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## FROM THE PASTOR, TERRY JOHNSTON

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*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

Each year it has been my tradition to share with you in December the words of Dr. George W. Truett, longtime Baptist pastor and statesman who pastored the First Baptist Church of Dallas for many years. Dr. Truett would write his church a Christmas message and send it out as his Christmas greeting each year. Hear the words from 100 years ago, which sound like they could be written to us today:

“In the present tumultuous, tremendous, incomparably fateful days, may we hark back to the message of the Christmas carol on the plains of Bethlehem: ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.’ May our best memories be revived and our noblest hopes be relighted. May we be given the poise, the patience, the sympathy, the verve, the self-control, the courage, the loyalty, and the faith, to walk unblenched and safely through the wildest storm, and to realize the triumphs that are unwasting and immortal.

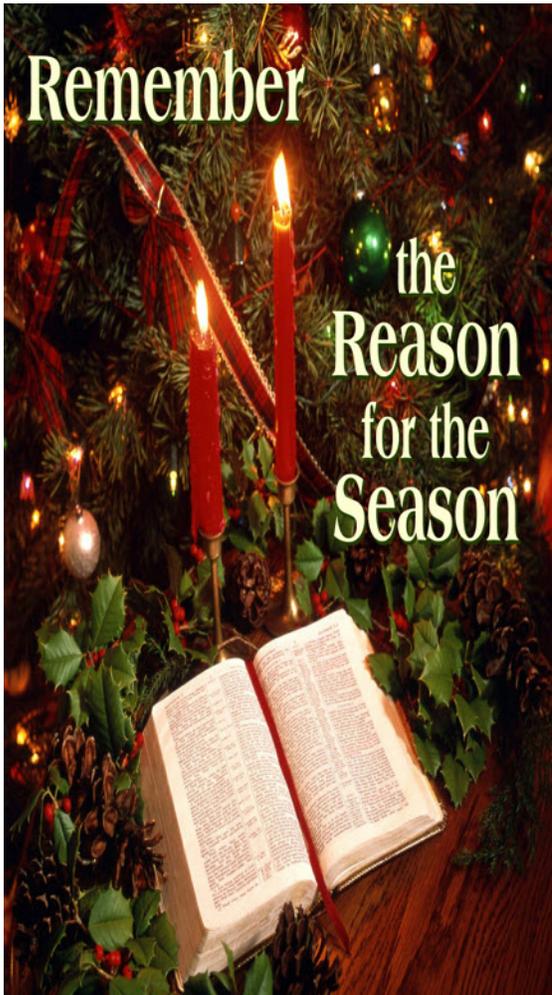
Whatever the petty worries we may know, the trying situations, the perplexing questions, the sorrows that oppress and the surprises that poignantly pierce the heart, may all our ways be radiant with the insight of Faith, the triumph of Hope, and the resistlessness of Love. May we ever have a sublime contempt of all unfaithful ease, and all unflinching fidelity to the majestic behest of duty...

May we clearly discern God’s program for our lives, and trustfully hide ourselves within the ample purposes of His love and wisdom... And until the day break and the shadows flee away, may we with unbroken confidence yield our lives to the Light that followeth all our way, to the Joy that seeketh us through pain, and to the Love that will not let us go.”

Christmas 1921  
George W. Truett

Merry Christmas to all.

Bro. Terry



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## December 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Midweek Activities	2	3	4
5 Peace	6	7	8 Midweek activities	9	10	11
12 Joy	13	14 Fellowship Breakfast	15 Midweek Activities Gingerbread Bash	16	17	18
19 Love	20 LIFE Group	21	22 Midweek Activities	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26 Light	27	28	29 Midweek Activities	30	31 New Year's Eve	

*Connecting...Building...Transforming*



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

**Westview Manor**

**Heartis House**

Verna Arp

Please continue to pray for all those on our church's prayer list.

**Children's Ministry Gingerbread Bash**



- Hudson Sloan-----12/1
- Brycen Hobday-----12/3
- Janelle Cobb-----12/5
- Terrence Jackson-----12/5
- Lincoln Morgan-----12/5
- Tricia Green-----12/13
- Kendra Miller-----12/14
- Mary Sue Bass-----12/15
- Mabry Miller-----12/19
- Nicole Mullens-----12/19
- Kris Milam-----12/20
- Caitlin Raborn-----12/23
- Jose Wallace-----12/24
- Dale Glaser-----12/25
- Mary Alder-----12/26
- Leslie Rinehart-----12/29
- Mitch Bennett-----12/31
- Staci Bottoms-----12/31



**December 14  
8:30 am  
Coffee Shop Cafe**



**December 20  
Noon  
Fellowship Hall**

Father, I love You. Forgive me for the times when I choose to follow my own will instead of Yours. Teach me how to fix my heart on You and give me the strength to do what You created me to do. I know Your plan is the highest and best plan for me and that I was created in response to that plan. Thank You for the purpose that doing Your will brings to my life. Today, I choose to seek You and obey Your Word.

