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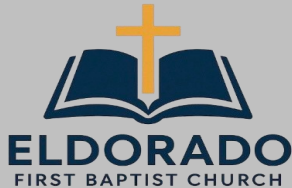


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News from the Pastor

Let me be the first to say to you "Merry Christmas!" As the calendar turns toward December, our church enters a sacred season that often gets overshadowed by Amazon Wish Lists, travel plans, and the overall "hustle & bustle" of the season. Yet ADVENT invites us to slow down, lift our eyes, and remember a deeper story - one filled with promise, longing, and hope. The word "advent" means "arrival" and highlights a season of waiting with great anticipation for the coming of our Messiah! We celebrate Advent to prepare our hearts for two great truths:

1. We remember Christ's first coming.

Advent takes us back to the quiet, miraculous night when the Son of God stepped into our world as a baby in Bethlehem. It was the fulfillment of ancient prophecies, the answer to humanity's deepest needs. In remembering the humility of the manger, we're reminded that God enters our lives not with force, but with grace.

2. We look forward to Christ's second coming.

Advent is not only about looking back—it's about looking ahead. We live in a world still marked by pain, injustice, and waiting. Advent reminds us that history is moving toward God's promised restoration. Christ will come again, not as a baby, but as King. This season invites us to live expectantly, keeping our hearts aligned with His kingdom.

Advent is a four-week season of celebration and observation prior to Christmas, each week often focusing on a particular biblical theme. Although the selection and arrangement of themes can vary, these are some themes commonly explored during Advent. – **Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love!**

Ultimately, Advent calls us to make room in the places where life feels crowded. By lighting candles, reading Scripture, praying together, and serving others we turn our attention to Jesus during these weeks. In a noisy world, these practices help us remember what matters most. Advent is a declaration that darkness does not have the final word, a reminder that hope is not in our circumstances, but our Savior, and a desire to be a people who believe that God is both with us (our Immanuel) and coming again (our Redeemer).

As we journey through this season, may our hearts be shaped by the promise that the King who came still comes—and will come again in glory. Plan to join us each Sunday Morning as we celebrate the season of Advent together and declare the "good news of great joy" this Christmas season.

In His Service,

Pastor Ryan





Esther Bornert, Mike Bundren, Jonathon Foster, Lee & El Frieda Gholson, Karen Griffith, Carol Grisham, Mike Grisham, Cathy Head, Linda Herbert, Sherry Hirst, Brent Hopkins, Brandy Hughs, Beverly Kunath, Jacquie Langley, Jim Metten, Gene Morris, Mary Ann Penrod, Betty Reeder, Jeff Rister, Landa Rister, Mary Simons, Marcia Simpson, Vince Talkington, George Wilson, Brittany Wix & Trudy Stricklin



*Nursing Home &
Assisted Living*

Reflections Memory Care

220 Ron Crank Drive
Harrisburg, IL 62946
Margaret Loudy

Carrier Mills Nursing Home

P O Box 68
6789 US Hwy 45 S
Carrier Mills
Don Riley

**Eldorado Rehab
& Healthcare**

1001 Jefferson St
Eldorado
**Linda Herbert
Mary Simons**

WITH DEEPEST ♥
Sympathy

*Eldorado First Baptist Church
extends its deepest sympathy to
the family of Sueann Robinson.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



4Cs Clothing & Food Pantry Needs

4Cs is currently in need of the following items to help families in our community:

Clothing:

- Infant and children's clothing
- Coats (adults & children)
- Socks and underwear
- Blankets

Food:

- Baby formula
- Breakfast foods
(cereal, oatmeal, syrup, pancake mix, bacon, sausage)



**Meal Ministry Health Clinic
Monday December 8th
10am-1pm (Gym)**

Free Health Screenings and
Vaccinations for Flu/Covid Available!
See Debbie Wilson for more details

If you have pictures of church events, send them to Tom Folder. Email: Tomf58@live.com or text them to 217-502-4889.

The TIE can be found on the church website. You can also receive it by email by request.

