Bullough and Gary, Sheryl, Merrick & Parker Pickens
Dan & Carol Petty	Tom & Sharon Oliver
Hollis Russell.....	Vonnie Chapman
Nellie Spradling.....	Dawn & Ken Contreras
Caroline & Jake Thomas	Duncan & Ginger Thomas
Aden, Haku & Mahina Wacasey	Duncan & Ginger Thomas
Faye Wade	Jeanne & James Adams
Preston Shay Walsh.....	Natalie & Patrick Walsh

To The Glory of God

Leta Caldwell

Given By:



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.

Hello,

My name is Courtney Marsh. I am a recipient for the 2011-2012 school year. I just wanted to touch base and let you know how things are going. School is going fast and furious. I can't believe I am already on Thanksgiving break. It seems like just yesterday I was getting my syllabus at the beginning of the semester. I never imagined that nursing school could be so difficult but by the grace of God, I am pursuing my dream of being a nurse. I am doing well on all my test and actually passing. Our RN program started off with 78 students enrolled and before we went on Thanksgiving break, we are down to only 50. So many people have dropped out or failed. This is a very difficult program but I am very proud of myself for sticking through it. We have a few more weeks left and then we can take a little break and spend time with our family over the holidays. I will be applying to Baylor Downtown Dallas for their Externship program. I am really looking forward to being a part of that system. I want to take this time to Thank the Kavanaugh United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee again for choosing me as their scholarship recipient. It has been a true blessing to receive this. May God bless you all and I'll try to keep in touch with you all this crazy schedule of mine. :))

Have a great day!
Courtney Marsh



Happy Birthday:

- John Henson ~ January 3
- Ronnie Green ~ January 4
- Grant Tyler ~ January 9
- Vernon Holzwarth ~ January 15
- Kay Denman ~ January 15
- Link Linkenauer ~ January 16
- Dorothy Coe ~ January 16
- Jeanne Adams ~ January 17
- Buddy Smith ~ January 22
- Parker Foote ~ January 28
- Carolyn Helsel ~ January 29
- Frances Green ~ January 30

January Anniversaries:

- Charles and Bill Gail Ratcliff ~ January 3
- Mike & Beverly Adkisson ~ January 26

If you purchased a poinsettia, or someone purchased one in your name or loved one's name, you may pick it up after the Christmas Eve Service on Saturday. Those that are not picked up will be delivered to our local nursing homes and shut-ins