In Jesus's name, amen.

# Pastor's Advent/Christmas Sermon Series

There's a line in the classic hymn "O Holy Night," where the songwriter writes: "Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'till he appeared and the soul felt its worth."

This year for Advent we will be looking at a few passages that Paul wrote in response to Jesus' coming to earth—what it means for us for our souls to know their worth. That our Heavenly Father, in his infinite love, has poured out on us the hope, peace, joy, and love that this world so desperately longs for, and how we too can help others know their worth before God.



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Advent/Christmas @ FBC McGregor  
Nov. 28: Sharing Hope  
Dec. 5: Finding Peace  
Dec. 12: Bringing Joy  
Dec. 19: Offering Love  
Dec. 24: Candles and Carols (PM)  
Dec. 26: Bearing Light

Join us each Sunday @ 10:45 AM as we reflect on  
Jesus' coming into our world.



If you'd like to contribute to the FBC staff love offering, please mark an envelope as such and drop it in the plate on Sunday morning. You can also take it by the office, mail it to the church or pay online at [fbcmcgregor.org](http://fbcmcgregor.org).



### Apple Crumble Chex Mix

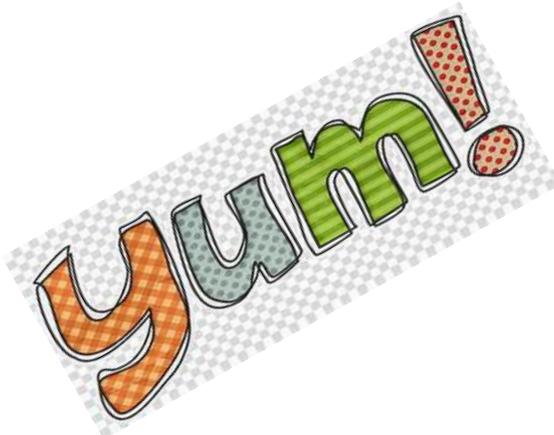
chex.com/recipes

- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1/2 cup cold butter, cut into pieces
- 2 teaspoons water
- 4 cups Apple Cinnamon Chex™ cereal
- 3 cups apple chips
- 1 cup lightly salted, roasted almonds

Heat oven to 350°F. Line 15x10x1-inch pan with cooking parchment paper. In medium bowl, add oats, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and sea salt; mix well. Use pastry blender to cut in butter, until mixture looks like coarse crumbs. Stir in water until mixture comes together. Spread out evenly in pan; press down slightly on mixture to hold together.

Bake 10 minutes; stir gently. Continue baking 10 to 13 minutes or until mixture is light golden brown. Cool completely on parchment in pan, about 1 hour. Carefully break into small clusters.

In large serving bowl, mix cereal, apple chips and almonds; stir in clusters. Store in covered container at room temperature.



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### Buttery Cinnamon Cake

allrecipes.com

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup shortening
- 1 1/3 cups white sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and lightly flour a 10 inch Bundt pan. Stir together the flour, baking powder, 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon and salt; set aside.

In a large bowl, beat shortening, 1 1/3 cups white sugar and 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating for at least 1 minute after each egg. Beat in the flour mixture alternately with the milk. Pour batter into prepared pan.

Bake in the preheated oven for 40 to 45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack. Remove cake from pan while it is still warm, and poke holes around the top of the cake with a fork. Pour the warm cinnamon syrup into the holes and onto the top and sides of the cake.

To Make Cinnamon Syrup: In a saucepan, combine 1/2 cup white sugar, butter, water, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 3/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon. Heat and stir until butter melts.

### Pizza Balls

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- 1 pound ground Italian sausage
- 2 cups baking mix
- 1 chopped green bell pepper
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 1 (16 ounce) package shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup pizza sauce
- 1 cup water

Preheat oven to 400° Lightly grease a large baking sheet.

In a medium bowl, mix together Italian sausage, baking mix, green bell pepper, yellow onion, mozzarella cheese and pizza sauce. Gradually stir in water until the mixture is a workable consistency. Roll into 1 inch balls.

Arrange pizza balls on the baking sheet. Bake in the preheated oven 20 minutes, or until lightly browned. Serve hot.