A collection box is in the old fellowship hall. Collections will be taken through the month of December. WMU will transport goods to 4Cs. Thank you for giving and helping us share the love of Jesus!

MISSIONS UPDATES

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & FELLOWSHIP

Friday:

Life Group (December 5,12,&19) 6:00pm

Sunday:

Sunday School 9:00am

Morning Worship Service 10:00am

Mission Friends & Children in Action 5:30pm

Wednesday:

Bible Studies 7:00pm

Bible Boot Camp 7:00pm

Youth 7:00pm



Mission Illinois Offering SURPASSED the goal!!!
You gave \$2840! Thank you for supporting missions!

113 OCC shoeboxes (37 from Kids on Mission)
delivered to Dorrisville Baptist on November 19th

Women on Mission will present Chemo Buddies with 20
gift containers containing hot chocolate, Christmas
candy, cake, and card during the first week of December.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer lead by Susan Mills
collected \$175 sent to The Gaston Christian Center in
Dallas, Tx. that impacts more than 40,000 lives annually
through various means of support.

WMU helped 4C's by sorting and deliver 25 bags of
clothes, then putting them with 2 wheelchairs, bed rails,
and 4 cases of hand sanitizer all being sent to Ghana,
Africa through Ditney Ridge Baptist Church, in Norris City.
WMU also is donating \$100 toward pencils, sharpeners
and paper to be sent to Ghana.

WMU donated \$100 toward Eldorado Rehab's
annual Christmas raffle to benefit residents there.

Lottie Moon fundraiser: Moon Mail (Christmas cards) will
be distributed thru **December 21st** to attending members
in exchange for monetary donations that replace USPS

Kids on Missions: Nov. - 10 Hygiene Kits made for Meal
Ministry; Dec.- kits for Blessing Boxes; Jan.- participate in
IMS Brazil

Dec. 21 - IYC chocolate chip cookies—1 dozen per bag —
bring to Fellowship Hall and we will drop them off at
Union Grove after morning service!

Coming In January - Showers of Blessing Trailer to
provide showers and fresh clothing to those in need

Next Meeting: December 10 @ 6:00 pm Church Library



Join us **Sunday Mornings @ 10am** as we celebrate
the Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love of the Advent Season!

Week of Prayer and

Lottie Moon Offering

Nov 30 — Dec 7

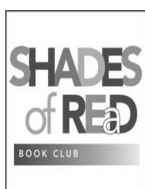
Theme: "TOGETHER"

This years goal is
\$8,500.00



REACHING THE NATIONS TOGETHER!

Together, we find the lost, give help to the hurting,
share the hope of Christ, and witness God grow
His Church around the world. Your generosity
today changes lives and helps solve the world's
greatest problem: lostness! (Matthew 28:19)



Is our church's WMU Book Club. We
meet the first Monday of the month at
9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

All Ladies are welcome to join us!

DECEMBER EVENTS

"A Christmas Jubilee" — Fri, Dec 5th @ 6:30pm and Sat, Dec 6th @ 2:00pm

Tickets are \$15/person

Location: Little Chapel Church, Harrisburg, IL

Fundraiser by Dependence Recovery Outreach Corp. for Saline County Outreach, Via Dolores Recovery Center, and the 4Cs in Harrisburg Call 618-841-0978/618-841-0659 for tickets and/or donations



Church Christmas Dinner Fellowship

Sunday, December 7th @ 5:30pm

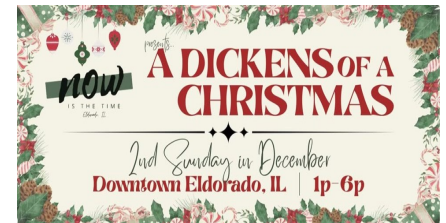
Multi-Purpose Building (Gym)

Christmas Carols to Follow Dinner

"A Dickens of a Christmas" Event

All are invited to this year's "Dickens Christmas" event on **Sunday Dec 14th**.

Opportunities include participating in the **"Living Nativity"** from 2pm-5pm or serving at our booth! See Pastor Ryan or Gene & Nancy for more details!



Christmas Open House @ Pastor Ryan & Christi's House (1116 Latham St.)

