

December 2021

LONOKE BAPTIST

Monthly Newsletter

*Making Disciples
Who Make Disciples
To See Lives Transformed
By the Power of the Gospel*





A Message from Our Pastor



Christmas lights and decorations seem to go up earlier and earlier each year. This has never been more apparent than the last couple of years. It seems to me a few people may have put up lights and decorations even before Halloween. Certainly by now most of us have some decorations set up to enjoy this Christmas season. Perhaps we have decorated earlier than usual because we needed the uplift and joy Christmas lights and decorations bring now more than ever because of how much we've been through the past couple of years.

I've always enjoyed looking at Christmas lights, but maybe the lights mean more now. Because of the pandemic and the turmoil and the confusion, there seems to be a darkness hanging over our country. Just as the people of Israel were living in deep spiritual darkness back in the time of Isaiah, we are equally, if not more so, today. Isaiah, however, had good news to announce in Isaiah 9:2: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." That great light, of course, that came to shine on us is Jesus, the Light of the world. As you display your lights this Christmas, share with others about how Jesus is the Light! Then, join me for our Christmas Eve service at 5:30pm where we will let His light shine!

Reid Terry
Pastor



SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning

9:30AM

Sunday School

10:45AM

In Person and Online



Wednesday Night

5:45PM - Family Meal

6:30PM - All Wednesday Night Classes:

Go! (Pre-School - 4th Grade)

Thrive (7th Grade - 12th Grade)

Forged (5th & 6th Grade)

Adult Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

UPCOMING EVENTS



Church Business Meeting

The December business meeting will be cancelled due to the holidays.

In lieu of the meeting, we will send out the church financials in a church-wide email towards the end of the month.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Friday, December 24th

Monday, December 27th

December 30 -31st



FINANCIAL UPDATE

October 31, 2021	
Budget Giving.....	\$11,777.00
21st Century Fund.....	\$0.00
November 7, 2021	
Budget Giving.....	\$14,857.50
21st Century Fund.....	\$160.00
November 14, 2021	
Budget Giving.....	\$10,082.25
21st Century Fund.....	\$160.00
November 21, 2021	
Budget Giving.....	\$16,270.00
21st Century Fund.....	\$200.00

NEW MEMBERS

Tripp Patterson

WAYS TO GIVE

Preferred Methods:

1. *In Person* - drop your check in an offering plate located at each exit in the sanctuary
2. *Mail In* - mail your check to:
Lonoke Baptist Church
406 W Front Street Lonoke, AR 72086

Alternative Methods:

3. *Online* - lonokebaptist.org/give
4. *Text* - text GiveLBC to 73256

WAYS TO WATCH ONLINE

Our online service streams at 10:30AM every Sunday!

If you are unable to join us in person, you can still participate in our weekly worship service through the platforms below.

You can even chat live with a Lonoke Baptist Staff Member!

Find us online at:

Facebook Live - Lonoke Baptist Church

lonokebaptist.org/sermons

Boxcast on ROKU TV - Lonoke Baptist Church



SANDY HUCKABEE

Lonoke County Circuit Judge

Pastor Terry & Lonoke Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for hosting our Drug Court Graduation Banquet last week! You all were truly the hands and feet of Jesus in serving our Graduates and celebrating their recovery & sobriety. A special thanks to all who served at the banquet - especially Elaine Moran. Lonoke Baptist is a true picture of what the church of Jesus Christ is all about.

B.W. FERGUSON & FAMILY

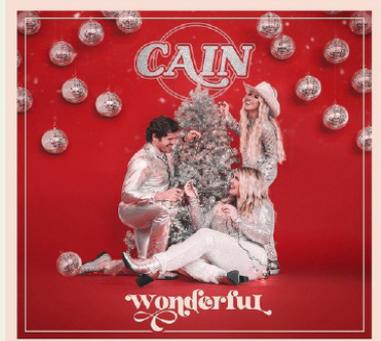
Thank you Lonoke Baptist Church for being a praying church. God's eyes are open and His ears are attentive to the prayers from this place. Thank you for your love, compassion, and generosity.

LBC WORSHIP

Ho Ho Ho hold the phone, it's Christmas time! And that of course means that our annual Christmas Eve Service is coming up this month. We do our best to give you guys a Christmas Eve Service that is fun, family focused, and—most importantly-- shares the amazing story of Jesus Christ. You can expect to hear the greatest story ever told read from different members of our church as well as music—some new and some classic, that will put you in the spirit for sure. So come out and have an amazing time with us!

Listen: Wonderful by CAIN
(feat. Steven Curtis Chapman)

Jesse Mertens
Worship & Communications Pastor





HELLO, CHURCH FAMILY!

Operation Christmas Child was awesome this year! Our FORGED Ministry of 5th & 6th Graders packed 106 shoeboxes with help from Sunday School classes providing supplies for the boxes. We enjoyed teaching these kids the meaning of packing shoeboxes and they were such a blessing the entire way through. We also had a great number of shoeboxes packed from church members and placed on the altar throughout the month of November. As a church family, we prayed over all of the shoeboxes during Sunday Worship Service. I feel blessed to be a part of Operation Christmas Child with such a loving church family! Thank you to all who had a hand in this ministry. We are helping children around the world learn the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and showing love by packing a simple shoebox gift for them. If you are interested in packing shoeboxes year round, please reach out to me and we can start growing this ministry tremendously!

Sprout Kids have a lot going on this Christmas season! Celebrating our Savior's birth is my FAVORITE time of the year. Join us for a "Gingerbread Bash" on December 1st. It's going to be a fun, hands-on way for the whole family to celebrate Christmas together! We'll make a gingerbread nativity, play games, hear the Christmas story from the Bible, and discover that sometimes the greatest gift comes in the most ordinary box. You are not going to want to miss it and we would love for everyone to be a part of this special event! We are practicing with our Lil' Sprouts on Wednesday Nights for our Pre-School Christmas Musical. Be sure to join us on December 5th to watch our littles sing Christmas songs. We are also preparing for our Christmas float for the Lonoke Christmas Parade on December 5th. Be on the lookout for us... the theme of our float is "Jesus is a Lifesaver". I hope everyone has a blessed Christmas filled with joy!

Love + Blessings,

Paige Bignar
Children's Minister





HELLO, THRIVERS!

Can you believe that 2021 is already coming to a close? Who knows what this next year brings, but looking back on this past year, I know that our church can say that we have so much to be thankful for. God has blessed this church and my prayer is that we continue to serve Him faithfully next year, and accomplish all that He has set us out to do in this community. I hope you have a great Christmas season!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thrive Christmas Party - Wednesday, December 8th

SOTO Winter Youth Retreat

If you have signed up for SOTO, the \$100 retreat deposit is now due. The dates are January 14-16... I will be sending out a trip planning packet this month, so be looking for that info. This year, our speaker is Jared Farley. Jared is the BCM Director at Henderson State University, and he will be bringing along the BCM Worship Team to lead us in worship that week.

Thrive Spring Break Ski Trip

We've been planning this ski trip for a few years now, but circumstances have prevented us from following through with plans until this year. We will be going to Breckenridge, CO during Spring Break, and there is a \$200 deposit that is now due. As details come and plans are finalized, we will be getting that information out as needed. I'll also keep you informed of necessary trip meetings!

God bless!

Benjamin Carpenter
Youth Minister



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