

December 2023

# Good News

## from Rice Station Christian Church

Hello, church family. I'm sure you've noticed; a lot of major retailers seem to skip right over Thanksgiving. They have all the Halloween stuff out one day & the day after Halloween, Christmas stuff is everywhere. It's like they skip over Thanksgiving completely. While Thanksgiving is not a biblical holiday, it is a biblical principle and should be a part of the everyday life of the Christian. Ephesians 5:20 says: "Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ." So, let's not be like those major retailers. Instead, no matter the time- not just once a year, but all throughout- let's express our thankfulness to God for He deserves it all. This time of the year, as we focus in on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we hear a lot of Christmas music. Many of the songs we hear either reference or specifically mention the birth of Christ. We sometimes hear Christmastime called the most wonderful time of the year and I guess it is in a way because it's this time of the year that we can get lost people in this world to hear about our Savior through song.

What is your favorite Christmas song? Is it O Little Town of Bethlehem? Silent Night? Joy to the world? Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer? One of my favorites has always been Joy to the World and I would say many people love that song, too. But here's the deal... the song, Joy to the world, is not just about His birth. It's also about His life, His Kingship, and His second coming. Even though we sing it at Christmastime, it's not just about His birth. The reason I tell you that is to say this: We need to be thankful and joyful, and we need to celebrate Jesus all the time- at Christmastime, on Resurrection Sunday, and all throughout the year. We need to celebrate and be thankful for His birth, His love, His life, His sacrifice, His resurrection, and His return to come. So, as you gather around the tree this year to open gifts, be encouraged to take time to give thanks for the One who died on a tree to provide us with salvation. Give thanks for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. Everyone, have a Merry Christmas and God bless.

Your brother in Christ,  
Joe Hall

*"So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35, NIV*

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9<sup>th</sup> – Doug Peterson

12<sup>th</sup> – Haley Wheeler

16<sup>th</sup> – Anissa Hardy

18<sup>th</sup> – Jaqueline Brandenburg

20<sup>th</sup> – Berkley Hardy, Diana Long

21<sup>st</sup> – Holbie Holbrook, Katelyn Osborne

25<sup>th</sup> – Joyce Hardy, Doris Ward

27<sup>th</sup> – Bobby Willis

28<sup>th</sup> – Gerry Connor

30<sup>th</sup> – Sandy Moore



19<sup>th</sup> – Stephen & Diana Willis

23<sup>rd</sup> – Barbara & Donnie Barnes

27<sup>th</sup> – Jamey & Maggie Kessler



6<sup>th</sup> – Butch Hardy  
13<sup>th</sup> – Aubrey Miller  
20<sup>th</sup> – Michael Hardy  
27<sup>th</sup> – Chris Harris



Christmas Party  
December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30  
p.m. at the home of Amy  
Farmer.



December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Meal at 5:30 p.m.

All are welcome!

## Nursery Workers



### Sunday Morning

3<sup>rd</sup> – Beverly & Tammie

10<sup>th</sup> – Ruth & Sandy

17<sup>th</sup> – Jennifer & Jan

24<sup>th</sup> – Julia & Gabbi

31<sup>st</sup> – Beverly & Tammie

# Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL SERVICE

6PM



# YOUTH

There's a lot to be thankful for this year at RSCC! Our Youth stayed busy this November by kicking off the month visiting the Dominion nursing home. This is a trip we had already taken and the kids loved it so much we had to return. We also took our yearly ice skating trip to Lexington in triangle park. We have some really talented youth and they picked up ice skating really quick! We also had a youth thanksgiving meal of Raising Canes chicken, mashed potatoes, mac 'n cheese, and toast. Lastly, we wrote Thanksgiving letters to the people in the nursing home in Irvine to tell folks Jesus loves them and that we are thankful for them. We delivered these letters and asked they be given to those who maybe didn't get visited for Thanksgiving or didn't get a card for the holiday. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I look forward to Christmas!

As this year comes to an end, I will be stepping down as Youth Minister at RSCC. As I take on more responsibilities and become stretched thin, I'm not sure I can give the kids the time and effort they deserve. I've always tried to give our kids my full effort and I will not allow those kids anything less than the best. I truly love our Youth at RSCC and leading our Youth has been the most rewarding and honoring task I've ever had. I thank our leaders for believing in me and choosing me for this honor and I thank you church for supporting me and our youth over the years. I've been a part of RSCC for 26 years and I don't plan on changing that. I look forward to continuing to be a part of this church and serve the Lord in different ways. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and to God be the glory!

Andrew Farmer  
Youth Minister

\*Please join us for our annual Night at The Station this New Year's Eve beginning at 9:00 p.m. We will have food and refreshments as well as games and fun. We will watch the ball drop at midnight then the youth ages 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up will have a lock-in immediately following.

# December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:15 AM Radio 10:00 AM Classes 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Bible Study /Nativity practice	4	5	6 Bible Study/ Nativity Dress Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	7 Bus Hands Christmas Party 7:00 p.m.	8 Live Nativity 7:00 p.m.	9 Live Nativity 7:00 p.m.
10 8:15 AM Radio 10:00 AM Classes 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Bible Study	11	12	13	14	15	16 Community Christmas Dinner 5:30 p.m.
17 8:15 AM Radio 10:00 AM Classes 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Bible Study	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 8:15 AM Radio 10:00 AM Classes 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 8:15 AM Radio 10:00 AM Classes 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Bible Study 9:00 Night @ Station						

# Rice Station Christian Church Live Nativity

December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m.



"Behold, the Lamb of God, who  
takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29

# Important Dates To Remember:

## December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Nativity Practice  
6:00 p.m.

## December 6th

Nativity Dress Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m.

## December 7th

Busy Hands Christmas Party  
Amy Farmer's Home  
6:30 p.m.

## December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

Live Nativity  
7:00 p.m.

## December 16th

Community Christmas dinner  
5:30 p.m.

## December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
6:00 p.m.

## December 25th

Christmas Day

## December 31st

New Year's Eve  
Night at the Station  
9:00 p.m.  
Youth Lock-In  
12:00 a.m.- 6:00 a.m.

### RICE STATION CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1675 Rice Station Road  
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#### Sunday Services

Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

#### Wednesday Service

Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 PM  
Youth 7:00 PM

Minister Joe Hall

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Youth Minister Andrew Farmer

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