Saturday December 20th 4pm-6pm or 7pm-9pm

This will be a "come & go" Christmas Fellowship for families to stop by and Celebrate Christmas with us! A signup sheet will be available soon as parking & space is limited for each time slot! See Christi for details!



Christmas Eve Celebration

December 24th @ 5pm

An Evening of Carols, Candles, & Communion

All are invited to join us for this Special Christmas Tradition

Life Group Celebration Meal for All Life Groups

Sunday January 4th @ 5:30pm (Gym)

This event is for all interested in joining an existing Life Group or maybe even starting a new Life Group. Come and see what Life Groups is all



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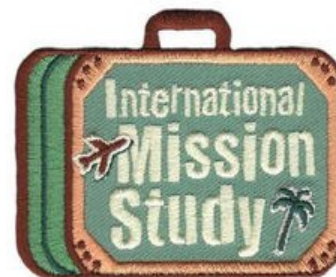
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Mailing Address:

1116 Latham St
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Save the Date



WMU International

Mission Study
on Brazil

Sunday Jan 25th
from 5pm-7pm
(Gym)

Volunteer Rotations

December 7, 2025	December 14, 2025
DEACONS ON-CALL: (Jason Farmer, Chairman, 841-7114)	DEACONS ON-CALL: (Jason Farmer, Chairman, 841-7114)
Nate Oldham (841-0565) & Harold Mills (273-7356)	Nate Oldham (841-0565) & Harold Mills (273-7356)
USHERS: (Jason Farmer, Chairman, 841-7114)	USHERS: (Jason Farmer, Chairman, 841-7114)
Don Durham & Jonah Durham	Rocky Grief & Jerry Mitchell
GREETERS:	GREETERS:
Miriam Richardson & Kim Hammond	Don & Jennifer Durham
KID'S WORSHIP (Gayla 841-6305 & Brittany 841-8079)	KID'S WORSHIP (Gayla 841-6305 & Brittany 841-8079)
Debbie Wilson & Cindy Bergman	Pam Harbison & Rosemary Moore
NURSERY:	NURSERY:
Karen Parks & Susan Sigler	Nate & Betsy Oldham
MISSION FRIENDS PRE K:	MISSION FRIENDS PRE K:
No Children's Classes	Pam Harbison & Stacy James
CHILDREN'S MISSIONS:	CHILDREN'S MISSIONS:
No Children's Classes	Gayla Heath & Rosemary Moore
BIBLE BOOT CAMP: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10	BIBLE BOOT CAMP: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
Gayla Heath & Brittany Wix	Gayla Heath & Brittany Wix

December 21, 2025	December 28, 2025
DEACONS ON-CALL: (Jason Farmer, Chairman, 841-7114)	DEACONS ON-CALL: (Jason Farmer, Chairman, 841-7114)
Brian Heath (926-3664) & BJ Moore (926-6959)	Brian Heath (926-3664) & BJ Moore (926-6959)
USHERS: (Jason Farmer, Chairman, 841-7114)	USHERS: (Jason Farmer, Chairman, 841-7114)
Roger Bergman & Jerry Vinyard	Harold Mills & BJ Moore
GREETERS:	GREETERS:
BJ & Rosemary Moore	Miriam Richardson & Kim Hammond
KID'S WORSHIP (Gayla 841-6305 & Brittany 841-8079)	KID'S WORSHIP (Gayla 841-6305 & Brittany 841-8079)
Amanda Alvey & Vicky Sullivan	Kristen Gipson & Betty Vaughn
NURSERY:	NURSERY:
Vicky Sullivan & Angie Attebury	Chloe Ann Clore & Jennifer Durham
MISSION FRIENDS PRE K:	MISSION FRIENDS PRE K:
All Volunteers (Christmas Party)	No Children's Classes
CHILDREN'S MISSIONS:	CHILDREN'S MISSIONS:
All Volunteers (Christmas Party)	No Children's Classes
BIBLE BOOT CAMP: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24	BIBLE BOOT CAMP: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
No Midweek Services	No Midweek Services