




~Matthew 2:2

December Birthdays

2 - Paul Haga
3 - Pastor Jesse Nicholson
4 - Sheyla Andrews
4 - Carolyn Aspling
5 - Josh Drew
9 - Debbie Smith
10 - Meghan Meyer
11 - Dan Moore
11 - Elisabeth Yenna
12 - Agnes Peterman
12 - Lyndi Casto
13 - Susan Dalabhanjan
17 - Liz Repholz
20 - Brad Scott Jr.
20 - Earl Sonner
26 - Crystal Merrill
29 - Gail Zern
30 - Amos Andrews

December 2022 *Striving Together*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 PCC Basketball Tournament	2 4pm CCS Piano Recital CCS Away Games	3
4 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service & Lord's Supper 5-6:30pm Awana Clubs	5 (Pastor in Nicaragua 5-10) CCS Home Games 4:15 Girls, 5:45 JV, 7:15 V	6 4pm CCS Piano Recital	7 6:30pm - Prayer & Bible Study (Munne); Youth Group; Kids' Club 7pm Choir Practice	8 7pm CCS Jr/Sr High Christmas Concert	9 CCS Home Game 5:30 V	10
11 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 5-6:30pm Awana Clubs— Christmas Craze	12 7pm CCS Elem. Christmas Program	13 CCS Home Games 5:00 JV, 6:30 Girls	14 6:30pm - Prayer & Bible Study; Youth Group—Girls Bible Study; Kids' Club 7pm Choir Practice	15 6pm Senior Adult Lights & Dessert Activity CCS Home Games 4:15 Girls, 5:45 JV, 7:15 V	16 CCS Home Games 4:15 JV, 5:45 Girls, 7:15 V	17 9am Choir Practice
18 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 6pm Singing Christmas Tree	19 CCS Exam Week	20	21 6:30pm Adult (lobby), Youth Group, and Kid's Club Christmas Parties	22 CCS 1pm Dismissal	23 CCS Christmas Break Begins	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day 10:30am Community Family Christmas Service 	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years' Eve
CCS Christmas Break (Dec 23-Jan 6)						
No Service						

December Community News

Lord's Supper Oberseance: Sunday, **December 4**, we will observe the Lord's Supper after the morning service.

Pastor Missions Trip: Please pray for Pastor Nicholson as he goes with Tim and Rachel Endean from CampsAbroad on a missions trip to Nicaragua **December 5-10**. Pastor will help run a teen camp and also have a few opportunities to preach (through a translator). He plans to give an update of his trip on Sunday, December 11, before Pastor Tom preaches.

CCS Christmas Programs: You are invited to two Christmas programs at Community Christian School. The Jr/Sr High Concert is Thursday, **December 8**, at 7 PM and the Elementary Program is Monday, **December 12**, at 7 PM.

Senior Adult Activity: The Nicholsons invite our senior adults to a Christmas activity on Thursday, **December 15**. Meet at the church at 6 PM to load up the bus. We will drive through a Sarasota neighborhood decorated with Christmas lights then stop by our house for dessert before returning to church around 8:15 PM. Please sign-up in the lobby if you plan to attend.

Singing Christmas Tree: We look forward to our **Singing Christmas Tree** on Sunday, **December 18** at **6 PM** along with our 1st annual **Festival of Trees!** We hope you will invite friends, neighbors and family to join you for this free Christmas event! There are invite cards on the back tables. You can bring a decorated tree for the Festival of Trees on or before December 14 (you do not need to sign-up). See Kasey with any questions.

Christmas Parties: Youth Group, Kids' Club and adults will all enjoy Christmas parties on Wednesday, **December 21**, at 6:30 PM! Adults will meet in the lobby for a more casual time of fellowship, including a Christmas game, devotional, carol singing, and refreshments.

Community Family Christmas: On Sunday, **December 25**, we will have our Community Family Christmas service at 10:30 AM (*no Sunday School*). Children and adults of all ages and talents are invited to do a sacred reading or musical special for this more informal church family service! Please sign-up in the lobby by December 18.

Awana/Parenting Video News: Awana meets the first two Sunday nights of December (4th and 11th). **December 11** is a special theme night—*Christmas Craze*. Clubbers should wear their favorite Christmas shirt or ugly sweater and can look forward to some crazy Christmas themed games.

Reminders:

- * If you haven't turned in a **Faith Promise Missions Giving card** yet, please do so this month as we plan for our missions budget next year.
- * The youth group is selling **God's Creation Calendars** once again. These beautiful calendars make great Christmas gifts and are only \$8 each!

Upcoming Opportunities

January 1..... 10:30 AM Service only (No Sunday School or Awana)
 January 4.....No midweek service
 January 8.....Christmas Cleanup (after AM)
 January 9.....CCS Classes Resume
 January 16-18..... CBC hosts ARCH National Pastors' Fellowship
February 12-16..... Revival Meetings with Jeremy Frazor



The Awana Cubbies showing off their Thanksgiving turkeys. ✓



< Children and adults enjoyed hayrides after the meal for anniversary Sunday last month.

✓ *Thanks to those who helped decorate the church for Christmas!*



Community Connections:

EMAIL: See Pastor or Kasey to be added to the church email list.

TEXT: 941-347-0322

FACEBOOK: CommunityBaptist

YouTube Livestream: CommunityBaptistFL



^ *The ladies started off the Christmas season with a dessert night on 11/28.*

November Attendance

Sundays

10/30—115 (SS 71)
 11/06—112 (SS 71)
 11/13—104 (SS 75)
 11/20—120 (SS 73)
 11/27—125 (SS 86)

Wednesdays

11/02—31
 11/09—54
 11/16—61
 11/23—no service
 11/30—53

November Giving

10/30—\$4,001.95 (\$433 FP)
 11/06—\$5,397.00 (\$359 FP)
 11/13—\$5,540.05 (\$2,777 FP)
 11/20—\$9,831.00 (\$654 FP)
 11/27—\$3,184.60 (\$989 FP)

Other: CCS Min-\$480; Child's Min-\$90
 Owens Love Offering-\$334