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Application for Life		

Open Your





The Hanging of the Green is a service of preparation for Christ's coming, which includes candles, Chrismons, and hanging greenery traditionally associated with everlasting life. Greens such as cedar for royalty, fir and pine boughs for everlasting life, holly symbolizing Jesus' death and ivy representing the resurrection are used. This service brings to visual life why we celebrate Advent (the season of waiting for Christ's arrival as a newborn baby) and calls attention to the significance of colors, shapes, symbols and sounds associated with the season. This particular service of celebration is not only a reminder of the Reason for the Season, but is an opportunity for you as an individual or as a gathered family to participate in bringing all of this to life as the whole congregation participates in the singing of carols and the decorating of the sanctuary. The decorating is surrounded by the sounds of meaningful narratives, singing choirs, and is steeped in meaning and the potential for a lasting tradition for your family! Come and be a part of something that is a great beginning to the Advent season, and leaves a lasting impression for days to come.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS—Menu for Dec. 5th is Chicken Spaghetti with Salad, Dessert, Tea and Coffee. Child option: Chicken Nuggets, Chips. Please text or call Deana Stiles @ 940-735-1885 or call the church office for reservations. Make (or cancel) your reservations by noon on Tuesdays. Cost: \$5.00 for ages 12 & up, free for children under 12 with a paying adult.

OFFERING ENVELOPES—The 2019 offering envelopes are on the tables in the hallways. Please take a box for each member of your family. Use them each week to ensure that your contributions are posted correctly. Please print clearly.

OUR YOUTH GROUP is hosting **D-Now:Renew** this January 11th – 12th for all teens in 7th – 12th Grade. Cost is \$20, sign up in the Foyer or see Larry Bogen for details.



XYZ CHRISTMAS PARTY—All Senior Adults are invited to a Christmas party in the home of David & Lorita Ruff this Thursday, Dec. 6th at 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite salad or dessert.

DEACONS ON CALL

Greg Harmon (903-417-1952) Harrell Hignight (903-701-0587)

Security Duty

Conley Hennigan **Dusty Henslee**

Commitment Counselors

Thurs. 6: Rev. 6

Sat. 8: Reflection

Fri. 7: Rev. 7

David Daniel Mitch Newton

This Week's Bible Reading

Today: Reflection

Mon. 3: Rev. 3 **30Tues. 4:** Rev. 4 Wed. 5: Rev. 5

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING—Begins today. Offerings will be accepted through December 31st. Our goal is \$18,000.00. Please pray about your part in our mission offering.

WINTER BIBLE STUDY—Make plans to Join us for our study of the Letters to the Churches found in the first 3 chapters of Revelation. We will meet in the Sanctuary @ 6 p.m. Sunday nights January 6-March 3. If you would like a study book, you can purchase one for \$10 in the Church Office.



2019 BIBLE READING PLANS—We have three options for you to choose from this year. You can choose to read through the entire Bible or read through the whole New Testament OR you can use our 2019 Reading Disciple's Path Plan that takes small portions of scripture and allows you to slow down



and meditate on a single passage of scripture. You can find all three reading plans on the ledge in the vestibule.

READY TO GIVE?—But you forgot your checkbook and there is little cash in your wallet? You can scan this code with your smartphone where you will be linked to our on-line giving page. Thanks for being a GIVING part of the First Family.



Restroom Remodel Fund Given: \$ 19,534.00 (Goal: \$30,000)



THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY	December 2
9:20 am	Worship Team Rehearsal
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship in the Morning
6:00 pm	Hanging of the Green

TUESDAY	December 4
10:00 am	Women on Mission
6:00 pm	Open Bible Study (Lee Ann Hawkins' home)

WEDNESDAY	December 5
6:00 am	Men's Bible Study
4:00 pm	Vibrations (Children's Handbells)
5:00 pm	Bible Drill
5:15 pm	Fellowship Meal
6:00 pm	Prayer Time
6:30 pm	K-BAM, Mission Friends, Youth Worship
6:30 pm	Mid-Week Worship Celebration
·	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	Worship Team Rehearsal

THURSDAY	December 6
1:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Theop. Classroom)
6:00 pm	XYZ Christmas Party (All Sr. Adults invited)
	Home of David and Lorita Ruff

REMINDER—December 31st is the last day to bring any contributions for 2018 to the church office.

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elcome to New Boston's First Baptist Church. We are so glad you made the positive choice to be here today. Our prayer for you is to experience God's grace in such an amazing way you'll talk about it all week. In fact, helping others discover how to love God and love people is why we are here! Let us know how we can help you on your journey.