

From the Pastor's Pen...

Jesus was baptized. You probably already knew that. But I wonder if you have ever really thought about it. John the Baptist said it best, "I have need to be baptized by you. Why are you coming to be baptized by me?" Baptism symbolizes repentance and the washing away of sin. Jesus didn't need to repent. He had no sin to be washed away. God, being baptized?! Something about that picture just doesn't seem right. But when you understand it, it becomes a wonderful picture.

At Christmas we celebrate God's Son coming to earth as a child, a human, one of us. He became one of us to save us. There's a connection between Jesus' incarnation (becoming human) and his baptism. Jesus identified himself with those he came to save. He identified himself with us by becoming one of us. By being baptized Jesus identified himself with us as sinners. He had no sin of his own, but he was baptized to show that he was coming to stand in our place as sinners.

Christ was born as a baby that he might grow up to be a man and take our sins upon himself. He became like us so we could one day become like him. May his name be praised forever!

For the Gospel and the Glory of God!

Bro. Paul

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Caleb's Connections...

Hebrews 4:14,16

"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens – Jesus the Son of God – let us hold fast to our confession...let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need."

The fact that we have Jesus, the Son of God, serving as our high priest is a fact that warrants all of our praise and affection. Furthermore, He is a high priest that can sympathize with us (verse 15). Jesus was tempted in every way that we are, but in every way was perfect and blameless. And through the sacrifice of Christ, we can be made blameless too! And by accepting the gift of salvation, we can approach the throne of God with boldness, not with fear or shame!

This passage also comes with a calling for us all. The writer of Hebrews urges us to "hold fast to our confession", that is to hold onto our faith in Jesus. To inherit the perfection of Christ, we have to have faith in Christ. If you've never put your trust in Jesus, then this passage doesn't apply. I hope that we all put our faith in the sacrifice of Jesus so that when the time comes we can all approach God with boldness and confidence, knowing that our sins were paid for.

Prayer Requests

- Pray that we would be a people unashamed of the Gospel, who keep it the center and focus of our lives
- Pray that our students will use their schools as the mission field that God has given them

From what's on my heart,

Caleb

🎵 Cory's Column...

Thank you Parkway family for making this year's Unpacking Christmas such a fun night! And a very special thank you to our Worship Committee for your dedication and service behind the scenes. It was a great service, full of meaning and worship, and the sanctuary looks fantastic!

Important Music Ministry Dates:

*****FULL Rehearsals for the Christmas Musical*****

Worship Choir, Kid's Choir, Media, & Helpers

Wednesdays@6:45pm -- December 4 and 11

AND

Saturday@10:00am -- December 14

Sunday, December 15th at 6:00p.m.

--Christmas Celebration 2019--

featuring music from *Joy! He Shall Reign*
and *The Song of Bethlehem*

Come and join our worship choir and kid's choir as we celebrate the birth of Jesus with songs and carols.

Singing His Praises,

Bro. Cory

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Katey's Korner...

Family Bible Challenge

52 Verses Every Christian Should Know

Dec. 1-7	Ephesians 6:1
Dec. 8-14	Hebrews 10:23
Dec. 15-21	Psalms 19:1
Dec. 22-28	1 John 5:3
Dec. 29- Jan. 3	Hebrews 13:8

Angel Tree

We have some kids and teenagers for our angel tree (beside the office) that we can help. Please pick a tag from the tree and have the present back to the church by Sunday, Dec. 15.

Parent Discipleship Ideas:

1. (Found on Pinterest)

Starting on Dec. 1, read one chapter of Luke each day/night as a family. By Christmas Eve, you will have read about the life of Jesus and have a greater understanding of who we celebrate at Christmas.

2. Family Service

As a family, decide one way you will serve this Thanksgiving/Christmas season. A few ideas may be: clean out clothes and toys and donate them, make goodie bags for one of the greenhouses at Traceway (usually 12 residents), make treats to give out to your neighbors. There are so many possibilities. Ask God to open your eyes to what He would have your family do this season.

Love in Christ,

Katey

The Record Speaks

December 1, 2019

Sunday School Attendance	78
Guests	2
Nov. Sunday School Avg. Attendance	90
Oct Income	\$27,564.24
Oct Expense	\$26,228.38

The Lord's Additions

September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

By Letter
By Baptism
By Statement
Total

Poinsettias

Don't forget to order your poinsettias (\$13.50 each). Order forms are in the sanctuary foyer and on the table downstairs. Deadline to order is Sunday

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Christmas Potluck  
Sunday at 6:00p.m.

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L.A.C.E. Christmas Party
Monday, Dec. 9th at 6:00p.m.
at Debbie Anthony's home

Bring a finger food to share and a dirty Santa gift.

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December Food Pantry Needs

Individual Sized Snacks, Instant Packs of Oatmeal or Grits, Soup, Canned Vegetables, Bath Tissue, Paper Towels

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2nd Sunday Ushers

Chuck Bunn, Jeff Seal, Pat Cappleman,
Danny Trotter, Bill Lowry, Kevin Tillotson

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